

## CHAPTER 2019-124

### Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 593

An act relating to postsecondary fee waivers; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; authorizing certain Florida College System institutions serving counties directly impacted by a hurricane to waive out-of-state fees for students for a specified time period; providing reporting requirements; providing that students enrolled under such fee waivers may not be included in certain enrollment totals; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (16) is added to section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, to read:

1009.26 Fee waivers.—

(16) A Florida College System institution that serves counties directly impacted by a hurricane, and whose enrollment decreases by more than 10 percent as a result of such impacts, is authorized to waive out-of-state fees for the purpose of recruiting students for a period of 3 years, beginning 180 days after the date on which the hurricane directly impacted the counties served by the Florida College System institution.

(a) A student who qualifies for the waiver under this subsection is eligible to receive the waiver for up to 110 percent of the number of required credit hours of the degree or certificate program for which the student is enrolled. However, he or she may not disenroll from the institution for more than one semester.

(b) Each Florida College System institution shall report to the State Board of Education the number and value of all fee waivers granted annually under this subsection.

(c) Out-of-state students enrolled under the fee waiver granted under this subsection may not be included in the enrollment totals for these institutions by the Education Estimating Conference on Florida College System Enrollment.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

Approved by the Governor June 24, 2019.

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