1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to postsecondary fee waivers; amending

3   s. 1009.26, F.S.; authorizing certain Florida College

4   System institutions serving counties directly impacted

5   by a hurricane to waive out-of-state fees for students

6   for a specified time period; providing reporting

7   requirements; providing that students enrolled under

8   such fee waivers may not be included in certain

9   enrollment totals; providing an effective date.

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

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13   Section 1. Subsection (16) is added to section 1009.26,

14   Florida Statutes, to read:

15   1009.26 Fee waivers.—

16   (16) A Florida College System institution that serves

17   counties directly impacted by a hurricane, and whose enrollment

18   decreases by more than 10 percent as a result of such impacts,

19   is authorized to waive out-of-state fees for the purpose of

20   recruiting students for a period of 3 years, beginning 180 days

21   after the date on which the hurricane directly impacted the

22   counties served by the Florida College System institution.

23   (a) A student who qualifies for the waiver under this

24   subsection is eligible to receive the waiver for up to 110

25   percent of the number of required credit hours of the degree or

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26 certificate program for which the student is enrolled. However,
27 he or she may not disenroll from the institution for more than
28 one semester.
29   (b) Each Florida College System institution shall report
30 to the State Board of Education the number and value of all fee
31 waivers granted annually under this subsection.
32   (c) Out-of-state students enrolled under the fee waiver
33 granted under this subsection may not be included in the
34 enrollment totals for these institutions by the Education
35 Estimating Conference on Florida College System Enrollment.
36   Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

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