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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

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Senator Gruters moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 427 and 428

insert:

Section 11. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
1009.893, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.893 Benacquisto Scholarship Program.—

(4) In order to be eligible for an initial award under the  
scholarship program, a student must meet the requirements of  
paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

(b) A student who initially enrolls in a baccalaureate



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12 degree program in the 2018-2019 through 2021-2022 academic years  
13 ~~year or later~~ and who is not a resident of this state, as  
14 determined in s. 1009.40 and rules of the State Board of  
15 Education, must:

16 1. Physically reside in this state on or near the campus of  
17 the postsecondary educational institution in which the student  
18 is enrolled;

19 2. Earn a high school diploma from a school outside Florida  
20 which is comparable to a standard Florida high school diploma or  
21 its equivalent pursuant to s. 1002.3105, s. 1003.4281, s.  
22 1003.4282, or s. 1003.435 or must complete a home education  
23 program in another state; and

24 3. Be accepted by and enrolled full-time in a baccalaureate  
25 degree program at an eligible regionally accredited Florida  
26 public or independent postsecondary educational institution  
27 during the fall academic term following high school graduation.

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30 And the title is amended as follows:

31 Delete line 61

32 and insert:

33 amending s. 1009.893, F.S.; providing that the 2021-  
34 2022 academic year is the last year for an out-of-  
35 state student to be eligible to receive an initial  
36 Benacquisto Scholarship award; providing an effective  
37 date.