

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Higher Education Committee

BILL: SB 84

INTRODUCER: Senator Lynn

SUBJECT: St. Johns River Community College

DATE: February 4, 2011 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Harkey	Matthews	HE	Pre-meeting
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I. Summary:

This bill would change the name of St. Johns River Community College to St. Johns River State College.

This bill amends ss. 1000.21 1004.74, and 1004.75, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

A community college district board of trustees may change its institutional name by using the designation “college” or “state college” if the college has been authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees and has been accredited as a baccalaureate degree granting institution by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools¹. A board of trustees must seek codification of the name change in the next regular session of the Legislature.²

The St. Johns River Community College has met all the statutory requirements for changing its name. On June 16, 2009, the St. Johns River Community College’s district board of trustees approved the request to submit a proposal to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Organizational Management and a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education. On March 26, 2010, the State Board of Education approved St. Johns River Community College’s proposal to offer both baccalaureate degrees. On June 24, 2010, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools approved St. Johns River Community College to offer baccalaureate degrees. On September 15, 2010, the St. Johns River Community College board of trustees

¹ s. 1001.60, F.S.

² s. 1001.60(2)(c), F.S.

approved a change of the college's name to St. Johns River State College, to become effective January 2011.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill would codify the name of St. Johns River State College.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The Department of Education estimates that there will be costs for changes in signage, publications, documentation, and other related items. The cost is indeterminate.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

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