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**\*\*\*Clarification: The hyperlink to HB 1667 in a previous version of this press release did not link properly. This version corrects that error.\*\*\***

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**Representative Kevin Chambliss and Representative Dan Daley File Florida Academic Scholars Award Bill**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Representative Kevin Chambliss (D-Miami-Dade) and Dan Daley (D-Coral Springs),** have filed [House Bill 1667](#), a legislative proposal aimed at improving the Florida Academic Scholars Award within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. The proposed bill seeks to amend section 1009.534 of the Florida Statutes, with the primary goal of providing additional financial support to deserving students.

The key provision of the bill focuses on enhancing the support for students awarded the Florida Academic Scholars award. According to the proposed amendment to section 1009.534(2) of the Florida Statutes, enrolled students in certificate, diploma, associate, or baccalaureate degree programs at public or nonpublic postsecondary education institutions will now be eligible for an award equal to the amount necessary to cover 100 percent of tuition and fees. Additionally, the bill reintroduces the requirement for eligible students to receive an additional \$300 each fall and spring academic semester or an equivalent stipend for textbooks.

The proposed bill acknowledges the changing landscape of educational expenses and aims to keep pace with the evolving needs of students. The additional funds for textbooks are intended to assist students in meeting the costs associated with their academic pursuits.

“Many of us know what it’s like to be a struggling college student. Textbooks, among other expenses, are a barrier for many students in their pursuit of higher education. According to a survey done by the Florida Virtual Campus, about a quarter of all students have dropped a course because they were unable to afford the required textbook. By making sure that these students have their textbooks at the beginning of

the semester, we are providing them with the tools necessary to be a successful college student,” emphasized **Representative Kevin Chambliss**.

“As a first-generation college student, I saw firsthand the value of the Bright Futures program and that includes the textbook stipend. I’m proud to partner with Representative Chambliss to bring that stipend back for the next generation of students,” stated **Representative Dan Daley**.

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