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Senator Lynn moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (7) of  
section 11.45, Florida Statutes, to read:

11.45 Definitions; duties; authorities; reports; rules.—

(7) AUDITOR GENERAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

(j) The Auditor General shall notify the Legislative  
Auditing Committee of any financial or operational audit report  
prepared pursuant to this section which indicates that a state  
university or state college has failed to take full corrective  
action in response to a recommendation that was included in the



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14 two preceding financial or operational audit reports.

15 1. The committee may direct the governing body of the state  
16 university or state college to provide a written statement to  
17 the committee explaining why full corrective action has not been  
18 taken or, if the governing body intends to take full corrective  
19 action, describing the corrective action to be taken and when it  
20 will occur.

21 2. If the committee determines that the written statement  
22 is not sufficient, the committee may require the chair of the  
23 governing body of the state university or state college, or the  
24 chair's designee, to appear before the committee.

25 3. If the committee determines that the state university or  
26 state college has failed to take full corrective action for  
27 which there is no justifiable reason, or has failed to comply  
28 with committee requests made pursuant to this section, the  
29 committee may proceed in accordance with s. 11.40(2).

30 Section 2. Paragraph (f) of subsection (3) of section  
31 287.057, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

32 287.057 Procurement of commodities or contractual  
33 services.—

34 (3) When the purchase price of commodities or contractual  
35 services exceeds the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for  
36 CATEGORY TWO, no purchase of commodities or contractual services  
37 may be made without receiving competitive sealed bids,  
38 competitive sealed proposals, or competitive sealed replies  
39 unless:

40 (f) The following contractual services and commodities are  
41 not subject to the competitive-solicitation requirements of this  
42 section:



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43           1. Artistic services. For the purposes of this subsection,  
44 the term "artistic services" does not include advertising or  
45 typesetting. As used in this subparagraph, the term  
46 "advertising" means the making of a representation in any form  
47 in connection with a trade, business, craft, or profession in  
48 order to promote the supply of commodities or services by the  
49 person promoting the commodities or contractual services.

50           2. Academic program reviews if the fee for such services  
51 does not exceed \$50,000.

52           3. Lectures by individuals.

53           4. Legal services, including attorney, paralegal, expert  
54 witness, appraisal, or mediator services.

55           5.a. Health services involving examination, diagnosis,  
56 treatment, prevention, medical consultation, or administration.

57           b. Beginning January 1, 2011, health services, including,  
58 but not limited to, substance abuse and mental health services,  
59 involving examination, diagnosis, treatment, prevention, or  
60 medical consultation, when such services are offered to eligible  
61 individuals participating in a specific program that qualifies  
62 multiple providers and uses a standard payment methodology.  
63 Reimbursement of administrative costs for providers of services  
64 purchased in this manner shall also be exempt. For purposes of  
65 this sub-subparagraph, "providers" means health professionals,  
66 health facilities, or organizations that deliver or arrange for  
67 the delivery of health services.

68           6. Services provided to persons with mental or physical  
69 disabilities by not-for-profit corporations which have obtained  
70 exemptions under the provisions of s. 501(c)(3) of the United  
71 States Internal Revenue Code or when such services are governed



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72 by the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-  
73 122. However, in acquiring such services, the agency shall  
74 consider the ability of the vendor, past performance,  
75 willingness to meet time requirements, and price.

76 7. Medicaid services delivered to an eligible Medicaid  
77 recipient unless the agency is directed otherwise in law.

78 8. Family placement services.

79 9. Prevention services related to mental health, including  
80 drug abuse prevention programs, child abuse prevention programs,  
81 and shelters for runaways, operated by not-for-profit  
82 corporations. However, in acquiring such services, the agency  
83 shall consider the ability of the vendor, past performance,  
84 willingness to meet time requirements, and price.

85 ~~10. Training and education services provided to injured~~  
86 ~~employees pursuant to s. 440.491(6).~~

87 ~~10.11.~~ Contracts entered into pursuant to s. 337.11.

88 ~~11.12.~~ Services or commodities provided by governmental  
89 agencies.

90 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
91 402.7305, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

92 402.7305 Department of Children and Family Services;  
93 procurement of contractual services; contract management.-

94 (2) PROCUREMENT OF COMMODITIES AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.-

95 (a) Notwithstanding s. 287.057(3)(f)11., ~~287.057(3)(f)12.~~,  
96 whenever the department intends to contract with a public  
97 postsecondary institution to provide a service, the department  
98 must allow all public postsecondary institutions in this state  
99 that are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and  
100 Schools to bid on the contract. Thereafter, notwithstanding any



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101 other provision to the contrary, if a public postsecondary  
102 institution intends to subcontract for any service awarded in  
103 the contract, the subcontracted service must be procured by  
104 competitive procedures.

105 Section 4. Paragraph (q) of subsection (3) of section  
106 413.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

107 413.011 Division of Blind Services, legislative policy,  
108 intent; internal organizational structure and powers;  
109 Rehabilitation Council for the Blind.—

110 (3) DIVISION STRUCTURE AND DUTIES.—The internal  
111 organizational structure of the Division of Blind Services shall  
112 be designed for the purpose of ensuring the greatest possible  
113 efficiency and effectiveness of services to the blind and to be  
114 consistent with chapter 20. The Division of Blind Services shall  
115 plan, supervise, and carry out the following activities:

116 (q) Establish one or more training schools and workshops  
117 for the employment of suitable blind persons; make expenditures  
118 of funds for such purposes; receive moneys from sales of  
119 commodities involved in such activities and from such funds make  
120 payments of wages, repairs, insurance premiums, and replacements  
121 of equipment. All of the activities provided for in this section  
122 may be carried on in cooperation with private workshops for the  
123 blind, except that all tools and equipment furnished by the  
124 division shall remain the property of the state. If any property  
125 leased by the Division of Blind Services and located in Daytona  
126 Beach, including an existing sublease upon the expiration of its  
127 current term, is no longer needed for the expansion of the  
128 division's programs, Daytona State College shall be given  
129 priority for the use of such available property. In addition,



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130 future construction of any facilities not related to programs  
131 under the Division of Blind Services may not be commenced  
132 without prior approval by the Division of Blind Services and the  
133 Division of State Lands.

134 Section 5. Subsection (3) of section 427.0135, Florida  
135 Statutes, is amended to read:

136 427.0135 Purchasing agencies; duties and responsibilities.—  
137 Each purchasing agency, in carrying out the policies and  
138 procedures of the commission, shall:

139 (3) Not procure transportation disadvantaged services  
140 without initially negotiating with the commission, as provided  
141 in s. 287.057(3)(f)11., ~~287.057(3)(f)12.~~, or unless otherwise  
142 authorized by statute. If the purchasing agency, after  
143 consultation with the commission, determines that it cannot  
144 reach mutually acceptable contract terms with the commission,  
145 the purchasing agency may contract for the same transportation  
146 services provided in a more cost-effective manner and of  
147 comparable or higher quality and standards. The Medicaid agency  
148 shall implement this subsection in a manner consistent with s.  
149 409.908(18) and as otherwise limited or directed by the General  
150 Appropriations Act.

151 Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
152 440.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

153 440.15 Compensation for disability.—Compensation for  
154 disability shall be paid to the employee, subject to the limits  
155 provided in s. 440.12(2), as follows:

156 (2) TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY.—

157 (c) Temporary total disability benefits paid pursuant to  
158 this subsection shall include such period as may be reasonably



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159 necessary for training in the use of artificial members and  
160 appliances, ~~and shall include such period as the employee may be~~  
161 ~~receiving training and education under a program pursuant to s.~~  
162 ~~440.491.~~

163 Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 440.33, Florida  
164 Statutes, is repealed.

165 Section 8. Section 440.491, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

166 Section 9. Subsection (5) of section 440.50, Florida  
167 Statutes, is amended to read:

168 440.50 Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund.—

169 (5) Funds appropriated by an operating appropriation or a  
170 nonoperating transfer from the Workers' Compensation  
171 Administration Trust Fund to ~~the Department of Education,~~ the  
172 Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of  
173 Business and Professional Regulation, the Department of  
174 Management Services, the First District Court of Appeal, and the  
175 Justice Administrative Commission remaining unencumbered as of  
176 June 30 or undisbursed as of September 30 each year shall revert  
177 to the Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund.

178 Section 10. Subsection (7) is added to section 1001.02,  
179 Florida Statutes, to read:

180 1001.02 General powers of State Board of Education.—

181 (7) The State Board of Education shall delegate to the  
182 Division of Florida Colleges oversight responsibility for  
183 Florida College System institutions that have significant  
184 potential management or academic issues.

185 Section 11. Subsection (47) of section 1001.64, Florida  
186 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (48) is added to that  
187 section, to read:



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188 1001.64 Florida College System institution boards of  
189 trustees; powers and duties.-

190 (47) Each contract or employment agreement, or renewal or  
191 renegotiation of an existing contract or employment agreement,  
192 containing a provision for severance pay with an officer, agent,  
193 employee, or contractor must include the provisions required in  
194 s. 215.425. A board of trustees may not enter into an employment  
195 contract that requires the Florida College System institution to  
196 pay a Florida College System institution president an amount  
197 from state funds in excess of 1 year of the president's annual  
198 salary for termination, buyout, or any other type of contract  
199 settlement. This subsection does not prohibit the payment of  
200 leave and benefits accrued by the president in accordance with  
201 the Florida College System institution's leave and benefits  
202 policies before the contract terminates.

203 (48) Each board of trustees shall enter into consortia and  
204 cooperative agreements to maximize the purchasing power for  
205 goods and services. A consortium or cooperative agreement may be  
206 statewide, regional, or a combination of institutions, as  
207 appropriate to achieve the lowest cost, with the goal of  
208 achieving a 5 percent savings on existing contract prices  
209 through the use of new cooperative arrangements or new  
210 consortium contracts.

211 Section 12. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (3) and  
212 paragraph (e) is added to subsection (4) of section 1001.706,  
213 Florida Statutes, and paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of that  
214 section is amended, to read:

215 1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.-

216 (3) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO ORGANIZATION AND





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217 OPERATION OF STATE UNIVERSITIES.—

218 (i) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations  
219 requiring universities to enter into consortia and cooperative  
220 agreements to maximize the purchasing power for goods and  
221 services. A consortium or cooperative agreement may be  
222 statewide, regional, or a combination of institutions, as  
223 appropriate to achieve the lowest cost, with the goal of  
224 achieving a 5 percent savings on existing contract prices  
225 through the use of new cooperative arrangements or new  
226 consortium contracts.

227 (4) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO FINANCE.—

228 (e) The Board of Governors may approve the transfer between  
229 institutions of unused budget authority from the  
230 Education/General Student and Other Fees Trust Fund.

231 (6) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO PERSONNEL.—

232 (d) Each contract or employment agreement, or renewal or  
233 renegotiation of an existing contract or employment agreement,  
234 containing a provision for severance pay with an officer, agent,  
235 employee, or contractor must include the provisions required in  
236 s. 215.425. ~~The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, may~~  
237 ~~not enter into an employment contract that requires it to pay an~~  
238 ~~employee an amount from state funds in excess of 1 year of the~~  
239 ~~employee's annual salary for termination, buyout, or any other~~  
240 ~~type of contract settlement. This paragraph does not prohibit~~  
241 ~~the payment of leave and benefits accrued by the employee in~~  
242 ~~accordance with the board's or designee's leave and benefits~~  
243 ~~policies before the contract terminates.~~

244 Section 13. Section 1004.092, Florida Statutes, is created  
245 to read:



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246 1004.092 Florida Degree Consortium.-

247 (1) The Florida Degree Consortium is established by merging  
248 the Florida Distance Learning Consortium as provided in s.  
249 1004.091, the computer assisted student advising system as  
250 provided in s. 1007.28, and the degree completion pilot program  
251 as provided in s. 1004.093.

252 (2) The Florida Degree Consortium is established for the  
253 purpose of serving as a central point of contact for:

254 (a) Information about online courses, programs, and degrees  
255 offered by colleges and universities in the state and shall  
256 provide assistance to individuals wishing to enroll in online  
257 instruction offered by the colleges and universities.

258 (b) Information and links to student and library support  
259 services and electronic resources that will guide the student  
260 toward the successful completion of an online degree.

261 (3) The Chancellor of the State University System and the  
262 Chancellor of the Florida College System shall jointly oversee  
263 the implementation of the Florida Degree Consortium.

264 Section 14. Section 1004.093, Florida Statutes, is created  
265 to read:

266 1004.093 Degree completion pilot program.-

267 (1) The degree completion pilot program is established for  
268 the purpose of recruiting, recovering, and retaining the state's  
269 adult learners and assisting them in completing an associate  
270 degree or baccalaureate degree that is aligned to high-wage,  
271 high-skill workforce needs. As used in this section, the term  
272 "adult learner" means a student who has left an institution in  
273 good standing before completing his or her associate degree or  
274 baccalaureate degree. Priority attention shall be given to adult



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275 learners who are veterans and active-duty servicemembers.

276 (2) The Chancellor of the State University System and the  
277 Chancellor of the Florida College System shall jointly oversee  
278 the implementation of the pilot program. The pilot program shall  
279 be implemented in collaboration with the University of West  
280 Florida, which is the lead institution, and the University of  
281 South Florida, Florida State College at Jacksonville, and St.  
282 Petersburg College. The pilot program shall include the  
283 associate, applied baccalaureate, and baccalaureate degree  
284 programs that those institutions have selected, in partnership  
285 with public postsecondary education institutions providing areas  
286 of specialization or concentration.

287 (3) The pilot program shall be implemented and administered  
288 as an activity within the Florida Degree Consortium. The pilot  
289 program shall provide adult learners with a single point of  
290 access to information and links to innovative online and  
291 accelerated distance learning courses, student and library  
292 support services, and electronic resources that will guide the  
293 adult learner toward the successful completion of a  
294 postsecondary education degree.

295 (4) Beginning with the 2012-2013 academic year, the pilot  
296 program shall be implemented and must:

297 (a) Use the distance learning course catalog established  
298 pursuant to ss. 1004.09 and 1004.091 to communicate course  
299 availability to the adult learner.

300 (b) Develop and implement an advising and student support  
301 system that includes the use of degree completion specialists,  
302 that is based on best practices and processes, and that includes  
303 academic and career support services designed specifically for



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304 the adult learner.

305 (c) Use the streamlined, automated, online registration  
306 process for transient students established pursuant to s.  
307 1004.091 and identify any additional admissions and registration  
308 policies and practices that could be further streamlined and  
309 automated for purposes of assisting the adult learner.

310 (d) Use competency-based evaluation tools to assess prior  
311 performance, experience, and education for the award of college  
312 credit, which must include the American Council on Education's  
313 collaborative link between the United States Department of  
314 Defense and higher education through the review of military  
315 training and experience for the award of equivalent college  
316 credit for members of the Armed Forces.

317 (e) Develop and implement an evaluation process that  
318 collects, analyzes, and provides information to participating  
319 postsecondary education institutions, the chairs of the  
320 legislative appropriations committees, and the Executive Office  
321 of the Governor which details the effectiveness of the pilot  
322 program and the attainment of its goals. The evaluation process  
323 must include a management information system that collects the  
324 appropriate student, programmatic, and fiscal data necessary to  
325 complete the evaluation of the pilot program.

326 (f) Develop and implement a statewide marketing campaign  
327 targeted at recruiting the adult learners, in particular  
328 veterans and active-duty servicemembers, for enrollment in the  
329 degree programs offered through the pilot program.

330 (5) For purposes of the pilot program, each postsecondary  
331 education institution's current tuition and fee structure shall  
332 be used. However, participating postsecondary education



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333 institutions shall collaboratively identify the applicable cost  
334 components associated with developing and delivering distance  
335 learning courses and submit the information regarding such cost  
336 components to the pilot program director.

337 (6) By August 1, 2012, the Chancellor of the State  
338 University System and the Chancellor of the Florida College  
339 System shall submit to the chairs of the legislative  
340 appropriations committees a detailed project plan that defines  
341 the major work activities, timeline, and cost for implementing  
342 and administering the pilot program.

343 Section 15. Section 1004.935, Florida Statutes, is created  
344 to read:

345 1004.935 Adults with Disabilities Workforce Education Pilot  
346 Program.—

347 (1) The Adults with Disabilities Workforce Education Pilot  
348 Program is established for 2 years in Charlotte County, DeSoto  
349 County, Manatee County, and Sarasota County to provide the  
350 option of receiving a scholarship for instruction at private  
351 schools for up to 30 students who:

352 (a) Have a disability;

353 (b) Are 22 years of age;

354 (c) Are receiving instruction from an instructor in a  
355 private school to meet the high school graduation requirements  
356 in s. 1003.428;

357 (d) Do not have a standard high school diploma or a special  
358 high school diploma; and

359 (e) Receive supported employment services, which is  
360 employment that is located or provided in an integrated work  
361 setting, with earnings paid on a commensurate wage basis, and



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362 for which continued support is needed for job maintenance.

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364 As used in this subsection, the term "student with a disability"  
365 includes a student who is documented as having an intellectual  
366 disability; a speech impairment; a language impairment; a  
367 hearing impairment, including deafness; a visual impairment,  
368 including blindness; a dual sensory impairment; an orthopedic  
369 impairment; another health impairment; an emotional or  
370 behavioral disability; a specific learning disability,  
371 including, but not limited to, dyslexia, dyscalculia, or  
372 developmental aphasia; a traumatic brain injury; a developmental  
373 delay; or autism spectrum disorder.

374 (2) A student participating in the pilot program may  
375 continue to participate in the program until the student  
376 graduates from high school, or reaches the age of 30 years,  
377 whichever occurs first.

378 (3) The supported employment services may be provided at  
379 more than one site.

380 (4) The provider of supported employment services must be a  
381 nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
382 Code which serves Charlotte County, DeSoto County, Manatee  
383 County, or Sarasota County and must contract with a private  
384 school in this state which meets the requirements in subsection  
385 (5).

386 (5) A private school that participates in the program may  
387 be sectarian or nonsectarian and must:

388 (a) Be academically accountable for meeting the educational  
389 needs of the student by annually providing to the provider of  
390 supported employment services a written explanation of the



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391 student's progress.

392 (b) Comply with the antidiscrimination provisions of 42  
393 U.S.C. s. 2000d.

394 (c) Meet state and local health and safety laws and codes.

395 (d) Provide to the provider of supported employment  
396 services all documentation required for a student's  
397 participation, including the private school's and student's fee  
398 schedules, at least 30 days before any quarterly scholarship  
399 payment is made for the student. A student is not eligible to  
400 receive a quarterly scholarship payment if the private school  
401 fails to meet this deadline.

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403 The inability of a private school to meet the requirements of  
404 this subsection constitutes a basis for the ineligibility of the  
405 private school to participate in the scholarship program.

406 (6) (a) If the student chooses to participate in the program  
407 and is accepted by the provider of supported employment  
408 services, the student must notify the Department of Education of  
409 his or her acceptance into the program 60 days before the first  
410 scholarship payment and before participating in the program in  
411 order to be eligible for the scholarship.

412 (b) Upon receipt of a scholarship warrant, the student or  
413 parent to whom the warrant is made must restrictively endorse  
414 the warrant to the provider of supported employment services for  
415 deposit into the account of the provider. The student or parent  
416 may not designate any entity or individual associated with the  
417 participating provider of supported employment services as the  
418 student's or parent's attorney in fact to endorse a scholarship  
419 warrant. A participant who fails to comply with this paragraph



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420 forfeits the scholarship.

421 (7) Funds for the scholarship shall be provided from the  
422 appropriation from the school district's Workforce Development  
423 Fund in the General Appropriations Act for students who reside  
424 in the Charlotte County School District, the DeSoto County  
425 School District, the Manatee County School District, or the  
426 Sarasota County School District. During the 2-year pilot  
427 program, the scholarship amount granted for an eligible student  
428 with a disability shall be equal to the cost per unit of a full-  
429 time equivalent adult general education student, multiplied by  
430 the adult general education funding factor, and multiplied by  
431 the district cost differential pursuant to the formula required  
432 by s. 1011.80(6)(a) for the district in which the student  
433 resides.

434 (8) Upon notification by the Department of Education that  
435 it has received the required documentation, the Chief Financial  
436 Officer shall make scholarship payments in four equal amounts no  
437 later than September 1, November 1, February 1, and April 1 of  
438 each academic year in which the scholarship is in force. The  
439 initial payment shall be made after the Department of Education  
440 verifies that the student was accepted into the program, and  
441 subsequent payments shall be made upon verification of continued  
442 participation in the program. Payment must be by individual  
443 warrant made payable to the student or parent and mailed by the  
444 Department of Education to the provider of supported employment  
445 services, and the student or parent shall restrictively endorse  
446 the warrant to the provider of supported employment services for  
447 deposit into the account of that provider.

448 (9) Subsequent to each scholarship payment, the Department





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449 of Education shall request from the Department of Financial  
450 Services a sample of endorsed warrants to review and confirm  
451 compliance with endorsement requirements.

452 Section 16. Section 1006.73, Florida Statutes, is created  
453 to read:

454 1006.73 Florida Education Library Resource Center.—

455 (1) The Florida Education Library Resource Center is  
456 established for the purpose of facilitating the collaboration  
457 among academic libraries in acquiring resources and deploying  
458 services, leveraging their assets through formal and informal  
459 cooperative agreements and collaborative action, and providing  
460 coordination and leadership for services in support of teaching,  
461 learning, research, and public service.

462 (2) (a) The Chancellor of the State University System and  
463 the Chancellor of the Florida College System, or their designees  
464 as appropriate and applicable, shall jointly govern and oversee  
465 the center, with the assistance of a board of directors and  
466 members council, using the administrative and operational  
467 policies and procedures of the center.

468 (b)1. A board of directors shall make recommendations to  
469 the chancellors and approve and implement bylaws governing the  
470 policies and operations of the center. The board of directors  
471 shall consist, at a minimum, of:

472 a. A university provost selected by the Chancellor of the  
473 State University System;

474 b. A college academic vice president selected by the  
475 Chancellor of the Florida College System;

476 c. The chair, past chair, and chair-elect of the members  
477 council;



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478 d. One university representative selected by the members  
479 council; and

480 e. One college representative selected by the members  
481 council.

482 2. The members council shall consist of one representative  
483 from each state university library and college library who shall  
484 advise the board of directors regarding services and products  
485 offered by the center. The membership of the council may be  
486 expanded to include representatives of other types of libraries  
487 contracting for services through the center as provided in the  
488 bylaws of the center.

489 (3) The center may enter into a contract with a  
490 postsecondary education institution for fiscal services and  
491 administrative support services or may, at the discretion of the  
492 chancellors, provide such services and support internally. The  
493 services and fees charged by the postsecondary education  
494 institution shall be negotiated with the center and may not  
495 exceed the actual cost for providing the services.

496 (4) The center shall maintain an unencumbered balance of 5  
497 percent of the approved operating budget.

498 (5) By June 30, 2013, the Florida Center for Library  
499 Automation and the College Center for Library Automation shall  
500 cease independent operations and all remaining assets and  
501 responsibilities, not otherwise disposed of, shall be  
502 transferred to the center.

503 (6) In order to support academic libraries in fulfilling  
504 their missions, the center shall:

505 (a) Provide services as determined by its board of  
506 directors and authorized by the chancellors. The center shall



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507 develop a menu of core and optional services, including areas  
508 that must be offered to and used by institutions at no charge.

509 (b) Provide for the cost-efficient and cost-effective use  
510 of the technological infrastructure needed to deliver its  
511 services through the acquisition of a next generation library  
512 management system and its associated services, including a  
513 discovery tool. The library management system and discovery tool  
514 shall replace the tools provided to postsecondary academic  
515 libraries by the Florida Center for Library Automation and the  
516 College Center for Library Automation. The center may also  
517 assist member institutions in and through the acquisition or  
518 implementation of other specialized tools and resources in  
519 support of or on behalf of member institutions.

520 (c) Build upon existing opportunities and seek new  
521 opportunities for formal and informal cooperative agreements and  
522 partnerships to foster continuing collaborative action that  
523 leverages institutional and statewide resources.

524 (d) Coordinate the negotiation of statewide licensing and  
525 preferred pricing agreements with content and service providers  
526 that result in cost savings for member institutions pursuant to  
527 s. 1006.72.

528 (e) Have the authority to enter into contracts, issue  
529 purchase orders, and own or lease property and equipment. The  
530 center may secure assistance and services from other state  
531 universities and colleges in order to avail itself of the  
532 necessary expertise and support in the most cost-effective  
533 manner possible.

534 (f) Have the authority, upon recommendation of the board of  
535 directors and approval of the chancellors, to apply for and



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536 accept funds, grants, gifts, and services from local, state, or  
537 federal governments, or from any of their agencies, or any other  
538 public or private source and use such funds to defray  
539 administrative costs and implement programs as may be necessary  
540 to carry out the center's purpose and assist member institutions  
541 and the students, faculty, and staff that the center serves and  
542 supports.

543 Section 17. Subsection (6) of section 1007.33, Florida  
544 Statutes, is amended to read:

545 1007.33 Site-determined baccalaureate degree access.-

546 ~~(6)(a) Beginning July 1, 2010, and each subsequent July 1,~~  
547 ~~the Division of Florida Colleges may accept and review~~  
548 ~~applications from a Florida College System institution to obtain~~  
549 ~~an exemption from the State Board of Education's approval for~~  
550 ~~subsequent degrees as required in subsection (5), if the Florida~~  
551 ~~College System institution is accredited by the Commission on~~  
552 ~~Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as~~  
553 ~~a baccalaureate-degree-granting institution and has been~~  
554 ~~offering baccalaureate degree programs for 3 or more years. The~~  
555 ~~division shall develop criteria for determining eligibility for~~  
556 ~~an exemption based upon demonstrated compliance with the~~  
557 ~~requirements for baccalaureate degrees, primary mission, and~~  
558 ~~fiscal, including, but not limited to:~~

559 ~~1. Obtaining and maintaining appropriate SACS~~  
560 ~~accreditation;~~

561 ~~2. The maintenance of qualified faculty and institutional~~  
562 ~~resources;~~

563 ~~3. The maintenance of enrollment projections in previously~~  
564 ~~approved programs;~~



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- 565           ~~4. The appropriate management of fiscal resources;~~  
566           ~~5. Compliance with the primary mission and responsibility~~  
567 ~~requirements in subsections (2) and (3);~~  
568           ~~6. The timely submission of the institution's annual~~  
569 ~~performance accountability report; and~~  
570           ~~7. Other indicators of success such as program completers,~~  
571 ~~placements, and surveys of students and employers.~~

572           ~~(b) If the Florida College System institution has~~  
573 ~~demonstrated satisfactory progress in fulfilling the eligibility~~  
574 ~~criteria in this subsection, the Division of Florida Colleges~~  
575 ~~may recommend to the State Board of Education that the~~  
576 ~~institution be exempt from the requirement in subsection (5) for~~  
577 ~~approval of future baccalaureate degree programs. The State~~  
578 ~~Board of Education shall review the division's recommendation~~  
579 ~~and determine if an exemption is warranted. If the State Board~~  
580 ~~of Education approves the application, the Florida College~~  
581 ~~System institution is exempt from subsequent program approval~~  
582 ~~under subsection (5) and such authority is delegated to the~~  
583 ~~Florida College System institution board of trustees. If the~~  
584 ~~State Board of Education disapproves of the Florida College~~  
585 ~~System institution's request for an exemption, the college shall~~  
586 ~~continue to be subject to the State Board of Education's~~  
587 ~~approval of subsequent baccalaureate degree programs.~~

588           ~~(a)(e)~~ Prior to developing or proposing a new baccalaureate  
589 degree program, all Florida College System institutions,  
590 ~~regardless of an exemption from subsection (5),~~ shall:

- 591           1. Engage in need, demand, and impact discussions with the  
592 state university in their service district and other local and  
593 regional, accredited postsecondary providers in their region.



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594           2. Send documentation, data, and other information from the  
595 inter-institutional discussions regarding program need, demand,  
596 and impact required in subparagraph 1. to the college's board of  
597 trustees, the Division of Florida Colleges, and the Chancellor  
598 of the State University System.

599           3. Base board of trustees approval of the new program upon  
600 the documentation, data, and other information required in this  
601 paragraph and the factors in subsection (5) (d).

602  
603 The Division of Florida Colleges shall use the documentation,  
604 data, and other information required in this subsection,  
605 including information from the Chancellor of the State  
606 University System, in its compliance review.

607           **(b)**~~(d)~~ The board of trustees of a Florida College System  
608 institution ~~that is exempt from subsection (5)~~ must submit newly  
609 approved programs to the Division of Florida Colleges and SACS  
610 within 30 days after approval.

611           **(c)**~~(e)~~ Within 30 days after receiving the approved  
612 baccalaureate degree program, the Division of Florida Colleges  
613 shall conduct a compliance review and notify the college if the  
614 proposal meets the criteria for implementation based upon the  
615 criteria in paragraphs (5) (d) and **(6) (a)** ~~(6) (e)~~. If the program  
616 fails to meet the criteria for implementation as determined by  
617 the Division of Florida Colleges, the college may not proceed  
618 with implementation of the program until the State Board of  
619 Education reviews the proposal and the compliance materials and  
620 gives its final approval of the program.

621           Section 18. Subsection (3) of section 1009.215, Florida  
622 Statutes, is amended to read:



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623           1009.215 Student enrollment pilot program for the spring  
624 and summer terms.—

625           (3) Students who are enrolled in the pilot program and who  
626 are eligible to receive Bright Futures Scholarships under ss.  
627 1009.53-1009.536 shall be eligible to receive the scholarship  
628 award for attendance during the summer term. A student may not  
629 receive the scholarship award for more than 2 semesters in any  
630 given fiscal year in the spring and summer terms but are not  
631 eligible to receive the scholarship for attendance during the  
632 fall term.

633           Section 19. Subsection (1) of section 1009.25, Florida  
634 Statutes, is amended to read:

635           1009.25 Fee exemptions.—

636           (1) The following students are exempt from the payment of  
637 tuition and fees, including lab fees, at a school district that  
638 provides workforce education ~~postsecondary career programs,~~  
639 Florida College System institution, or state university:

640           (a) A student enrolled in a dual enrollment or early  
641 admission program pursuant to s. 1007.27 or s. 1007.271.

642           (b) A student enrolled in an approved apprenticeship  
643 program, as defined in s. 446.021.

644           (c) A student who is or was at the time he or she reached  
645 18 years of age in the custody of the Department of Children and  
646 Family Services or who, after spending at least 6 months in the  
647 custody of the department after reaching 16 years of age, was  
648 placed in a guardianship by the court. Such exemption includes  
649 fees associated with enrollment in career-preparatory  
650 instruction. The exemption remains valid until the student  
651 reaches 28 years of age.



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652 (d) A student who is or was at the time he or she reached  
653 18 years of age in the custody of a relative under s. 39.5085 or  
654 who was adopted from the Department of Children and Family  
655 Services after May 5, 1997. Such exemption includes fees  
656 associated with enrollment in career-preparatory instruction.  
657 The exemption remains valid until the student reaches 28 years  
658 of age.

659 (e) A student enrolled in an employment and training  
660 program under the welfare transition program. The regional  
661 workforce board shall pay the state university, Florida College  
662 System institution, or school district for costs incurred for  
663 welfare transition program participants.

664 (f) A student who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate  
665 nighttime residence or whose primary nighttime residence is a  
666 public or private shelter designed to provide temporary  
667 residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or a  
668 public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as,  
669 a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

670 (g) A student who is a proprietor, owner, or worker of a  
671 company whose business has been at least 50 percent negatively  
672 financially impacted by the buyout of property around Lake  
673 Apopka by the State of Florida. Such student may receive a fee  
674 exemption only if the student has not received compensation  
675 because of the buyout, the student is designated a Florida  
676 resident for tuition purposes, pursuant to s. 1009.21, and the  
677 student has applied for and been denied financial aid, pursuant  
678 to s. 1009.40, which would have provided, at a minimum, payment  
679 of all student fees. The student is responsible for providing  
680 evidence to the postsecondary education institution verifying





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681 that the conditions of this paragraph have been met, including  
682 supporting documentation provided by the Department of Revenue.  
683 The student must be currently enrolled in, or begin coursework  
684 within, a program area by fall semester 2000. The exemption is  
685 valid for a period of 4 years after the date that the  
686 postsecondary education institution confirms that the conditions  
687 of this paragraph have been met.

688 (h) A student for whom the full program cost is paid by  
689 another party.

690 Section 20. Subsections (2) and (7) of section 1009.286,  
691 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

692 1009.286 Additional student payment for hours exceeding  
693 baccalaureate degree program completion requirements at state  
694 universities.—

695 (2) State universities shall require a student to pay an  
696 excess hour surcharge ~~equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate~~  
697 for each credit hour in excess of ~~115 percent~~ of the number of  
698 credit hours required to complete the baccalaureate degree  
699 program in which the student is enrolled. The excess hour  
700 surcharge shall become effective for students who enter a  
701 Florida College System institution or a state university for the  
702 first time as follows:

703 (a) For the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 academic years, an  
704 excess hour surcharge equal to 50 percent of the tuition rate  
705 for each credit hour in excess of 120 percent;

706 (b) For the 2011-2012 academic year, an excess hour  
707 surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate for each  
708 credit hour in excess of 115 percent; and

709 (c) For the 2012-2013 academic year and thereafter, an



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710 excess hour surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate  
711 for each credit hour in excess of 110 percent.

712 ~~(7) The provisions of this section become effective for~~  
713 ~~students who enter a Florida College System institution or a~~  
714 ~~state university for the first time in the 2011-2012 academic~~  
715 ~~year and thereafter.~~

716 Section 21. Subsections (2) and (7) of section 1009.531,  
717 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

718 1009.531 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
719 student eligibility requirements for initial awards.-

720 (2) (a) For students graduating from high school prior to  
721 the 2010-2011 academic year, a student is eligible to accept an  
722 initial award for 3 years following high school graduation and  
723 to accept a renewal award for 7 years following high school  
724 graduation. A student who applies for an award by high school  
725 graduation and who meets all other eligibility requirements, but  
726 who does not accept his or her award, may reapply during  
727 subsequent application periods up to 3 years after high school  
728 graduation. For a student who enlists in the United States Armed  
729 Forces immediately after completion of high school, the 3-year  
730 eligibility period for his or her initial award shall begin upon  
731 the date of separation from active duty. For a student who is  
732 receiving a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship and discontinues  
733 his or her education to enlist in the United States Armed  
734 Forces, the remainder of his or her 7-year renewal period shall  
735 commence upon the date of separation from active duty.

736 (b) For students graduating from high school in the 2010-  
737 2011 and 2011-2012 academic years ~~year and thereafter~~, a student  
738 is eligible to accept an initial award for 3 years following



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739 high school graduation and to accept a renewal award for 5 years  
740 following high school graduation. A student who applies for an  
741 award by high school graduation and who meets all other  
742 eligibility requirements, but who does not accept his or her  
743 award, may reapply during subsequent application periods up to 3  
744 years after high school graduation. For a student who enlists in  
745 the United States Armed Forces immediately after completion of  
746 high school, the 3-year eligibility period for his or her  
747 initial award and the 5-year renewal period shall begin upon the  
748 date of separation from active duty. For a student who is  
749 receiving a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship award and  
750 discontinues his or her education to enlist in the United States  
751 Armed Forces, the remainder of his or her 5-year renewal period  
752 shall commence upon the date of separation from active duty. If  
753 a course of study is not completed after 5 academic years, an  
754 exception of 1 year to the renewal timeframe may be granted due  
755 to a verifiable illness or other documented emergency pursuant  
756 to s. 1009.40(1)(b)4.

757 (c) For students graduating from high school in the 2012-  
758 2013 academic year and thereafter, a student is eligible to  
759 accept an initial award for 2 years after high school graduation  
760 and to accept a renewal award for 5 years after high school  
761 graduation. A student who applies for an award by high school  
762 graduation and who meets all other eligibility requirements, but  
763 who does not accept his or her award, may reapply during  
764 subsequent application periods up to 2 years after high school  
765 graduation. For a student who enlists in the United States Armed  
766 Forces immediately after the completion of high school, the 2-  
767 year eligibility period for his or her initial award and the 5-



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768 year renewal period shall begin upon the date of separation from  
769 active duty. For a student who is receiving a Florida Bright  
770 Futures Scholarship award and discontinues his or her education  
771 to enlist in the United States Armed Forces, the remainder of  
772 his or her 5-year renewal period shall begin upon the date of  
773 separation from active duty. If a course of study is not  
774 completed after 5 academic years, an exception of 1 year to the  
775 renewal timeframe may be granted due to a verifiable illness or  
776 other documented emergency pursuant to s. 1009.40(1)(b)4.

777 (7) To be eligible for an initial and for each renewal  
778 award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, a  
779 student must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
780 which is complete and error free prior to disbursement of funds.  
781 The department may provide an alternate form for use by students  
782 who do not choose to submit a Free Application for Federal  
783 Student Aid. The alternate form shall provide the appropriate  
784 information, including, but not limited to, information  
785 regarding funds and assets.

786 Section 22. Subsection (3) of section 1009.532, Florida  
787 Statutes, is amended to read:

788 1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
789 student eligibility requirements for renewal awards.-

790 (3)(a) A student who is initially eligible prior to the  
791 2010-2011 academic year and is enrolled in a program that  
792 terminates in an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree may  
793 receive an award for a maximum of 110 percent of the number of  
794 credit hours required to complete the program. A student who is  
795 enrolled in a program that terminates in a career certificate  
796 may receive an award for a maximum of 110 percent of the credit



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797 hours or clock hours required to complete the program up to 90  
798 credit hours.

799 (b) For a student who is initially eligible in the 2010-  
800 2011 and 2011-2012 academic years term and thereafter, the  
801 student may receive an award for a maximum of 100 percent of the  
802 number of credit hours required to complete an associate degree  
803 program or a baccalaureate degree program, or the student may  
804 receive an award for a maximum of 100 percent of the credit  
805 hours or clock hours required to complete up to 90 credit hours  
806 of a program that terminates in a career certificate.

807 (c) For a student who is initially eligible in the 2012-  
808 2013 academic year and thereafter, the student may receive an  
809 award for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours  
810 required to complete an associate degree program or a  
811 baccalaureate degree program. A student may earn a Florida Gold  
812 Seal Vocational Scholarship for a maximum of 100 percent of the  
813 credit hours or equivalent clock hours as provided in s.  
814 1009.536(4)(c). A student who transfers from one of these  
815 program levels to another becomes eligible for the higher of the  
816 two credit hour limits.

817 Section 23. Subsection (5) of section 1009.534, Florida  
818 Statutes, is amended to read:

819 1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award.—

820 (5) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (4), a Florida  
821 Academic Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount  
822 specified in the General Appropriations Act. The Legislature may  
823 provide in the General Appropriations Act an additional  
824 supplement for upper-division courses in the fields of science,  
825 technology, engineering, and mathematics.



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826           Section 24. Subsection (4) of section 1009.535, Florida  
827 Statutes, is amended to read:

828           1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholars award.—

829           (4) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a Florida Medallion  
830 Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount specified  
831 in the General Appropriations Act. The Legislature may provide  
832 in the General Appropriations Act an additional supplement for  
833 upper-division courses in the fields of science, technology,  
834 engineering, and mathematics.

835           Section 25. Section 1009.536, Florida Statutes, is amended  
836 to read:

837           1009.536 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award.—The  
838 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award is created within  
839 the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to recognize and  
840 reward academic achievement and career preparation by high  
841 school students who wish to continue their education.

842           (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Gold Seal  
843 Vocational Scholars award if the student meets the general  
844 eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures  
845 Scholarship Program and the student:

846           (a) Completes the secondary school portion of a sequential  
847 program of studies that requires at least three secondary school  
848 career credits ~~taken over at least 2 academic years, and is~~  
849 ~~continued in a planned, related postsecondary education program.~~  
850 ~~If the student's school does not offer such a two plus two or~~  
851 ~~tech-prep program, the student must complete a job-preparatory~~  
852 ~~career education program selected by Workforce Florida, Inc.,~~  
853 ~~for its ability to provide high-wage employment in an occupation~~  
854 ~~with high potential for employment opportunities. On-the-job~~



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855 ~~training may not be substituted for any of the three required~~  
856 ~~career credits.~~

857 (b) Demonstrates readiness for postsecondary education by  
858 earning a passing score on the Florida College Entry Level  
859 Placement Test or its equivalent as identified by the Department  
860 of Education.

861 (c) Earns a minimum cumulative weighted grade point average  
862 of 3.0, as calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, on all subjects  
863 required for a standard high school diploma, excluding elective  
864 courses.

865 (d) Earns a minimum unweighted grade point average of 3.5  
866 on a 4.0 scale for secondary career courses comprising the  
867 career program.

868 (e) Beginning with high school students graduating in the  
869 2011-2012 academic year and thereafter, completes a program of  
870 community service work approved by the district school board or  
871 the administrators of a nonpublic school, which shall include a  
872 minimum of 30 hours of service work, and identifies a social  
873 problem that interests him or her, develops a plan for his or  
874 her personal involvement in addressing the problem, and, through  
875 papers or other presentations, evaluates and reflects upon his  
876 or her experience.

877 (2) A Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar is eligible for  
878 an award equal to the amount specified in the General  
879 Appropriations Act ~~required to pay 75 percent of tuition and~~  
880 ~~fees, if the student is enrolled in a public postsecondary~~  
881 ~~education institution. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic~~  
882 ~~postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award~~  
883 ~~equal to the amount that would be required to pay 75 percent of~~



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884 ~~the tuition and mandatory fees of a public postsecondary~~  
885 ~~education institution at the comparable level.~~

886 (3) To be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida Gold  
887 Seal Vocational Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent  
888 of a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale with  
889 an opportunity for restoration one time as provided in this  
890 chapter.

891 (4) (a) A student who is initially eligible before the 2010-  
892 2011 academic year may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational  
893 Scholarship for 110 percent of the number of credit hours  
894 required to complete the program, up to 90 credit hours or the  
895 equivalent.

896 (b) For a student who is initially eligible in the 2010-  
897 2011 and 2011-2012 academic terms ~~term and thereafter~~, the  
898 student may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship for  
899 100 percent of the number of credit hours required to complete  
900 the program, up to 90 credit hours or the equivalent.

901 (c) For a student who is initially eligible in the 2012-  
902 2013 academic term and thereafter, the student may earn a  
903 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship for up to 100 percent  
904 of the number of credit hours or equivalent clock hours required  
905 to complete one of the following programs:

906 1. Up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours in an  
907 applied technology diploma program as defined in s. 1004.02(8);

908 2. Up to 72 credit hours in a technology degree education  
909 program as defined in s. 1004.02(14); and

910 3. Up to the prescribed number of credit hours or  
911 equivalent clocks hours, not to exceed 72, required for a career  
912 certificate program as defined in s.1004.02(21).





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913           ~~(5) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a Florida Gold Seal~~  
914 ~~Vocational Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount~~  
915 ~~specified in the General Appropriations Act.~~

916           Section 26. Present subsection (7) of section 1009.60,  
917 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (8), and a new  
918 subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:

919           1009.60 Minority teacher education scholars program.—There  
920 is created the minority teacher education scholars program,  
921 which is a collaborative performance-based scholarship program  
922 for African-American, Hispanic-American, Asian-American, and  
923 Native American students. The participants in the program  
924 include Florida's Florida College System institutions and its  
925 public and private universities that have teacher education  
926 programs.

927           (7) The Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc., shall use  
928 a contingency collections agency to collect repayments of  
929 defaulted scholarships.

930           Section 27. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
931 1009.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

932           1009.605 Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.—

933           (2)

934           (b) The corporation shall report to the Department of  
935 Education, by the date established by the department, the  
936 eligible students to whom scholarship moneys are disbursed each  
937 academic term, the annual balance of the corporation's assets  
938 and cash reserves, and any other information requested by the  
939 department in accordance with s. 1009.94. By June 30 of each  
940 fiscal year, the corporation shall remit to the department any  
941 appropriated funds that were not distributed for scholarships,



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942 less the 5 percent for administration, including administration  
943 of the required training program, authorized pursuant to  
944 subsection (3).

945 Section 28. Section 1010.30, Florida Statutes, is amended  
946 to read:

947 1010.30 Audits required.—

948 (1) School districts, Florida College System institutions,  
949 and other institutions and agencies under the supervision of the  
950 State Board of Education and state universities under the  
951 supervision of the Board of Governors are subject to the audit  
952 provisions under ss. 11.45 and 218.39.

953 (2) If an audit contains a significant finding, the  
954 district school board, the Florida College System institution  
955 board of trustees, or the university board of trustees shall  
956 conduct an audit overview during a public meeting.

957 Section 29. Subsection (2) of section 1012.83, Florida  
958 Statutes, is amended to read:

959 1012.83 Contracts with administrative and instructional  
960 staff.—

961 (2) Each contract or employment agreement, or renewal or  
962 renegotiation of an existing contract or employment agreement,  
963 containing a provision for severance pay with an officer, agent,  
964 employee, or contractor must include the provisions required in  
965 s. 215.425. A Florida College System institution board of  
966 trustees may not enter into an employment contract that requires  
967 the Florida College System institution to pay an employee an  
968 amount from appropriated state funds in excess of 1 year of the  
969 employee's annual salary for termination, buyout, or any other  
970 type of contract settlement. This subsection does not prohibit



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971 ~~the payment of leave and benefits accrued by the employee in~~  
972 ~~accordance with the Florida College System institution's leave~~  
973 ~~and benefits policies before the contract terminates.~~

974 Section 30. Notwithstanding the 5 percent limitation  
975 provided in s. 1010.62(2)(a), Florida Statutes, the University  
976 of Florida is authorized to use revenues derived from the  
977 activity and service fee to pay and secure debt in an amount not  
978 to exceed \$2.55 per credit hour to finance the renovation and  
979 expansion of the university's J. Wayne Reitz Union.

980 Section 31. The Higher Education Coordinating Council,  
981 created pursuant to s. 1004.015, Florida Statutes, shall review  
982 and evaluate the current higher education governance structure  
983 in this state and shall make recommendations to the Legislature  
984 regarding potential revisions to the higher education delivery  
985 system to improve student services, access, affordability, and  
986 accountability. At a minimum, the council shall consider  
987 academics, fiscal efficiencies, and regional demographics. The  
988 council shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
989 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
990 House of Representatives.

991 Section 32. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

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993 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

994 And the title is amended as follows:

995 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
996 and insert:

997 A bill to be entitled  
998 An act relating to postsecondary education; amending  
999 s. 11.45, F.S.; requiring that the Auditor General



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1000 notify the Legislative Auditing Committee of any  
1001 financial or operational audit report indicating that  
1002 a state university or state college has failed to take  
1003 full corrective action in response to recommendations  
1004 in previous audit reports; authorizing the committee  
1005 to direct the governing body of the state university  
1006 or state college to provide a written statement  
1007 explaining why full corrective action has not been  
1008 taken or notifying that it intends to take full  
1009 corrective action; requiring that a hearing be held if  
1010 the committee determines that the state university or  
1011 state college has, without justification, failed to  
1012 take full corrective action; amending s. 287.057,  
1013 F.S.; deleting a provision that exempts from  
1014 competitive-solicitation requirements training and  
1015 education services for injured employees, to conform  
1016 to changes made by the act; amending s. 402.7305,  
1017 F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s.  
1018 413.011, F.S.; revising the duties of the Division of  
1019 Blind Services within the Department of Education;  
1020 requiring that Daytona State College be given priority  
1021 for the use of available property located in Daytona  
1022 Beach which is no longer needed by the division;  
1023 requiring prior approval by the Division of Blind  
1024 Services and the Division of State Lands within the  
1025 Department of Environmental Protection for the future  
1026 construction of facilities not related to programs  
1027 under the Division of Blind Services; amending s.  
1028 427.0135, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending



1029 s. 440.15, F.S.; revising provisions to conform to  
1030 changes made by the act; repealing s. 440.33(3), F.S.,  
1031 relating to provisions that authorize a judge of  
1032 compensation claims to request an evaluation pursuant  
1033 to s. 440.491, F.S., to conform to changes made by the  
1034 act; repealing s. 440.491, F.S., relating to the  
1035 reemployment of injured workers and rehabilitation;  
1036 amending s. 440.50, F.S.; revising provisions to  
1037 conform to changes made by the act; amending s.  
1038 1001.02, F.S.; requiring that the State Board of  
1039 Education delegate to the Division of Florida Colleges  
1040 oversight responsibility for certain Florida College  
1041 System institutions; amending s. 1001.64, F.S.;  
1042 requiring that each contract or employment agreement,  
1043 or renewal or renegotiation of an existing contract or  
1044 employment agreement, containing a provision for  
1045 severance pay include certain provisions; requiring  
1046 that each board of trustees enter into consortia and  
1047 cooperative agreements; providing that a consortium or  
1048 cooperative agreement may be statewide, regional, or a  
1049 combination of institutions, as appropriate to achieve  
1050 the lowest cost; amending s. 1001.706, F.S.; requiring  
1051 that the Board of Governors adopt regulations  
1052 requiring universities to enter into consortia and  
1053 cooperative agreements; authorizing the Board of  
1054 Governors to approve the transfer between institutions  
1055 of unused budget authority from the Education/General  
1056 Student and Other Fees Trust Fund; revising provisions  
1057 relating to employment contracts with the Board of



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1058           Governors; requiring that each contract or employment  
1059           agreement, or renewal or renegotiation of an existing  
1060           contract or employment agreement, containing a  
1061           provision for severance pay include certain  
1062           provisions; creating s. 1004.092, F.S.; establishing  
1063           the Florida Degree Consortium by merging the Florida  
1064           Distance Learning Consortium, the computer-assisted  
1065           student advising system, and the degree completion  
1066           pilot program; providing a purpose; requiring that the  
1067           Chancellor of the State University System and the  
1068           Chancellor of the Florida College System jointly  
1069           oversee the implementation of the Florida Degree  
1070           Consortium; creating s. 1004.093, F.S.; creating the  
1071           degree completion pilot program; providing a purpose;  
1072           requiring that the Chancellor of the State University  
1073           System and the Chancellor of the Florida College  
1074           System jointly oversee the implementation of the pilot  
1075           program; defining the term "adult learner"; providing  
1076           that priority attention be given to adult learners who  
1077           are veterans and active-duty servicemembers; providing  
1078           for implementation and requirements of the pilot  
1079           program; requiring that the chancellors submit a  
1080           detailed project plan to the Legislature by a  
1081           specified date; creating s. 1004.935, F.S.;  
1082           establishing the Adults with Disabilities Workforce  
1083           Education Pilot Program for a specified period in  
1084           certain counties; providing a purpose; providing  
1085           eligibility requirements for participation in the  
1086           program; providing a definition for the term "student



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1087 with a disability" for purposes of the pilot program;  
1088 providing requirements for providers of supported  
1089 employment services and private schools to participate  
1090 in the pilot program; providing notice requirements  
1091 for students who are accepted into the pilot program;  
1092 providing funding; requiring that the Chief Financial  
1093 Officer make scholarship payments; requiring that the  
1094 Department of Education request from the Department of  
1095 Financial Services a sample of endorsed warrants after  
1096 each scholarship payment; creating s. 1006.73, F.S.;  
1097 establishing the Florida Education Library Resource  
1098 Center; providing a purpose; requiring that the  
1099 Chancellor of the State University System and the  
1100 Chancellor of the Florida College System jointly  
1101 govern and oversee the center; providing for  
1102 membership; authorizing the center to enter into  
1103 contracts with postsecondary education institutions  
1104 for certain support services; requiring that the  
1105 Florida Center for Library Automation and the College  
1106 Center for Library Automation cease independent  
1107 operations by a specified date; providing for all  
1108 remaining assets and responsibilities to be  
1109 transferred to the center; providing authority and  
1110 duties of the center; amending s. 1007.33, F.S.;  
1111 deleting provisions providing a procedure for a  
1112 Florida College System institution to apply for an  
1113 exemption from certain requirements for approval of  
1114 additional baccalaureate degree programs; amending s.  
1115 1009.215, F.S.; providing that students who are



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1116 enrolled in the student enrollment pilot program and  
1117 who are eligible to receive Bright Futures  
1118 Scholarships may receive the scholarship award during  
1119 the summer term; prohibiting a student from receiving  
1120 the scholarship award for more than 2 semesters in any  
1121 given fiscal year; amending s. 1009.25, F.S.; revising  
1122 provisions relating to exemptions from the payment of  
1123 tuition and fees at a school district that provides  
1124 workforce education for certain students; providing  
1125 such exemption for a student for whom the full program  
1126 cost is paid by another party; amending s. 1009.286,  
1127 F.S.; requiring that state universities require each  
1128 student to pay an excess hour surcharge; providing for  
1129 application; amending s. 1009.531, F.S.; revising  
1130 provisions relating to student eligibility for Florida  
1131 Bright Futures Scholarships; providing that certain  
1132 students are eligible to accept an initial award and a  
1133 renewal award for a specified period after high school  
1134 graduation; providing exceptions; authorizing the  
1135 Department of Education to provide an alternate form  
1136 to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for  
1137 purposes of eligibility under the Florida Bright  
1138 Futures Scholarship Program; amending s. 1009.532,  
1139 F.S.; revising provisions relating to student  
1140 eligibility requirements for renewal awards of a  
1141 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship; providing that  
1142 certain students may receive an award for a maximum  
1143 percentage of the number of credit hours required to  
1144 complete an associate degree program or a





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1145           baccalaureate degree program; providing that a student  
1146           may receive a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship  
1147           award for a maximum percentage of the credit hours or  
1148           equivalent clock hours; amending ss. 1009.534 and  
1149           1009.535, F.S.; authorizing the Legislature to provide  
1150           an additional supplement in the General Appropriations  
1151           Act for upper-division courses in the fields of  
1152           science, technology, engineering, and mathematics for  
1153           the Florida Academic Scholars and Florida Medallion  
1154           Scholars awards; amending s. 1009.536, F.S.; revising  
1155           the eligibility requirements for receiving a Florida  
1156           Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award; providing that a  
1157           Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar is eligible for  
1158           an award equal to the amount specified in the General  
1159           Appropriations Act; providing that certain students  
1160           may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship  
1161           for up to a specified percentage of the credit hours  
1162           or equivalent clock hours required to complete an  
1163           applied technology diploma program, a technology  
1164           degree program, or a career certificate program;  
1165           amending s. 1009.60, F.S.; requiring that the Florida  
1166           Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc., use a contingency  
1167           collections agency to collect repayments of defaulted  
1168           scholarships awarded through the minority teacher  
1169           education scholars program; amending s. 1009.605,  
1170           F.S.; requiring that the Florida Fund for Minority  
1171           Teachers, Inc., report the annual balance of the  
1172           corporation's assets and cash reserves to the  
1173           Department of Education; amending s. 1010.30, F.S.;



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1174 requiring that the district school board, the Florida  
1175 College System institution board of trustees, or the  
1176 university board of trustees conduct an audit overview  
1177 during a public meeting if an audit contains  
1178 significant findings; amending s. 1012.83, F.S.;  
1179 revising provisions relating to employment contracts  
1180 with Florida College System institutions; requiring  
1181 that each contract or employment agreement, or renewal  
1182 or renegotiation of an existing contract or employment  
1183 agreement, containing a provision for severance pay  
1184 include certain provisions; authorizing the University  
1185 of Florida to use revenues from the activity and  
1186 service fee to finance the renovation and expansion of  
1187 the university's J. Wayne Reitz Union; requiring that  
1188 the Higher Education Coordinating Council review and  
1189 evaluate the current higher education governance  
1190 structure in this state and make recommendations to  
1191 the Legislature for potential revisions to the higher  
1192 education delivery system; requiring that the council  
1193 report its findings and recommendations to the  
1194 Governor and Legislature; providing an effective date.