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Senator Lynn moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 704 - 886

and insert:

Section 11. Subsection (3) of section 1009.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.53 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.—

(3) The Department of Education shall administer the Bright Futures Scholarship Program according to rules and procedures established by the State Board of Education. A single state application must be sufficient for a student to apply for any of the three types of awards. For a student applying for an initial award in the 2010-2011 academic year and thereafter, in order to



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14 become eligible each year for a Bright Futures Scholarship
15 award, the student must submit the Free Application for Federal
16 Student Aid, along with a valid expected family contribution.
17 The department must advertise the availability of the
18 scholarship program and must notify students, teachers, parents,
19 guidance counselors, and principals or other relevant school
20 administrators of the criteria and application procedures. The
21 department must begin this process of notification no later than
22 January 1 of each year.

23 Section 12. Subsection (2) of section 1009.531, Florida
24 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (6) is added to that
25 section, to read:

26 1009.531 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
27 student eligibility requirements for initial awards.-

28 (2) For students graduating from high school prior to the
29 2010-2011 academic year, a student is eligible to accept an
30 initial award for 3 years following high school graduation and
31 to accept a renewal award for 7 years following high school
32 graduation. For a student who enlists in the United States Armed
33 Forces immediately after completion of high school, the 3-year
34 eligibility period for his or her initial award shall begin upon
35 the date of separation from active duty. For a student who is
36 receiving a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship and discontinues
37 his or her education to enlist in the United States Armed
38 Forces, the remainder of his or her 7-year renewal period shall
39 commence upon the date of separation from active duty. For
40 students graduating from high school in the 2010-2011 academic
41 year and thereafter, a student is eligible to accept an initial
42 award for 3 years after high school graduation and to accept a



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43 renewal award for 4 years after high school graduation. A
44 student who applies for an award by high school graduation and
45 who meets all other eligibility requirements, but who does not
46 accept his or her award, may reapply during subsequent
47 application periods up to 3 years after high school graduation.
48 For a student who enlists in the United States Armed Forces
49 immediately after completion of high school, the 3-year
50 eligibility period for his or her initial award shall begin upon
51 the date of separation from active duty. For a student who is
52 receiving a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship and discontinues
53 his or her education to enlist in the United States Armed
54 Forces, the remainder of his or her 4-year ~~7-year~~ renewal period
55 shall commence upon the date of separation from active duty.
56 Effective for students graduating from high school in the 2010-
57 2011 academic year and thereafter, if a course of study is not
58 completed after 4 academic years, an exception of 1 year to the
59 renewal timeframe may be granted due to a verifiable illness or
60 other documented emergency pursuant to s. 1009.40(1)(b)4.

61 (6) (a) The State Board of Education shall publicize from
62 the 2009 SAT Percentile Ranks the examination score required for
63 a student to be eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars award
64 pursuant to s. 1009.534(1)(a) or (b), as follows:

65 1. For high school students graduating in the 2010-2011 and
66 2011-2012 academic years, the student must earn a score of 1270
67 or a concordant ACT score of 28.

68 2. For high school students graduating in the 2012-2013
69 academic year, the student must earn the 88th SAT percentile
70 rank score of 1280 or a concordant ACT score of 28.

71 3. For high school students graduating in the 2013-2014



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72 academic year and thereafter, the student must earn the 89th SAT
73 percentile rank score of 1290 or a concordant ACT score of 29.

74 (b) The State Board of Education shall publicize from the
75 2009 SAT Percentile Ranks the examination score required for a
76 student to be eligible for a Florida Medallion Scholars award
77 pursuant to s. 1009.535(1)(a) or (b), as follows:

78 1. For high school students graduating in the 2010-2011
79 academic year, the student must earn a score of 970 or a
80 concordant ACT score of 20; or for home educated students whose
81 parents cannot document a college-preparatory curriculum, a
82 score of 1070 or a concordant ACT score of 23.

83 2. For high school students graduating in the 2011-2012
84 academic year, the student must earn the 44th SAT percentile
85 rank score of 980 or a concordant ACT score of 21; or for home
86 educated students whose parents cannot document a college-
87 preparatory curriculum, a score of 1070 or a concordant ACT
88 score of 23.

89 3. For high school students graduating in the 2012-2013
90 academic year, the student must earn the 50th SAT percentile
91 rank score of 1020 or a concordant ACT score of 22; or for home
92 educated students whose parents cannot document a college-
93 preparatory curriculum, a score of 1070 or a concordant ACT
94 score of 23.

95 4. For high school students graduating in the 2013-2014
96 academic year and thereafter, the student must earn the 56th SAT
97 percentile rank score of 1050 or a concordant ACT score of 23;
98 or for home educated students whose parents cannot document a
99 college-preparatory curriculum, a score of 1100 or a concordant
100 ACT score of 24.



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101 (c) If the percentile ranks in paragraphs (a) and (b) do
102 not exactly correspond to an SAT score, the next highest
103 percentile rank shall be used.

104 Section 13. Section 1009.532, Florida Statutes, is amended
105 to read:

106 1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
107 student eligibility requirements for renewal awards.-

108 (1) To be eligible to renew a scholarship from any of the
109 three types of scholarships under the Florida Bright Futures
110 Scholarship Program, a student must:

111 (a) Effective for students funded in the 2009-2010 academic
112 year and thereafter, earn at least 24 semester credit hours or
113 the equivalent in the last academic year in which the student
114 earned a scholarship if the student was enrolled full time, or a
115 prorated number of credit hours as determined by the Department
116 of Education if the student was enrolled less than full time for
117 any part of the academic year. For students funded prior to the
118 2010-2011 academic year, if a student fails to earn the minimum
119 number of hours required to renew the scholarship, the student
120 shall lose his or her eligibility for renewal for a period
121 equivalent to 1 academic year. Such student is eligible to
122 restore the award the following academic year if the student
123 earns the hours for which he or she was enrolled at the level
124 defined by the department and meets the grade point average for
125 renewal. A student is eligible for such restoration one time.
126 The department shall notify eligible recipients of the
127 provisions of this paragraph. Each institution shall notify
128 award recipients of the provisions of this paragraph during the
129 registration process.



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130 (b) Maintain the cumulative grade point average required by
131 the scholarship program, except that:

132 1. If a recipient's grades fall beneath the average
133 required to renew a Florida Academic Scholarship, but are
134 sufficient to renew a Florida Medallion Scholarship or a Florida
135 Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship, the Department of Education
136 may grant a renewal from one of those other scholarship
137 programs, if the student meets the renewal eligibility
138 requirements; or

139 2. For students funded prior to the 2010-2011 academic
140 term, if at any time during the eligibility period, a student's
141 grades are insufficient to renew the scholarship, the student
142 may restore eligibility by improving the grade point average to
143 the required level. A student is eligible for such a restoration
144 one time. The Legislature encourages education institutions to
145 assist students to calculate whether or not it is possible to
146 raise the grade point average during the summer term. If the
147 institution determines that it is possible, the education
148 institution may so inform the department, which may reserve the
149 student's award if funds are available. The renewal, however,
150 must not be granted until the student achieves the required
151 cumulative grade point average. If the summer term is not
152 sufficient to raise the grade point average to the required
153 renewal level, the student's next opportunity for renewal is the
154 fall semester of the following academic year. ~~;~~ ~~or~~

155 ~~3. If a student is receiving a Florida Bright Futures~~
156 ~~Scholarship, is a servicemember of the Florida National Guard or~~
157 ~~United States Reserves while attending a postsecondary~~
158 ~~institution, is called to active duty or state active duty, as~~



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159 ~~defined in s. 250.01, prior to completing his or her degree, and~~
160 ~~meets all other requirements for the scholarship, the student~~
161 ~~shall be eligible to continue the scholarship for 2 years after~~
162 ~~completing active duty or state active duty.~~

163 (c) Reimburse or make satisfactory arrangements to
164 reimburse the institution for the award amount received for
165 courses dropped after the end of the drop and add period or
166 courses from which the student withdraws after the end of the
167 drop and add period unless the student has received an exception
168 pursuant to s. 1009.53(11).

169 (2) Effective for students initially funded in the 2010-
170 2011 academic term and thereafter, if a scholarship is not
171 renewed because of lack of completion of sufficient credit hours
172 or insufficient grades, the scholarship shall be renewed only
173 for the following reasons:

174 (a) The student failed to complete sufficient credit hours,
175 or to meet sufficient grades requirements due to verifiable
176 illness or other documented emergency and may be granted an
177 exception pursuant to s. 1009.40(1)(b)4.; or

178 (b) If a student is a servicemember of the Florida National
179 Guard or United States Reserves while attending a postsecondary
180 institution, is called to active duty or state active duty, as
181 defined in s. 250.01, prior to completing his or her degree, and
182 meets all other requirements for the scholarship, the student
183 shall be eligible to continue the scholarship for 2 years after
184 completing active duty or state active duty.

185 (3)~~(2)~~ A student who is initially funded prior to the 2010-
186 2011 academic year and is enrolled in a program that terminates
187 in an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree may receive an



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188 award for a maximum of 110 percent of the number of credit hours
189 required to complete the program. A student who is enrolled in a
190 program that terminates in a career certificate may receive an
191 award for a maximum of 110 percent of the credit hours or clock
192 hours required to complete the program up to 90 credit hours.
193 However, for a student who is initially funded in the 2010-2011
194 academic term and thereafter, the student may receive an award
195 for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours
196 required to complete an associate degree or a baccalaureate
197 degree program, or the student may receive an award for a
198 maximum of 100 percent of the credit hours or clock hours
199 required to complete up to 90 credit hours of a program that
200 terminates in a career certificate. A student who transfers from
201 one of these program levels to another becomes eligible for the
202 higher of the two credit hour limits.

203 Section 14. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 1009.534,
204 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

205 1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award.-

206 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars
207 award if the student meets the general eligibility requirements
208 for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and the
209 student:

210 (a) Has achieved a 3.5 weighted grade point average as
211 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or its equivalent, in high
212 school courses that are designated by the State Board of
213 Education as college-preparatory academic courses; and has
214 attained at least the score pursuant to s. 1009.531(6)(a)
215 ~~identified by rules of the State Board of Education~~ on the
216 combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic



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217 Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered
218 Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,
219 or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program; ~~or~~

220 (b) Has attended a home education program according to s.
221 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12 or has completed the
222 International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn the
223 International Baccalaureate Diploma or has completed the
224 Advanced International Certificate of Education curriculum but
225 failed to earn the Advanced International Certificate of
226 Education Diploma, and has attained at least the score pursuant
227 to s. 1009.531(6)(a) identified by rules of the State Board of
228 ~~Education~~ on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the
229 Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the
230 recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance
231 Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment
232 Program; ~~or~~

233 (c) Has been awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma
234 from the International Baccalaureate Office or an Advanced
235 International Certificate of Education Diploma from the
236 University of Cambridge International Examinations Office; ~~or~~

237 (d) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement
238 programs of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
239 scholar or finalist; or

240 (e) Has been recognized by the National Hispanic
241 Recognition Program as a scholar recipient. A student must
242 complete a program of community service work, as approved by the
243 district school board or the administrators of a nonpublic
244 school, which shall include a minimum of 75 hours of service
245 work and require the student to identify a social problem that



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246 interests him or her, develop a plan for his or her personal
247 involvement in addressing the problem, and, through papers or
248 other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her
249 experience.

250 (5) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (4), a Florida
251 Academic Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount
252 specified in the General Appropriations Act ~~for the 2009-2010~~
253 ~~academic year. This subsection expires July 1, 2010.~~

254 Section 15. Section 1009.5341, Florida Statutes, is created
255 to read:

256 1009.5341 Florida Bright Futures Scholarships for graduate
257 study.—Bright Futures Scholarship recipients who graduate with a
258 baccalaureate degree in 7 semesters or equivalent hours or fewer
259 and wish to pursue graduate study may apply the unused portion
260 of their academic or medallion scholarship award toward 1
261 semester of graduate study, not to exceed 15 semester hours paid
262 at the undergraduate rate. A baccalaureate degree may include,
263 but is not limited to, college credits earned through dual
264 enrollment, SAT, and ACT examinations.

265 Section 16. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 1009.535,
266 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

267 1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholars award.—

268 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Medallion Scholars
269 award if the student meets the general eligibility requirements
270 for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and the
271 student:

272 (a) Has achieved a weighted grade point average of 3.0 as
273 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or the equivalent, in high
274 school courses that are designated by the State Board of



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275 Education as college-preparatory academic courses; and has
276 attained at least the score pursuant to s. 1009.531(6) (b)
277 ~~identified by rules of the State Board of Education on the~~
278 combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic
279 Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered
280 Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,
281 or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program; ~~or~~

282 (b) Has ~~attended a home education program according to s.~~
283 ~~1002.41 during grades 11 and 12 or has completed the~~
284 International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn the
285 International Baccalaureate Diploma or has completed the
286 Advanced International Certificate of Education curriculum but
287 failed to earn the Advanced International Certificate of
288 Education Diploma, and has attained at least the score pursuant
289 to s. 1009.531(6) (b) ~~identified by rules of the State Board of~~
290 ~~Education~~ on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the
291 Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the
292 recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance
293 Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment
294 Program; ~~or~~

295 (c) Has attended a home education program according to s.
296 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12 and has attained at least the
297 score pursuant to s. 1009.531(6) (b) on the combined verbal and
298 quantitative parts of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the
299 Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic
300 Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an
301 equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program for award
302 eligibility for students whose parents cannot document a
303 college-preparatory curriculum under paragraph (a);



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304 ~~(d)~~ ~~(e)~~ Has been recognized by the merit or achievement
305 program of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
306 scholar or finalist but has not completed a program of community
307 service as provided in s. 1009.534; or

308 ~~(e)~~ ~~(d)~~ Has been recognized by the National Hispanic
309 Recognition Program as a scholar, but has not completed a
310 program of community service as provided in s. 1009.534.

311 (4) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a Florida Medallion
312 Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount specified
313 in the General Appropriations Act ~~for the 2009-2010 academic~~
314 ~~year. This subsection expires July 1, 2010.~~

315 Section 17. Section 1009.537, Florida Statutes, is
316 repealed.

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318 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

319 And the title is amended as follows:

320 Delete lines 53 - 83

321 and insert:

322 amending s. 1009.53, F.S.; revising provisions
323 relating to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
324 Program; requiring that students submit the Free
325 Application for Federal Student Aid, along with a
326 valid expected family contribution, in order to be
327 eligible for the scholarship award; amending s.
328 1009.531, F.S.; revising the period during which a
329 student is eligible to receive an initial award and a
330 renewal award of the Florida Bright Futures
331 Scholarship after high school graduation; requiring
332 that the State Board of Education base the eligibility



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333 of students to receive a Florida Academic Scholars
334 award on SAT percentile ranks; amending s. 1009.532,
335 F.S.; specifying circumstances under which a Florida
336 Bright Futures Scholarship award may be renewed
337 following its nonrenewal due to insufficient grades;
338 reducing the maximum number of credit hours for which
339 certain students may receive a scholarship award;
340 amending s. 1009.534, F.S.; revising provisions
341 relating to the Florida Academic Scholars award;
342 removing a obsolete provision; removing the scheduled
343 expiration of provisions requiring that the amount of
344 the award be specified in the General Appropriations
345 Act; creating s. 1009.5341, F.S.; providing that
346 recipients of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
347 award may use the unused portion of their award toward
348 graduate study; providing certain limitations;
349 amending s. 1009.535, F.S.; providing for a student
350 who attended a home education program to be eligible
351 for a Florida Medallion Scholars award; removing the
352 scheduled expiration of provisions requiring that the
353 amount of the Florida Medallion Scholar award be
354 specified in the General Appropriations Act; repealing
355 s. 1009.537, F.S., removing obsolete provisions
356 relating to eligibility for the Florida Bright Futures
357 Scholarship Program; amending s. 1009.536, F.S.;