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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)
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ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION _____ (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education & Employment
2 Committee

3 Representative Maney offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 21-60 and insert:

7 (18) (a) Beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year, a state
8 university shall waive the out-of-state fee for a student who:

9 1. Has a grandparent who is a legal resident as defined in
10 s. 1009.21(1). For purposes of this subsection, the term
11 "grandparent" means a person who has a legal relationship to a
12 student's parent as the natural or adopted parent or legal
13 guardian of the student's parent.

14 2. Earns a high school diploma comparable to a standard
15 Florida high school diploma, or its equivalency, or completes a
16 home education program.

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17 3.a. Achieves an SAT combined score no lower than the 89th
18 national percentile on the SAT;

19 b. Achieves an ACT score concordant to the required SAT
20 score in sub-subparagraph a., using the latest published
21 national concordance table developed jointly by the College
22 Board and ACT, Inc.; or

23 c. If a state university accepts the Classic Learning Test
24 (CLT) for admission purposes, achieves a CLT score concordant to
25 the required SAT score in sub-subparagraph a., using the latest
26 published scoring comparison developed by Classic Learning
27 Initiatives.

28 4. Enrolls as a full-time undergraduate student at a state
29 university in the fall academic term immediately following high
30 school graduation, beginning with students who initially enroll
31 in the 2022 fall academic term and thereafter.

32 (b) The waiver under this subsection is applicable for up
33 to 110 percent of the number of required credit hours of the
34 degree program for which the student is enrolled.

35 (c) Prior to waiving the out-of-state fee, the state
36 university shall require the student or the student's parent, if
37 the student is a dependent child, to provide a written
38 declaration pursuant to s. 92.525(2) attesting to the student's
39 familial relationship to a grandparent who is a legal resident
40 and any other corroborating documentation that is required by
41 regulation of the Board of Governors. The state university is

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42 not required to independently verify the statements contained in
43 each declaration if the signatory declares it to be true under
44 the penalties of perjury as required by s. 92.525(2). However,
45 the state university may refer any signed declaration that is
46 suspected of containing fraudulent representations to law
47 enforcement.

48 (d) Each state university shall report to the Board of
49 Governors the number and value of all fee waivers granted
50 annually under this subsection.

51 (e) Beginning with students who initially enroll during the
52 2022-2023 academic year or thereafter, a state university shall,
53 within the nonresident student enrollment systemwide, prioritize
54 the enrollment of a student who is granted a fee waiver under
55 this subsection over an out-of-state student who is not eligible
56 for an out-of-state fee waiver when the students have
57 substantially similar academic and other credentials used in
58 determining admission to the state university.

59 (f) Fee waivers granted pursuant to this subsection may not
60 exceed 350 students systemwide each academic year.

61 (g) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations to
62 administer this subsection.

63 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
64 1009.893, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

65 1009.893 Benacquisto Scholarship Program.—

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

69 (b) A student who initially enrolls in a baccalaureate
70 degree program in the 2018-2019 through 2021-2022 academic years
71 ~~year or later~~ and who is not a resident of this state, as
72 determined in s. 1009.40 and rules of the State Board of
73 Education, must:

74 1. Physically reside in this state on or near the campus
75 of the postsecondary educational institution in which the
76 student is enrolled;

77 2. Earn a high school diploma from a school outside
78 Florida which is comparable to a standard Florida high school
79 diploma or its equivalent pursuant to s. 1002.3105, s.
80 1003.4281, s. 1003.4282, or s. 1003.435 or must complete a home
81 education program in another state; and

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

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Remove lines 6-14 and insert:

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91 requirements; providing applicability; requiring a
92 student or his or her parent to provide specified
93 documentation before the waiver of the out-of-state
94 fee; providing for the referral of such documentation
95 to law enforcement under certain circumstances;
96 requiring each state university to report specified
97 information regarding such out-of-state fee waivers to
98 the Board of Governors annually; requiring a state
99 university, within the nonresident student enrollment
100 systemwide, to prioritize the enrollment of a student
101 granted such fee waiver over a certain out-of-state
102 student; providing a limitation on the number of fee
103 waivers granted per academic year; requiring the Board
104 of Governors to adopt regulations; amending s.
105 1009.893, F.S.; providing that the 2021-2022 academic
106 year is the last year for an out-of-state student to
107 be eligible to receive an initial Benacquisto
108 Scholarship award; providing an effective date.