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2 An act relating to postsecondary fee waivers; amending  
3 s. 1009.26, F.S.; authorizing certain Florida College  
4 System institutions serving counties directly impacted  
5 by a hurricane to waive out-of-state fees for students  
6 for a specified time period; providing reporting  
7 requirements; providing that students enrolled under  
8 such fee waivers may not be included in certain  
9 enrollment totals; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsection (16) is added to section 1009.26,  
14 Florida Statutes, to read:

15 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

16 (16) A Florida College System institution that serves  
17 counties directly impacted by a hurricane, and whose enrollment  
18 decreases by more than 10 percent as a result of such impacts,  
19 is authorized to waive out-of-state fees for the purpose of  
20 recruiting students for a period of 3 years, beginning 180 days  
21 after the date on which the hurricane directly impacted the  
22 counties served by the Florida College System institution.

23 (a) A student who qualifies for the waiver under this  
24 subsection is eligible to receive the waiver for up to 110  
25 percent of the number of required credit hours of the degree or

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26 | certificate program for which the student is enrolled. However,  
27 | he or she may not disenroll from the institution for more than  
28 | one semester.

29 | (b) Each Florida College System institution shall report  
30 | to the State Board of Education the number and value of all fee  
31 | waivers granted annually under this subsection.

32 | (c) Out-of-state students enrolled under the fee waiver  
33 | granted under this subsection may not be included in the  
34 | enrollment totals for these institutions by the Education  
35 | Estimating Conference on Florida College System Enrollment.

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