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## SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based only on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Date: February 4, 1998 Revised: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Universities/Tuition/Credit Cards

	<u>Analyst</u>	<u>Staff Director</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<u>White</u>	<u>O'Farrell</u>	<u>ED</u>	<u>Favorable/CS</u>
2.	<u>Lombardi</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	<u>GO</u>	<u>Favorable/CS</u>
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### I. Summary:

The committee substitute makes retroactive to May 5, 1997, an exemption from fees for adopted children who attend state universities, community colleges, or technical centers.

This bill amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 239.117, 240.235, and 240.35.

### II. Present Situation:

Sections 239.117, 240.235, and 240.35, F.S., govern student fees and exemptions from fees at school district technical centers, community colleges, and state universities. Students who are in foster care without a plan of being reunited with their parents are exempt from all such fees. The 1997 Legislature amended those sections to provide an exemption from fees for students who were adopted from the Department of Children and Families. These exemptions are available only to people who were adopted after December 31, 1997.

### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill changes the date by which adopted children could qualify for an exemption from fees for their attendance at public postsecondary education institutions. Any child adopted after May 5, 1997, would become eligible for the exemptions.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

Children adopted from the Department of Children and Families between May 6, 1997, and December 31, 1997, would be exempt from fees for their enrollment at any public postsecondary education institution.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

None.