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An act relating to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program student service requirements; amending ss. 1009.534, 1009.535, and 1009.536, F.S.; authorizing a student's service requirements for an award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to be paid rather than volunteer; authorizing, rather than requiring, a student to identify a specified interest or develop a plan for his or her service requirements under the program; conforming provisions to changes by the act; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 1009.534, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award.—

(1) A student is eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars award if he or she meets the general eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and:

(a) Has achieved a 3.5 weighted grade point average as calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or its equivalent, in high school courses that are designated by the State Board of Education as college-preparatory academic courses and has

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26 attained at least the score required under s. 1009.531(6)(a) on
 27 the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic
 28 Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered
 29 Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,
 30 or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;

31 (b) Has attended a home education program according to s.
 32 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12, has completed the International
 33 Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn the International
 34 Baccalaureate Diploma, or has completed the Advanced
 35 International Certificate of Education curriculum but failed to
 36 earn the Advanced International Certificate of Education
 37 Diploma, and has attained at least the score required under s.
 38 1009.531(6)(a) on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of
 39 the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or
 40 the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College
 41 Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT
 42 Assessment Program;

43 (c) Has been awarded an International Baccalaureate
 44 Diploma from the International Baccalaureate Office or an
 45 Advanced International Certificate of Education Diploma from the
 46 University of Cambridge International Examinations Office;

47 (d) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement
 48 programs of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
 49 scholar or finalist; or

50 (e) Has been recognized by the National Hispanic

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51 Recognition Program as a scholar recipient.
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 53 The student must complete a program of volunteer service or,
 54 beginning with a high school student graduating in the 2022-2023
 55 academic year and thereafter, paid work, as approved by the
 56 district school board, the administrators of a nonpublic school,
 57 or the Department of Education for home education program
 58 students, which must include ~~a minimum of 75 hours of service~~
 59 ~~work for high school students graduating in the 2010-2011~~
 60 ~~academic year and~~ 100 hours of volunteer service or paid work
 61 ~~for high school students graduating in the 2011-2012 academic~~
 62 ~~year and thereafter.~~ The student may ~~must~~ identify a social or
 63 civic issue or a professional area that interests him or her
 64 and, develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in
 65 addressing the issue or learning about the area. The student
 66 must, ~~and,~~ through papers or other presentations, evaluate and
 67 reflect upon his or her volunteer service or paid work
 68 experience. ~~Except for credit earned through service-learning~~
 69 ~~courses adopted pursuant to s. 1003.497, the student may not~~
 70 ~~receive remuneration or academic credit for the volunteer~~
 71 ~~service work performed.~~ Such volunteer service or paid work may
 72 include, but is not limited to, a business or governmental
 73 internship, work for a nonprofit community service organization,
 74 or activities on behalf of a candidate for public office. The
 75 hours of volunteer service or paid work must be documented in

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76 | writing, and the document must be signed by the student, the
 77 | student's parent or guardian, and a representative of the
 78 | organization for which the student performed the volunteer
 79 | service or paid work.

80 | Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 1009.535, Florida
 81 | Statutes, is amended to read:

82 | 1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholars award.—

83 | (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Medallion Scholars
 84 | award if he or she meets the general eligibility requirements
 85 | for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and:

86 | (a) Has achieved a weighted grade point average of 3.0 as
 87 | calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or the equivalent, in high
 88 | school courses that are designated by the State Board of
 89 | Education as college-preparatory academic courses and has
 90 | attained at least the score required under s. 1009.531(6)(b) on
 91 | the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic
 92 | Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered
 93 | Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,
 94 | or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;

95 | (b) Has completed the International Baccalaureate
 96 | curriculum but failed to earn the International Baccalaureate
 97 | Diploma or has completed the Advanced International Certificate
 98 | of Education curriculum but failed to earn the Advanced
 99 | International Certificate of Education Diploma, and has attained
 100 | at least the score required under s. 1009.531(6)(b) on the

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101 combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic
 102 Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered
 103 Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,
 104 or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;

105 (c) Has attended a home education program according to s.
 106 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12 and has attained at least the
 107 score required under s. 1009.531(6)(b) on the combined verbal
 108 and quantitative parts of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the
 109 Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic
 110 Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an
 111 equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;

112 (d) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement
 113 program of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
 114 scholar or finalist but has not completed the program of
 115 volunteer service or paid work required under s. 1009.534; or

116 (e) Has been recognized by the National Hispanic
 117 Recognition Program as a scholar, but has not completed the
 118 program of volunteer service or paid work required under s.
 119 1009.534.

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 121 A high school student ~~graduating in the 2011-2012 academic year~~
 122 ~~and thereafter~~ must complete at least 75 hours of volunteer
 123 service or, beginning with a high school student graduating in
 124 the 2022-2023 academic year and thereafter, 100 hours of paid
 125 work approved by the district school board, the administrators

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126 of a nonpublic school, or the Department of Education for home
 127 education program students. The student may ~~must~~ identify a
 128 social or civic issue or a professional area that interests him
 129 or her and, develop a plan for his or her personal involvement
 130 in addressing the issue or learning about the area. The student
 131 must, and, through papers or other presentations, evaluate and
 132 reflect upon his or her volunteer service or paid work
 133 experience. ~~Except for credit earned through service-learning~~
 134 ~~courses adopted pursuant to s. 1003.497, the student may not~~
 135 ~~receive remuneration or academic credit for volunteer service~~
 136 ~~work performed.~~ Such volunteer service or paid work may include,
 137 but is not limited to, a business or governmental internship,
 138 work for a nonprofit community service organization, or
 139 activities on behalf of a candidate for public office. The hours
 140 of volunteer service or paid work must be documented in writing,
 141 and the document must be signed by the student, the student's
 142 parent or guardian, and a representative of the organization for
 143 which the student performed the volunteer service or paid work.

144 Section 3. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) and subsection
 145 (2) of section 1009.536, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

146 1009.536 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars and Florida
 147 Gold Seal CAPE Scholars awards.—The Florida Gold Seal Vocational
 148 Scholars award and the Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award are
 149 created within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to
 150 recognize and reward academic achievement and career preparation

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151 | by high school students who wish to continue their education.

152 | (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Gold Seal
153 | Vocational Scholars award if he or she meets the general
154 | eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures
155 | Scholarship Program and:

156 | (e) ~~Beginning with high school students graduating in the~~
157 | ~~2011-2012 academic year and thereafter,~~ Completes at least 30
158 | hours of volunteer service or, beginning with high school
159 | students graduating in the 2022-2023 academic year and
160 | thereafter, 100 hours of paid work, approved by the district
161 | school board, the administrators of a nonpublic school, or the
162 | Department of Education for home education program students. The
163 | student may ~~must~~ identify a social or civic issue or a
164 | professional area that interests him or her and, develop a plan
165 | for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue or
166 | learning about the area. The student must, and, through papers
167 | or other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her
168 | volunteer service or paid work experience. ~~Except for credit~~
169 | ~~earned through service-learning courses adopted pursuant to s.~~
170 | ~~1003.497, the student may not receive remuneration or academic~~
171 | ~~credit for the volunteer service work performed.~~ Such volunteer
172 | service or paid work may include, but is not limited to, a
173 | business or governmental internship, work for a nonprofit
174 | community service organization, or activities on behalf of a
175 | candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer service or

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176 paid work must be documented in writing, and the document must
 177 be signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and
 178 a representative of the organization for which the student
 179 performed the volunteer service or paid work.

180 (2) A ~~high school~~ student ~~graduating in the 2016-2017~~
 181 ~~academic year and thereafter~~ is eligible for a Florida Gold Seal
 182 CAPE Scholars award if he or she meets the general eligibility
 183 requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program,
 184 and the student:

185 (a) Earns a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours
 186 through CAPE industry certifications approved pursuant to s.
 187 1008.44 which articulate for college credit; and

188 (b) Completes at least 30 hours of volunteer service or,
 189 beginning with a high school student graduating in the 2022-2023
 190 academic year and thereafter, 100 hours of paid work, approved
 191 by the district school board, the administrators of a nonpublic
 192 school, or the Department of Education for home education
 193 program students. The student may ~~must~~ identify a social or
 194 civic issue or a professional area that interests him or her
 195 and, develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in
 196 addressing the issue or learning about the area. The student
 197 must, and, through papers or other presentations, evaluate and
 198 reflect upon his or her experience. ~~Except for credit earned~~
 199 ~~through service-learning courses adopted pursuant to s.~~
 200 ~~1003.497, the student may not receive remuneration or academic~~

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201 ~~credit for the volunteer service work performed.~~ Such volunteer
202 service or paid work may include, but is not limited to, a
203 business or governmental internship, work for a nonprofit
204 community service organization, or activities on behalf of a
205 candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer service or
206 paid work must be documented in writing, and the document must
207 be signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and
208 a representative of the organization for which the student
209 performed the volunteer service or paid work.

210 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.