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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to fee waivers for students living in 3 a recovery residence; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; 4 authorizing each Florida College System institution, 5 career center operated by a school district, and 6 charter technical career center to waive out-of-state 7 fees for students living in a recovery residence; 8 providing eligibility criteria for such students; 9 prohibiting tuition and fees charged to a student who 10 is granted the waiver from exceeding the tuition and fees charged to a resident student; requiring students 11 12 to provide written or electronic verification of his 13 or her residence; providing requirements for such 14 verification; providing for an eligibility period for 15 students who provide the required verification; 16 providing for the renewal of the out-of-state fee 17 waiver; providing a statewide limit on such waivers; 18 requiring each Florida College System institution, 19 career center operated by a school district, and charter technical career center to report to the State 20 21 Board of Education the number and value of all such 22 waivers granted annually; requiring the board to adopt 23 rules; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsection (21) is added to section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, to read:

1009.26 Fee waivers.—

- (21) (a) Each Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, and charter technical career center under s. 1002.34 may waive outof-state fees for students who currently live in a recovery residence, as defined in s. 397.311, and are employed in the state and work at least 20 hours per week.
- (b) Tuition and fees charged to a student who is granted an out-of-state fee waiver under this subsection may not exceed the tuition and fees charged to a resident student.
- (c)1. To receive an out-of-state fee waiver under this subsection, a student must provide written or electronic verification that he or she currently resides in a recovery residence, as defined in s. 397.311, to the Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, or charter technical career center under s. 1002.34 where he or she is enrolled. Such verification must be:
- <u>a. A lease agreement signed by the student and the operator of the recovery residence; or </u>
- b. An affidavit signed by a certified recovery residence administrator or clinical supervisor, as defined in s. 397.311.
 - 2. A student who provides the verification required under

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- 3. To renew his or her out-of-state fee waiver, a student must maintain a cumulative 2.5 grade point average or higher on a 4.0 scale and resubmit his or her verification pursuant to subparagraph 1.
- (d)1. Fee waivers granted pursuant to this subsection may not exceed 50 students statewide each academic year.
- 2. Each Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, and charter technical career center under s. 1002.34 shall report to the State Board of Education the number and value of all fee waivers granted annually under this subsection.
- (e) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to administer this subsection.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.