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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u>    </u>	

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Appropriations Committee  
2 Representative Jones offered the following:

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4 **Amendment**

5 Between lines 4922 and 4923, insert:

6 Section 61. Section 1009.894, Florida Statutes, is created to  
7 read:

8 1009.894 Sunshine Scholarship Program.—

9 (1) There is established the Sunshine Scholarship Program  
10 to be administered by the Department of Education. The Sunshine  
11 Scholarship Program shall provide funding for 100 percent of  
12 tuition and fees for Florida residents pursuing an associate  
13 degree or career certificate from an eligible postsecondary  
14 institution. "Eligible postsecondary institution" is defined as  
15 a Florida College System institution, a career center operated  
16 by a school district, or a charter technical career center.

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17 Financial aid received from the Pell Grant, the Florida Public  
18 Student Assistance Grant Program, and the Florida Bright Futures  
19 Scholarship Program shall be credited first to the student's  
20 tuition and fees.

21 (2) To be eligible to receive a scholarship pursuant to  
22 this section, a student must:

23 (a) Be a resident for tuition purposes, as defined in s.  
24 1009.21.

25 (b) Meet the general requirements for student eligibility  
26 as provided in s. 1009.40, except as otherwise provided in this  
27 section.

28 (c) Have a total annual household income equal to or less  
29 than \$50,000.

30 (d) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
31 (FAFSA) for each academic year in which the scholarship is  
32 sought.

33 (e) Be accepted by and enroll in an eligible postsecondary  
34 institution.

35 (f) Maintain continuous enrollment as a full-time student  
36 while receiving the scholarship. "Full-time student" is defined  
37 as a student enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours or the  
38 clock hour equivalent.

39 (3) Upon completion of his or her program of study or upon  
40 disenrollment from an eligible postsecondary institution, the  
41 student must reside and work within the state for the same

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42 period of time he or she received funds from the program. If the  
43 student does not reside and work within the state for the  
44 specified period, the student must repay the total amount  
45 awarded, plus an annual interest rate equal to the federal  
46 student loan interest rate in effect when the student entered  
47 the program. The requirements of this subsection do not apply:

48 (a) When a student enlists in the United States Armed  
49 Forces; or

50 (b) While a student is continuously enrolled in a  
51 baccalaureate degree program or higher at a Florida  
52 postsecondary institution. Once the student graduates or  
53 disenrolls from a Florida postsecondary institution, the  
54 requirements of this subsection apply.

55 (4) To remain eligible for the program, a student must  
56 maintain the equivalent of a cumulative grade point average of  
57 2.5 on a 4.0 scale while enrolled at an eligible postsecondary  
58 institution.

59 (5) The Sunshine Scholarship Program applies only to  
60 tuition and fees. Each student is responsible for additional  
61 user fees, textbooks, and other college-related expenses.

62 (6) Funding for the program shall be as provided in the  
63 General Appropriations Act.

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

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