

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid  
 3           College Program; amending s. 1009.98, F.S.;  
 4           authorizing a state university to transfer or cause to  
 5           have transferred fees associated with dormitory  
 6           residency to approved qualified nonprofit  
 7           organizations under certain circumstances; providing a  
 8           definition; providing an effective date.

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

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 12           Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section  
 13 1009.98, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14           1009.98 Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program.—

15           (2) PREPAID COLLEGE PLANS.—At a minimum, the board shall  
 16 make advance payment contracts available for two independent  
 17 plans to be known as the Florida College System institution plan  
 18 and the university plan. The board may also make advance payment  
 19 contracts available for a dormitory residence plan. The board  
 20 may restrict the number of participants in the Florida College  
 21 System institution plan, university plan, and dormitory  
 22 residence plan, respectively. However, any person denied  
 23 participation solely on the basis of such restriction shall be  
 24 granted priority for participation during the succeeding year.

25           (d)1. Through the dormitory residence plan, the advance

26 | payment contract may provide prepaid housing fees for a maximum  
27 | of 10 semesters of full-time undergraduate enrollment in a state  
28 | university. Dormitory residence plans shall be purchased in  
29 | increments of 2 semesters. The cost of participation in the  
30 | dormitory residence plan shall be based primarily on the average  
31 | current and projected housing fees within the State University  
32 | System and the number of years expected to elapse between the  
33 | purchase of the plan on behalf of a qualified beneficiary and  
34 | the exercise of the benefits provided in the plan by such  
35 | beneficiary. Qualified beneficiaries shall have the highest  
36 | priority in the assignment of housing within university  
37 | residence halls. Qualified beneficiaries shall bear the cost of  
38 | any additional elective charges such as laundry service or long-  
39 | distance telephone service. Each state university may specify  
40 | the residence halls or other university-held residences eligible  
41 | for inclusion in the plan. In addition, any state university may  
42 | request immediate termination of a dormitory residence contract  
43 | based on a violation or multiple violations of rules of the  
44 | residence hall or other university-held residences. In the event  
45 | that sufficient housing is not available for all qualified  
46 | beneficiaries, the board shall refund the purchaser or qualified  
47 | beneficiary an amount equal to the fees charged for dormitory  
48 | residence during that semester. If a qualified beneficiary is  
49 | admitted to the state university and finds housing with a  
50 | qualified nonprofit organization, as defined in subparagraph 2.,

51 that is approved by the state university, the state university  
52 may transfer or cause to have transferred to the qualified  
53 nonprofit organization the fees associated with dormitory  
54 residence. If a qualified beneficiary fails to be admitted to a  
55 state university or chooses to attend a Florida College System  
56 institution that operates one or more dormitories or residency  
57 opportunities, or has one or more dormitories or residency  
58 opportunities operated by the Florida College System institution  
59 direct-support organization, the qualified beneficiary may  
60 transfer or cause to have transferred to the Florida College  
61 System institution, or Florida College System institution  
62 direct-support organization, the fees associated with dormitory  
63 residence. If a qualified beneficiary attends a Florida College  
64 System institution and finds housing with a qualified nonprofit  
65 organization, as defined in subparagraph 2., that is approved by  
66 the Florida College System institution, the state university may  
67 transfer or cause to have transferred to the qualified nonprofit  
68 organization the fees associated with dormitory residence.  
69 Dormitory fees transferred to a ~~the~~ Florida College System  
70 institution, or ~~or~~ Florida College System institution direct-  
71 support organization, or qualified nonprofit organization may  
72 not exceed the maximum fees charged for state university  
73 dormitory residence for the purposes of this section, or the  
74 fees charged for Florida College System institution or Florida  
75 College System institution direct-support organization

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76 dormitories or residency opportunities, whichever is less.  
77 2. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "qualified  
78 nonprofit organization" means a nonprofit organization under s.  
79 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code which  
80 provides one or more dormitories or residency opportunities to  
81 students enrolled full-time in a state university or Florida  
82 College System institution.

83 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.