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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to an out-of-state fee waiver for
3 nonresident students; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.;
4 requiring a state university to waive the out-of-state
5 fee for a nonresident student who meets certain
6 requirements; providing applicability; requiring each
7 state university to report specified information
8 regarding such out-of-state fee waivers to the Board
9 of Governors annually; requiring that a student who is
10 granted such out-of-state fee waiver be excluded from
11 the limitation on the systemwide total enrollment of
12 nonresident students; requiring the Board of Governors
13 to adopt regulations; providing an effective date.

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

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

19 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

20 (18) (a) A state university shall waive the out-of-state fee
21 for a nonresident student who:

22 1. Is a United States citizen.

23 2. Has a grandparent who is a legal resident as defined in
24 s. 1009.21(1).

25 3. Earns a high school diploma comparable to a standard
26 Florida high school diploma, or its equivalency, or completes a
27 home education program.

28 4.a. Achieves an SAT combined score no lower than the 89th
29 national percentile on the SAT;

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

34 c. If a state university accepts the Classic Learning Test
35 (CLT) for admission purposes, achieves a CLT score concordant to
36 the required SAT score in sub-subparagraph a., using the latest
37 published scoring comparison developed by Classic Learning
38 Initiatives.

39 5. Enrolls as a full-time undergraduate student at a state
40 university in the fall academic term immediately following high
41 school graduation.

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

45 (c) Prior to waiving the out-of-state fee, the state
46 university shall require the student, or the student's parent if
47 the student is a dependent child, to provide a written
48 declaration pursuant to s. 92.525(2) verifying the student's
49 familial relationship to a grandparent who is a legal resident.

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

53 (e) A nonresident student granted an out-of-state fee
54 waiver under this subsection shall be excluded from the
55 limitation on systemwide total enrollment of nonresident
56 students established by regulation of the Board of Governors.

57 (f) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations to
58 administer this subsection.

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