

By Senator Polsky

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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
10 granted the waiver from exceeding the tuition and fees
11 charged to a resident student; requiring a student to
12 provide written or electronic verification of his or
13 her residence; providing requirements for such
14 verification; providing 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
20 charter technical career center to report to the State
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.

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

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27 Section 1. Subsection (21) is added to section 1009.26,
28 Florida Statutes, to read:
29 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

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30 (21) (a) Each Florida College System institution, career
31 center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, and
32 charter technical career center under s. 1002.34 may waive out-
33 of-state fees for students who currently live in a recovery
34 residence, as defined in s. 397.311, and are employed in this
35 state and work at least 20 hours per week.

36 (b) Tuition and fees charged to a student granted an out-
37 of-state fee waiver under this subsection may not exceed the
38 tuition and fees charged to a resident student.

39 (c)1. To receive an out-of-state fee waiver under this
40 subsection, a student must provide written or electronic
41 verification that he or she currently resides in a recovery
42 residence, as defined in s. 397.311, to the Florida College
43 System institution, career center operated by a school district
44 under s. 1001.44, or charter technical career center under s.
45 1002.34 where he or she is enrolled. Such verification must be:

46 a. A lease agreement signed by the student and the operator
47 of the recovery residence; or

48 b. An affidavit signed by a certified recovery residence
49 administrator or clinical supervisor, as defined in s. 397.311.

50 2. A student who provides the verification required under
51 subparagraph 1. remains eligible for the out-of-state fee waiver
52 for 1 academic year.

53 3. To renew his or her out-of-state fee waiver, a student
54 must maintain a cumulative 2.5 grade point average or higher on
55 a 4.0 scale and resubmit his or her verification pursuant to
56 subparagraph 1.

57 (d)1. Fee waivers granted pursuant to this subsection may
58 not exceed 50 students statewide each academic year.

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59 2. Each Florida College System institution, career center
60 operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, and charter
61 technical career center under s. 1002.34 shall report to the
62 State Board of Education the number and value of all fee waivers
63 granted annually under this subsection.

64 (e) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
65 administer this subsection.

66 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.