1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the Florida Bright Futures 3 Scholarship Program; amending s. 1007.27, F.S.; 4 conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 1007.35, 5 F.S.; requiring public middle schools to provide for 6 the administration of the Preliminary SAT/National 7 Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test to students who meet 8 specified criteria to help such students qualify for 9 the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; 10 providing for an exemption from such test; requiring 11 specified test preparation resources and information 12 be provided to certain students for a specified time period; providing continued eligibility criteria for 13 14 students receiving such resources and information; 15 providing for the funding for such assessments and 16 resources; amending ss. 1009.534 and 1009.535, F.S.; revising the eligibility criteria for certain awards 17 under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; 18 providing an effective date. 19 20 21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 22 23 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 24 1007.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 25 1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.-Page 1 of 6

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27	(b) The State Board of Education and the Board of
28	Governors shall identify Florida College System institutions and
29	state universities to develop courses that align with s. 1007.25
30	for students in secondary education and provide the training
31	required under <u>s. 1007.35(7)</u> s. 1007.35(6) .
32	Section 2. Subsections (6) through (10) of section
33	1007.35, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7)
34	through (11), respectively, paragraph (a) of subsection (9) is
35	amended, and a new subsection (6) is added to that section, to
36	read:
37	1007.35 Florida Partnership for Minority and
38	Underrepresented Student Achievement
39	(6)(a) For the purpose of helping minority and
40	underrepresented students qualify for the Florida Bright Futures
40 41	Scholarship Program, each public middle school, including, but
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41 42 43 44 45	Scholarship Program, each public middle school, including, but not limited to, schools and alternative sites and centers of the Department of Juvenile Justice, shall provide for the administration of the PSAT/NMSQT to enrolled minority and underrepresented students in 8th grade who have a grade point
41 42 43 44 45 46	Scholarship Program, each public middle school, including, but not limited to, schools and alternative sites and centers of the Department of Juvenile Justice, shall provide for the administration of the PSAT/NMSQT to enrolled minority and underrepresented students in 8th grade who have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. However, written notice shall be
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51 Online or in-person SAT or ACT preparation courses or a. 52 access to other evidence-based SAT or ACT preparation resources. 53 b. Information on all eligibility requirements for the 54 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. 55 2. The resources provided under this paragraph shall be 56 offered to eligible students until such students are provided 57 the opportunity to take the SAT, ACT, or Classical Learning Test 58 in 11th grade pursuant to s. 1008.22(3)(c). 59 3. To remain eligible for the resources provided under 60 this paragraph, students must maintain a grade point average of 61 3.5 or higher. 62 (c) Funding for the administration of the PSAT/NMSQT and 63 the resources provided under this subsection shall be provided 64 using lottery funds deposited into the Educational Enhancement 65 Trust Fund. 66 (9)(a) Except as provided in subsection (6), funding for 67 the partnership shall be contingent upon annual funding in the 68 General Appropriations Act. 69 Section 3. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section 70 1009.534, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 71 1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award.-72 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars 73 award if he or she meets the general eligibility requirements 74 for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and: 75 (e) Has been recognized by the College Board National

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76 Hispanic Recognition Programs Program as a scholar recipient. 77 78 The student must complete a program of volunteer service or, beginning with a high school student graduating in the 2022-2023 79 80 academic year and thereafter, paid work, as approved by the 81 district school board, the administrators of a nonpublic school, 82 or the Department of Education for home education program 83 students, which must include 100 hours of volunteer service, paid work, or a combination of both. Eligible paid work 84 85 completed on or after June 27, 2022, shall be included in the 86 student's total of paid work hours. The student may identify a 87 social or civic issue or a professional area that interests him 88 or her and develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in 89 addressing the issue or learning about the area. The student must, through papers or other presentations, evaluate and 90 91 reflect upon his or her volunteer service or paid work 92 experience. Such volunteer service or paid work may include, but 93 is not limited to, a business or governmental internship, work 94 for a nonprofit community service organization, or activities on 95 behalf of a candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer 96 service or paid work must be documented in writing, and the document must be signed by the student, the student's parent or 97 98 guardian, and a representative of the organization for which the 99 student performed the volunteer service or paid work.

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Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section

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1009.535, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholars award.- (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Medallion Scholars award if he or she meets the general eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and: (e) Has been recognized by the <u>College Board</u> National Hispanic Recognition <u>Programs</u> Program as a scholar, but has not completed the program of volunteer service or paid work required under s. 1009.534.

112 service or, beginning with a high school student graduating in 113 the 2022-2023 academic year and thereafter, paid work approved by the district school board, the administrators of a nonpublic 114 115 school, or the Department of Education for home education program students, which must include 75 hours of volunteer 116 117 service, 100 hours of paid work, or 100 hours of a combination 118 of both. Eligible paid work completed on or after June 27, 2022, 119 shall be included in a student's total of required paid work hours. The student may identify a social or civic issue or a 120 121 professional area that interests him or her and develop a plan 122 for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue or 123 learning about the area. The student must, through papers or other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her 124 125 volunteer service or paid work experience. Such volunteer

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service or paid work may include, but is not limited to, a 126 127 business or governmental internship, work for a nonprofit 128 community service organization, or activities on behalf of a 129 candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer service or 130 paid work must be documented in writing, and the document must 131 be signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and a representative of the organization for which the student 132 performed the volunteer service or paid work. 133

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Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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