A bill to be entitled
An act relating to postsecondary grant programs;
amending ss. 1009.50, 1009.505, 1009.51, and 1009.52,
F.S.; providing that, beginning with a specified term,
certain students are eligible to receive grants for
summer term enrollment; providing that certain
students are eligible to receive a certain amount of
additional funds per academic year for use in a fall,
spring, or summer term, or the equivalent, for
textbooks and educational expenses; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
1009.50, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.50 Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program;
eligibility for grants.—
2(2)(a) State student assistance grants through the program
may be made only to degree-seeking students who enroll in at
least 6 semester hours, or the equivalent per term, and who meet
the general requirements for student eligibility as provided in
s. 1009.40, except as otherwise provided in this section. The
grants shall be awarded annually for the amount of demonstrated
unmet need for the cost of education and may not exceed an
amount equal to the average prior academic year cost of tuition
fees and other registration fees for 30 credit hours at state
universities or such other amount as specified in the General
Appropriations Act, to any recipient. A demonstrated unmet need
of less than $200 shall render the applicant ineligible for a state student assistance grant. Recipients of the grants must have been accepted at a state university or Florida College System institution authorized by Florida law. A student is eligible for the award for 110 percent of the number of credit hours required to complete the program in which enrolled, except as otherwise provided in s. 1009.40(3). Beginning with the 2019 summer term, an eligible student must also receive a grant for summer term enrollment, subject to the appropriation of funds by the Legislature. A student is eligible for an additional $200 per academic year for use in a fall, spring, or summer term, or the equivalent, for textbooks and the payment of educational expenses, subject to the appropriation of funds by the Legislature.

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 1009.505, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.505 Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant Program.—

(3)(a) Student assistance grants through the program may be made only to certificate-seeking students enrolled at least half-time in a public postsecondary career certificate program who meet the general requirements for student eligibility as provided in s. 1009.40, except as otherwise provided in this section. The grants shall be awarded annually to any recipient for the amount of demonstrated unmet need for the cost of education and may not exceed the average annual cost of tuition and registration fees or such other amount as specified in the General Appropriations Act. A demonstrated unmet need of less than $200 shall render the applicant ineligible for a grant.
under this section. Recipients of the grants must have been
accepted at a Florida College System institution authorized by
Florida law or a career center operated by a district school
board under s. 1001.44. A student is eligible for the award for
110 percent of the number of clock hours required to complete
the program in which enrolled. Beginning with the 2019 summer
term, an eligible student must also receive a grant for summer
term enrollment, subject to the appropriation of funds by the
Legislature. A student is eligible for an additional $200 per
academic year for use in a fall, spring, or summer term, or the
equivalent, for textbooks and the payment of educational
expenses, subject to the appropriation of funds by the
Legislature.

Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
1009.51, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.51 Florida Private Student Assistance Grant Program;

eligibility for grants.—

(2)(a) Florida private student assistance grants from the
State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund may be made only
to full-time degree-seeking students who meet the general
requirements for student eligibility as provided in s. 1009.40,
except as otherwise provided in this section. Such grants shall
be awarded for the amount of demonstrated unmet need for tuition
and fees and may not exceed an amount equal to the average
tuition and other registration fees for 30 credit hours at state
universities plus $1,000 per academic year, or as specified in
the General Appropriations Act, to any applicant. A demonstrated
unmet need of less than $200 shall render the applicant
ineligible for a Florida private student assistance grant.
Recipients of such grants must have been accepted at a baccalaureate-degree-granting independent nonprofit college or university, which is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and which is located in and chartered as a domestic corporation by the state. No student may receive an award for more than the equivalent of 9 semesters or 14 quarters of full-time enrollment, except as otherwise provided in s. 1009.40(3). Beginning with the 2019 summer term, an eligible student must also receive a grant for summer term enrollment, subject to the appropriation of funds by the Legislature. A student is eligible for an additional $200 per academic year for use in a fall, spring, or summer term, or the equivalent, for textbooks and the payment of educational expenses, subject to the appropriation of funds by the Legislature.

Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 1009.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.52 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program; eligibility for grants.—

(2)(a) Florida postsecondary student assistance grants through the State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund may be made only to full-time degree-seeking students who meet the general requirements for student eligibility as provided in s. 1009.40, except as otherwise provided in this section. Such grants shall be awarded for the amount of demonstrated unmet need for tuition and fees and may not exceed an amount equal to the average prior academic year cost of tuition and other registration fees for 30 credit hours at state universities plus $1,000 per academic year, or as specified in the General
Appropriations Act, to any applicant. A demonstrated unmet need of less than $200 shall render the applicant ineligible for a Florida postsecondary student assistance grant. Recipients of such grants must have been accepted at a postsecondary institution that is located in the state and that is:

1. A private nursing diploma school approved by the Florida Board of Nursing; or

2. A college or university licensed by the Commission for Independent Education, excluding those institutions the students of which are eligible to receive a Florida private student assistance grant pursuant to s. 1009.51.

No student may receive an award for more than the equivalent of 9 semesters or 14 quarters of full-time enrollment, except as otherwise provided in s. 1009.40(3). Beginning with the 2019 summer term, an eligible student must also receive a grant for summer term enrollment, subject to the appropriation of funds by the Legislature. A student is eligible for an additional $200 per academic year for use in a fall, spring, or summer term, or the equivalent, for textbooks and the payment of educational expenses, subject to the appropriation of funds by the Legislature.

Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.