

CS/HB 1423

2021

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Postsecondary Student
3 Assistance Grant Program; amending s. 1009.52, F.S.;
4 revising the eligibility requirements for Florida
5 postsecondary student assistance grants; providing an
6 effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1009.52, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 1009.52 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant
13 Program; eligibility for grants.—

14 (2)~~(a)~~ Florida postsecondary student assistance grants may
15 be made ~~only to full-time degree-seeking~~ students who meet the
16 general requirements for student eligibility as provided in s.
17 1009.40, except as otherwise provided in this section. Such
18 grants shall be awarded for the amount of demonstrated unmet
19 need for tuition and fees and may not exceed the maximum annual
20 award amount specified in the General Appropriations Act. A
21 demonstrated unmet need of less than \$200 shall render the
22 applicant ineligible for a Florida postsecondary student
23 assistance grant.

24 (a) Awards may be made to full-time degree-seeking
25 students who ~~Recipients of such grants must have been accepted~~

26 | at a postsecondary institution that is located in this state and
 27 | that is:

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

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

34 | (b) Awards may be made to full-time degree-seeking
 35 | students who have been accepted at a competency-based nonprofit
 36 | virtual postsecondary institution that is accredited by a member
 37 | of the Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions and is
 38 | created by the governors of several states, has established and
 39 | continually maintains a location of operation in this state, and
 40 | maintains a governing body or advisory board in this state. The
 41 | competency-based nonprofit virtual postsecondary institution
 42 | must have established its presence and location of operation in
 43 | this state and its governing body or advisory board in this
 44 | state at least 1 year before the institution's students are
 45 | eligible to receive a Florida postsecondary student assistance
 46 | grant.

47 | (c) Awards may be made to full-time certificate-seeking
 48 | students who have been accepted at an aviation maintenance
 49 | school that is located in this state, certified by the Federal
 50 | Aviation Administration, and licensed by the Commission for

51 Independent Education.

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53 If funds are available, a student who received an award in the
54 fall or spring term may receive an award in the summer term.
55 Priority in the distribution of summer awards shall be given to
56 students who are within one semester of completing a degree or
57 certificate program. No student may receive an award for more
58 than the equivalent of 9 semesters or 14 quarters of full-time
59 enrollment, except as otherwise provided in s. 1009.40(3). A
60 student specified in paragraph (c) is eligible for an award up
61 to 110 percent of the number of clock hours required to complete
62 the program in which the student is enrolled.

63 (d) ~~(b)~~ A student applying for a Florida postsecondary
64 student assistance grant shall be required to apply for the Pell
65 Grant. The Pell Grant entitlement shall be considered when
66 conducting an assessment of the financial resources available to
67 each student.

68 (e) ~~(e)~~ Priority in the distribution of grant moneys may be
69 given to students who are within one semester of completing a
70 degree or certificate program. An institution may not make a
71 grant from this program to a student whose expected family
72 contribution exceeds one and one-half times the maximum Pell
73 Grant-eligible family contribution. An institution may not
74 impose additional criteria to determine a student's eligibility
75 to receive a grant award.

76 (f)~~(d)~~ Each participating institution shall report to the
77 department by the established date the students eligible for the
78 program for each academic term. Each institution shall also
79 report to the department necessary demographic and eligibility
80 data for such students.

81 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.