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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Education (Diaz) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (18) is added to section 1009.26,
Florida Statutes, to read:

1009.26 Fee waivers.—

(18) The State University Free Seat Program is created to encourage veterans, active duty members of the United States Armed Forces, active drilling members of the Florida National Guard, and nontraditional students to enroll in an online



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12 baccalaureate degree program at a state university.

13 (a) A state university shall waive the tuition and fees,
14 including lab fees, for one online course for a student who is a
15 resident for tuition purposes under s. 1009.21 and enrolled in
16 an online baccalaureate degree program, provided the student
17 meets one of the following eligibility requirements:

18 1. Is a veteran as defined in s. 1.01(14);

19 2. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
20 Forces;

21 3. Is an active drilling member of the Florida National
22 Guard; or

23 4. Has not been enrolled in a postsecondary institution for
24 more than five years.

25 (b) For all other courses in the program, a state
26 university may not charge a student specified in paragraph (a)
27 more than 75 percent of the tuition rate as specified in s.
28 1009.24(4) and 75 percent of the tuition differential pursuant
29 to s. 1009.24(16), if the student remains enrolled in at least
30 one online course during each academic year.

31 (c) A student who qualifies for the tuition discount under
32 paragraph (b) is eligible to receive the discount for up to 110
33 percent of the number of required credit hours of the degree
34 program for which the student is enrolled.

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

38 (e) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations to
39 administer this subsection.

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



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the State University Free Seat Program; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; creating the State University Free Seat Program; providing a purpose; providing an exemption from tuition and fees, including lab fees, for one online course at a state university for certain resident students; prohibiting a state university from charging such students more than a specified percentage of the tuition rate and the tuition differential under certain circumstances; providing a limitation on the application of such tuition discount; requiring each state university to report certain information regarding waivers under the program to the Board of Governors annually; requiring the board to adopt regulations; providing an effective date.