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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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House

Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Gruters) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

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

(2)~~(a)~~ Florida postsecondary student assistance grants may be made ~~only to full-time degree-seeking~~ students who meet the



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11 general requirements for student eligibility as provided in s.
12 1009.40, except as otherwise provided in this section. Such
13 grants shall be awarded for the amount of demonstrated unmet
14 need for tuition and fees and may not exceed the maximum annual
15 award amount specified in the General Appropriations Act. A
16 demonstrated unmet need of less than \$200 shall render the
17 applicant ineligible for a Florida postsecondary student
18 assistance grant.

19 (a) Awards may be made to full-time degree-seeking students
20 who ~~Recipients of such grants must~~ have been accepted at a
21 postsecondary institution that is located in this state and that
22 is:

23 1. A private nursing diploma school approved by the Florida
24 Board of Nursing; or

25 2. A college or university licensed by the Commission for
26 Independent Education, excluding those institutions the students
27 of which are eligible to receive a Florida private student
28 assistance grant pursuant to s. 1009.51.

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30 If funds are available, a student who received an award in the
31 fall or spring term may receive an award in the summer term.
32 Priority in the distribution of summer awards shall be given to
33 students who are within one semester of completing a degree or
34 certificate program. No student may receive an award for more
35 than the equivalent of 9 semesters or 14 quarters of full-time
36 enrollment, except as otherwise provided in s. 1009.40(3).

37 (b) Awards may be made to full-time degree-seeking students
38 who have been accepted at a competency-based nonprofit virtual
39 postsecondary institution that is accredited by a member of the



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40 Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions and is created by
41 the governors of several states, has established and continually
42 maintains a location of operation in this state, and maintains a
43 governing body or advisory board in this state.

44 (c) A student applying for a Florida postsecondary student
45 assistance grant shall be required to apply for the Pell Grant.
46 The Pell Grant entitlement shall be considered when conducting
47 an assessment of the financial resources available to each
48 student.

49 ~~(d)~~ Priority in the distribution of grant moneys may be
50 given to students who are within one semester of completing a
51 degree or certificate program. An institution may not make a
52 grant from this program to a student whose expected family
53 contribution exceeds one and one-half times the maximum Pell
54 Grant-eligible family contribution. An institution may not
55 impose additional criteria to determine a student's eligibility
56 to receive a grant award.

57 ~~(e)~~ Each participating institution shall report to the
58 department by the established date the students eligible for the
59 program for each academic term. Each institution shall also
60 report to the department necessary demographic and eligibility
61 data for such students.

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

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64 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

65 And the title is amended as follows:

66 Delete everything before the enacting clause
67 and insert:

68 A bill to be entitled



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An act relating to the Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program; amending s. 1009.52, F.S.; revising eligibility for the Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program; providing an effective date.