

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to resident status for tuition
 3 purposes; amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; providing that a
 4 person may not lose his or her resident status for
 5 tuition purposes due to incarceration; providing an
 6 effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Present subsections (4) through (13) of section
 11 1009.21, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (6)
 12 through (15), respectively, new subsection (4) is added to that
 13 section, and paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of that section is
 14 amended, to read:

15 1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition
 16 purposes.—Students shall be classified as residents or
 17 nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in
 18 postsecondary educational programs offered by charter technical
 19 career centers or career centers operated by school districts,
 20 in Florida College System institutions, and in state
 21 universities.

22 (3)

23 (c) Each institution of higher education shall
 24 affirmatively determine that an applicant who has been granted
 25 admission to that institution as a Florida resident meets the

26 residency requirements of this section at the time of initial
27 enrollment. The residency determination must be documented by
28 the submission of written or electronic verification that
29 includes two or more of the documents identified in this
30 paragraph. No single piece of evidence shall be conclusive.

31 1. The documents must include at least one of the
32 following:

33 a. A Florida voter's registration card.

34 b. A Florida driver license.

35 c. A State of Florida identification card.

36 d. A Florida vehicle registration.

37 e. Proof of a permanent home in Florida which is occupied
38 as a primary residence by the individual or by the individual's
39 parent if the individual is a dependent child.

40 f. Proof of a homestead exemption in Florida.

41 g. Transcripts from a Florida high school for multiple
42 years if the Florida high school diploma or high school
43 equivalency diploma was earned within the last 12 months.

44 h. Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for
45 at least 30 hours per week for a 12-month period.

46 2. The documents may include one or more of the following:

47 a. A declaration of domicile in Florida.

48 b. A Florida professional or occupational license.

49 c. Florida incorporation.

50 d. A document evidencing family ties in Florida.

51 e. Proof of membership in a Florida-based charitable or
52 professional organization.

53 f. Any other documentation that supports the student's
54 request for resident status, including, but not limited to,
55 utility bills and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; a
56 lease agreement and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments;
57 or an official state, federal, or court document evidencing
58 legal ties to Florida.

59 (4) An individual may not lose his or her resident status
60 for tuition purposes solely by reason of incarceration in a
61 state or federal correctional facility in this state.

62 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.