

By Senator Campbell

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to postsecondary educational
3 institution fee waivers; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.;
4 requiring a state university, a Florida College System
5 institution, a career center operated by a school
6 district, or a charter technical career center to
7 waive out-of-state fees for students who have a
8 current temporary protected status; requiring such
9 institutions to require the student to provide
10 supporting documentation for the status; providing an
11 effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Subsection (12) of section 1009.26, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

18 (12) (a) A state university, a Florida College System
19 institution, a career center operated by a school district under
20 s. 1001.44, or a charter technical career center shall waive
21 out-of-state fees for students, including, but not limited to,
22 students who are undocumented for federal immigration purposes
23 or who have a current temporary protected status, as designated
24 by the Department of Homeland Security, who meet the following
25 conditions:

26 1. Attended a secondary school in this state for 3
27 consecutive years immediately before graduating from a high
28 school in this state;

29 2. Apply for enrollment in an institution of higher
30 education within 24 months after high school graduation; and

31 3. Submit an official Florida high school transcript as
32 evidence of attendance and graduation.

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33 (b) Tuition and fees charged to a student who qualifies for
34 the out-of-state fee waiver under this subsection may not exceed
35 the tuition and fees charged to a resident student. The waiver
36 is applicable for 110 percent of the required credit hours of
37 the degree or certificate program for which the student is
38 enrolled. Each state university, Florida College System
39 institution, career center operated by a school district under
40 s. 1001.44, and charter technical career center shall report to
41 the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education,
42 respectively, the number and value of all fee waivers granted
43 annually under this subsection. By October 1 of each year, the
44 Board of Governors for the state universities and the State
45 Board of Education for Florida College System institutions,
46 career centers operated by a school district under s. 1001.44,
47 and charter technical career centers shall annually report for
48 the previous academic year the percentage of resident and
49 nonresident students enrolled systemwide.

50 (c) A state university student granted an out-of-state fee
51 waiver under this subsection must be considered a nonresident
52 student for purposes of calculating the systemwide total
53 enrollment of nonresident students as limited by regulation of
54 the Board of Governors. In addition, a student who is granted an
55 out-of-state fee waiver under this subsection is not eligible
56 for state financial aid under part III of this chapter and must
57 not be reported as a resident for tuition purposes.

58 (d) A state university, a Florida College System
59 institution, a career center operated by a school district under
60 s. 1001.44, or a charter technical career center shall, within
61 the nonresident student enrollment systemwide, prioritize the

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62 enrollment of a veteran who is granted an out-of-state fee
63 waiver pursuant to the Congressman C.W. "Bill" Young Tuition
64 Waiver Act over a student who is granted an out-of-state fee
65 waiver under this subsection.

66 (e) A state university, a Florida College System
67 institution, a career center operated by a school district under
68 s. 1001.44, or a charter technical career center shall require a
69 student to provide documentation supporting their temporary
70 protected status.

71 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.