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2 An act relating to postsecondary education funding; 3 amending s. 282.201, F.S.; conforming provisions to 4 changes made by the act; amending s. 1000.21, F.S.; 5 revising the name of South Florida Community College; 6 providing for contingent effect; amending s. 1001.706, 7 F.S.; authorizing the Board of Governors to transfer 8 certain funds between state universities; amending s. 9 1001.73, F.S.; providing a restriction on the transfer 10 of certain funds by a state university board of 11 trustees; providing procedures for additional transfer of funds; amending s. 1003.4156, F.S.; conforming 12 provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 13 14 1004.09, F.S., relating to the Florida Higher 15 Education Distance Learning Catalog; repealing s. 16 1004.091, F.S., relating to the Florida Distance Learning Consortium; amending ss. 1004.39, 1004.40, 17 and 1006.72, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes 18 19 made by the act; creating s. 1006.73, F.S.; 20 establishing the Florida Virtual Campus to provide 21 access to online student and library support services 22 and to serve as a statewide resource and clearinghouse 23 for technology-based public postsecondary education 24 distance learning courses and degree programs; 25 requiring the Florida Virtual Campus to develop and 26 manage a library information portal and automated 27 library management tools, to develop and manage an 28 Internet-based catalog of distance learning courses, Page 1 of 51

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29 to implement an online admissions application process 30 for transient students, to develop and manage a 31 computer-assisted student advising system, to license 32 and acquire electronic library resources, to promote and provide recommendations concerning the use and 33 34 distribution of open-access textbooks, to provide help 35 desk support to institutions and students, and to 36 identify and evaluate new technologies and 37 instructional methods; providing for the transfer of assets and liabilities of the Florida Distance 38 39 Learning Consortium, the Florida Center for Library Automation, the College Center for Library Automation, 40 and FACTS.org to the Florida Virtual Campus; requiring 41 42 recommendations to the Legislature; creating s. 43 1006.735, F.S.; requiring the Florida Virtual Campus 44 to collaborate with specified postsecondary educational institutions to implement the Degree 45 Completion Pilot Project to recruit, recover, and 46 47 retain adult learners and assist them in completing 48 degrees aligned to high-wage, high-skill workforce 49 needs; specifying components of the pilot project and 50 the tuition and fee structure to be used; requiring 51 the Florida Virtual Campus to submit a project plan to the Legislature; amending s. 1007.01, F.S.; conforming 52 53 a cross-reference; amending s. 1007.27, F.S.; 54 conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 1007.28, F.S., relating to a computer-55 56 assisted student advising system; amending s. Page 2 of 51

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57 1009.215, F.S.; revising provisions relating to scholarship awards under a student enrollment pilot 58 59 program for the spring and summer terms; amending ss. 60 1009.23 and 1009.24, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1009.286, F.S., 61 62 relating to additional student payment for credit 63 hours exceeding baccalaureate degree program 64 completion requirements; including reference to 65 Florida College System institutions offering 66 baccalaureate degree programs; revising criteria for 67 the excess credit hour surcharge; amending ss. 1009.531 and 1009.532, F.S.; revising eligibility 68 requirements for initial and renewal awards under the 69 70 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; amending ss. 1009.534, 1009.535, and 1009.536, F.S.; revising 71 provisions relating to the amount of a Florida 72 73 Academic Scholars award, a Florida Medallion Scholars 74 award, and a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars 75 award; revising student eligibility requirements for renewal awards; providing that a student may earn a 76 77 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship for credit 78 hours or equivalent clock hours to complete an applied 79 technology diploma program, a technical degree 80 education program, or a career certificate program; amending s. 1009.60, F.S.; providing a duty of the 81 82 Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc., relating to 83 collections under the minority teacher education 84 scholars program; amending s. 1009.605, F.S.;

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85 providing a duty of the Florida Fund for Minority 86 Teachers, Inc., relating to reporting; amending s. 87 1009.70, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the 88 Florida Education Fund; authorizing the Legislature to 89 appropriate funds and providing the basis for matched 90 funding and expenditures; requiring the fund to 91 provide the Department of Education with its financial 92 statement and annual report; revising the names of 93 certain fellowship programs; providing requirements 94 for the award of scholarships; deleting the legal 95 education component of the fund which includes a law and pre-law program; amending ss. 1009.72 and 1009.73, 96 97 F.S.; revising requirements for matching funds under 98 the Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant Program and 99 the Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship Program; amending 100 s. 1011.80, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the 101 reporting for funding purposes of certain students who 102 are coenrolled in a K-12 education program and an 103 adult education program; amending s. 1012.885, F.S.; 104 extending provisions relating to remuneration of 105 Florida College System institution presidents; 106 reenacting and amending s. 1012.886, F.S.; delaying the expiration of provisions relating to the 107 108 remuneration of Florida College System institution 109 administrative employees; amending s. 1012.975, F.S.; extending provisions relating to remuneration of state 110 111 university presidents; reenacting and amending s. 1012.976, F.S.; delaying the expiration of provisions 112 Page 4 of 51

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| 113 | relating to the remuneration of state university |
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| 114 | administrative employees; providing effective dates. |
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| 116 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: |
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| 118 | Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section |
| 119 | 282.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: |
| 120 | 282.201 State data center system; agency duties and |
| 121 | limitations.—A state data center system that includes all |
| 122 | primary data centers, other nonprimary data centers, and |
| 123 | computing facilities, and that provides an enterprise |
| 124 | information technology service as defined in s. 282.0041, is |
| 125 | established. |
| 126 | (4) SCHEDULE FOR CONSOLIDATIONS OF AGENCY DATA CENTERS |
| 127 | (b) By December 31, 2011, the following shall be |
| 128 | consolidated into the Northwest Regional Data Center: |
| 129 | 1. The Department of Education's Knott Data Center in the |
| 130 | Turlington Building. |
| 131 | 2. The Department of Education's Division of Vocational |
| 132 | Rehabilitation. |
| 133 | 3. The Department of Education's Division of Blind |
| 134 | Services, except for the division's disaster recovery site in |
| 135 | Daytona Beach. |
| 136 | 4. The FCAT Explorer. |
| 137 | 5. FACTS.org. |
| 138 | Section 2. Effective upon the institution receiving |
| 139 | accreditation of its baccalaureate degree programs by the |
| 140 | Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges |
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2012 141 and Schools, paragraph (z) of subsection (3) of section 1000.21, 142 Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1000.21 Systemwide definitions.-As used in the Florida K-143 20 Education Code: 144 145 (3) "Florida College System institution" except as 146 otherwise specifically provided, includes all of the following 147 public postsecondary educational institutions in the Florida 148 College System and any branch campuses, centers, or other affiliates of the institution: 149 South Florida State Community College, which serves 150 (Z) 151 DeSoto, Hardee, and Highlands Counties. 152 Section 3. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (4) of 153 section 1001.706, Florida Statutes, to read: 154 1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.-(4) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO FINANCE. 155 156 (e) The Board of Governors may transfer unused 157 appropriations from the Education/General Student and Other Fees 158 Trust Fund, pursuant to s. 1011.4106(2), between institutions. 159 Section 4. Subsection (5) is added to section 1001.73, 160 Florida Statutes, to read: 161 1001.73 University board empowered to act as trustee.-162 (5) A board of trustees of a state university may not 163 transfer in excess of \$1 million in funds that are appropriated 164 to the state university in the General Revenue Fund, the 165 Educational Enhancement Trust Fund, and the Education/General 166 Student and Other Fees Trust Fund between the Education and 167 General Activities category and other program categories. A board of trustees may request additional transfer authority from 168

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169 the Board of Governors. Upon approval of the additional transfer 170 authority by the Board of Governors, the Board of Governors may 171 request a budget amendment to transfer appropriations for a 172 state university between categories in excess of \$1 million. 173 Such transfers are subject to review and approval by the 174 Legislative Budget Commission. 175 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 176 1003.4156, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 177 1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades 178 promotion.-Promotion from a school composed of middle grades 6, 179 (1)180 7, and 8 requires that: The student must successfully complete academic 181 (a) 182 courses as follows: Three middle school or higher courses in English. These 183 1. 184 courses shall emphasize literature, composition, and technical 185 text. 186 2. Three middle school or higher courses in mathematics. 187 Each middle school must offer at least one high school level 188 mathematics course for which students may earn high school 189 credit. Successful completion of a high school level Algebra I 190 or geometry course is not contingent upon the student's 191 performance on the end-of-course assessment required under s. 192 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I). However, beginning with the 2011-2012 193 school year, to earn high school credit for an Algebra I course, 194 a middle school student must pass the Algebra I end-of-course assessment, and beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, to 195 196 earn high school credit for a geometry course, a middle school Page 7 of 51

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197 student must pass the geometry end-of-course assessment.

198 3. Three middle school or higher courses in social 199 studies, one semester of which must include the study of state 200 and federal government and civics education. Beginning with 201 students entering grade 6 in the 2012-2013 school year, one of 202 these courses must be at least a one-semester civics education 203 course that a student successfully completes in accordance with 204 s. 1008.22(3)(c) and that includes the roles and 205 responsibilities of federal, state, and local governments; the 206 structures and functions of the legislative, executive, and 207 judicial branches of government; and the meaning and 208 significance of historic documents, such as the Articles of 209 Confederation, the Declaration of Independence, and the 210 Constitution of the United States.

4. Three middle school or higher courses in science.
Successful completion of a high school level Biology I course is
not contingent upon the student's performance on the end-ofcourse assessment required under s. 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(II).
However, beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, to earn high
school credit for a Biology I course, a middle school student
must pass the Biology I end-of-course assessment.

218 5. One course in career and education planning to be 219 completed in 7th or 8th grade. The course may be taught by any 220 member of the instructional staff; must include career 221 exploration using Florida CHOICES or a comparable cost-effective program; must include educational planning using the online 222 223 student advising system established pursuant to s. 1006.73 known 224 Florida Academic Counseling and Tracking for Students at the Page 8 of 51

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225 Internet website FACTS.org; and shall result in the completion 226 of a personalized academic and career plan. The required 227 personalized academic and career plan must inform students of 228 high school graduation requirements, high school assessment and 229 college entrance test requirements, Florida Bright Futures 230 Scholarship Program requirements, state university and Florida 231 College System institution admission requirements, and programs 232 through which a high school student can earn college credit, 233 including Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, 234 Advanced International Certificate of Education, dual 235 enrollment, career academy opportunities, and courses that lead 236 to national industry certification.

238 A student with a disability, as defined in s. 1007.02(2), for 239 whom the individual education plan team determines that an end-240 of-course assessment cannot accurately measure the student's 241 abilities, taking into consideration all allowable 242 accommodations, shall have the end-of-course assessment results 243 waived for purposes of determining the student's course grade 244 and completing the requirements for middle grades promotion. 245 Each school must hold a parent meeting either in the evening or 246 on a weekend to inform parents about the course curriculum and 247 activities. Each student shall complete an electronic personal 248 education plan that must be signed by the student; the student's instructor, guidance counselor, or academic advisor; and the 249 250 student's parent. The Department of Education shall develop 251 course frameworks and professional development materials for the 252 career exploration and education planning course. The course may Page 9 of 51

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| 253 | be implemented as a stand-alone course or integrated into |
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| 254 | another course or courses. The Commissioner of Education shall |
| 255 | collect longitudinal high school course enrollment data by |
| 256 | student ethnicity in order to analyze course-taking patterns. |
| 257 | Section 6. Section 1004.09, Florida Statutes, is repealed. |
| 258 | Section 7. Section 1004.091, Florida Statutes, is |
| 259 | repealed. |
| 260 | Section 8. Subsection (5) of section 1004.39, Florida |
| 261 | Statutes, is amended to read: |
| 262 | 1004.39 College of law at Florida International |
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| 264 | (5) The Florida International University Board of Trustees |
| 265 | and the Board of Governors may accept grants, donations, gifts, |
| 266 | and moneys available for this purpose, including moneys for |
| 267 | planning and constructing the college. The Florida International |
| 268 | University Board of Trustees may procure and accept any federal |
| 269 | funds that are available for the planning, creation, and |
| 270 | establishment of the college of law. If the American Bar |
| 271 | Association or any other nationally recognized association for |
| 272 | the accreditation of colleges of law issues a third disapproval |
| 273 | of an application for provisional approval or for full approval |
| 274 | or fails to grant, within 5 years following the graduation of |
| 275 | the first class, a provisional approval, to the college of law |
| 276 | at Florida International University, the Board of Governors |
| 277 | shall make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature |
| 278 | as to whether the college of law will cease operations at the |
| 279 | end of the full academic year subsequent to the receipt by the |
| 280 | college of law of any such third disapproval, or whether the |
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281 college of law will continue operations and any conditions for 282 continued operations. If the college of law ceases operations 283 pursuant to this section, the following conditions apply:

284 The authority for the college of law at Florida (a) 285 International University and the authority of the Florida 286 International University Board of Trustees and the Board of 287 Governors provided in this section shall terminate upon the 288 cessation of operations of the college of law at Florida 289 International University. The college of law at Florida International University shall receive no moneys allocated for 290 291 the planning, construction, or operation of the college of law 292 after its cessation of operations other than moneys to be 293 expended for the cessation of operations of the college of law. 294 Any moneys allocated to the college of law at Florida 295 International University not expended prior to or scheduled to 296 be expended after the date of the cessation of the college of 297 law shall be appropriated for other use by the Legislature of 298 the State of Florida.

(b) Any buildings of the college of law at Florida
International University constructed from the expenditure of
capital outlay funds appropriated by the Legislature shall be
owned by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust
Fund and managed by the Florida International University Board
of Trustees upon the cessation of the college of law.

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306 Nothing in this section shall undermine commitments to current 307 students receiving support as of the date of the enactment of

308 this section from the law school scholarship program of the

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309 Florida Education Fund as provided in s. 1009.70(8). Students 310 attending the college of law at Florida International University 311 shall be eligible for financial, academic, or other support from 312 the Florida Education Fund as provided in s. 1009.70(8) without 313 the college's obtaining accreditation by the American Bar 314 Association.

315 Section 9. Subsection (5) of section 1004.40, Florida 316 Statutes, is amended to read:

317 1004.40 College of law at Florida Agricultural and
318 Mechanical University.-

319 (5) The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University 320 Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors may accept grants, 321 donations, gifts, and moneys available for this purpose, 322 including moneys for planning and constructing the college. The 323 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees 324 may procure and accept any federal funds that are available for 325 the planning, creation, and establishment of the college of law. 326 If the American Bar Association or any other nationally 327 recognized association for the accreditation of colleges of law 328 issues a third disapproval of an application for provisional 329 approval or for full approval or fails to grant, within 5 years 330 following the graduation of the first class, a provisional 331 approval, to the college of law at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, the Board of Governors shall make 332 333 recommendations to the Governor and Legislature as to whether 334 the college of law will cease operations at the end of the full academic year subsequent to the receipt by the college of law of 335 336 any such third disapproval, or whether the college of law will

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337 continue operations and any conditions for continued operations.
338 If the college of law ceases operations of the college of law
339 pursuant to this section, the following conditions apply:

The authority for the college of law at Florida 340 (a) 341 Agricultural and Mechanical University and the authority of the 342 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees 343 and the Board of Governors provided in this section shall 344 terminate upon the cessation of operations of the college of law 345 at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. The college 346 of law at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University shall 347 receive no moneys allocated for the planning, construction, or 348 operation of the college of law after its cessation of 349 operations other than moneys to be expended for the cessation of 350 operations of the college of law. Any moneys allocated to the 351 college of law at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University 352 not expended prior to or scheduled to be expended after the date 353 of the cessation of the college of law shall be appropriated for 354 other use by the Legislature of the State of Florida.

(b) Any buildings of the college of law at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University constructed from the expenditure of capital outlay funds appropriated by the Legislature shall be owned by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund and managed by the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees upon the cessation of the college of law.

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363 Nothing in this section shall undermine commitments to current 364 students receiving support as of the date of the enactment of Page 13 of 51

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365 this section from the law school scholarship program of the 366 Florida Education Fund as provided in s. 1009.70(8). Students 367 attending the college of law at Florida Agricultural and 368 Mechanical University shall be eligible for financial, academic, 369 or other support from the Florida Education Fund as provided in 370 s. 1009.70(8) without the college's obtaining accreditation by 371 the American Bar Association.

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 Subsections (2), (4), (5), (6), and (7) of

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 section 1006.72, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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1006.72 Licensing electronic library resources.-

375 (2)PROCESS TO IDENTIFY RESOURCES.-Library staff from 376 Florida College System institutions, state universities, school districts, and public libraries shall implement a process that 377 378 annually identifies the electronic library resources for each of 379 the core categories established in this section. To the extent 380 possible, the Florida Virtual Campus Center for Library 381 Automation, the College Center for Library Automation, and the 382 Division of Library and Information Services within the 383 Department of State shall jointly coordinate this annual 384 process.

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION CORE RESOURCES.-For purposes 385 (4) 386 of licensing electronic library resources required by both the 387 Florida Center for Library Automation and the College Center for 388 Library Automation from funds appropriated to the Florida Virtual Campus centers, Florida College System institution and 389 state university library staff shall identify the postsecondary 390 education core resources that will be available to all public 391 392 postsecondary education students.

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393 (5) FOUR-YEAR DEGREE CORE RESOURCES.-For purposes of 394 licensing electronic library resources beyond the postsecondary 395 education core resources by the Florida Virtual Campus Center 396 for Library Automation from funds appropriated to the campus 397 center, state university library staff, in consultation with 398 Florida College System institution library staff, shall identify 399 the 4-year degree core resources that will be available to all 400 4-year degree-seeking students in the State University System 401 and the Florida College System. The Florida Virtual Campus 402 Center for Library Automation shall include in the negotiated pricing model any Florida College System institution interested 403 404 in licensing a resource.

405 (6) TWO-YEAR DEGREE CORE RESOURCES.-For purposes of 406 licensing electronic library resources beyond the postsecondary 407 education core resources by the Florida Virtual Campus College 408 Center for Library Automation from funds appropriated to the 409 campus center, Florida College System institution library staff 410 shall identify the 2-year degree core resources that will be 411 available to all Florida College System institution students. 412 The Florida Virtual Campus College Center for Library Automation 413 shall include in the negotiated pricing model any state university interested in licensing a resource. 414

(7) REPORT.—The chancellors and vice chancellors of the Florida College System and the State University System shall annually report to the Executive Office of the Governor and the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees the cost savings realized as a result of the collaborative licensing process identified in this section.

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421 Section 11. Section 1006.73, Florida Statutes, is created 422 to read: 423 1006.73 Florida Virtual Campus.-424 The Florida Virtual Campus is established to provide (1) 425 access to online student and library support services and to 426 serve as a statewide resource and clearinghouse for public 427 postsecondary education distance learning courses and degree 428 programs. The primary purposes of the Florida Virtual Campus are 429 to: 430 Establish a single library automation system and (a) 431 associated resources and services that all public postsecondary 432 educational institutions will use for purposes of supporting 433 their learning, teaching, and research needs. 434 Enhance and expand educational access and increase (b) 435 public postsecondary educational degree attainment across the 436 state. 437 (c) Address the educational needs of traditional students, 438 place-bound students, time-bound students, and adult learners. 439 (d) Increase workforce skills and expand professional 440 development opportunities. 441 The chancellors of the Florida College System and the (2) 442 State University System shall exercise joint oversight of the 443 Florida Virtual Campus and shall establish its governance and 444 reporting structure, administrative and operational guidelines 445 and processes, staffing requirements, and operational budget. 446 All data center services needed by the Florida Virtual Campus 447 shall be provided by a primary data center established pursuant 448 to ss. 282.201 and 1004.649.

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| 449 | (3) The Florida Virtual Campus may contract for |
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| 450 | administrative services with a public postsecondary educational |
| 451 | institution. The administrative overhead costs charged by the |
| 452 | institution may not exceed the actual cost for providing the |
| 453 | services and shall require a specific appropriation in the |
| 454 | General Appropriations Act. |
| 455 | (4) The Florida Virtual Campus shall: |
| 456 | (a) Develop and manage a library information portal and |
| 457 | automated library management tools for use by the Florida |
| 458 | College System institutions and state universities. The library |
| 459 | information portal and automated library management tools shall |
| 460 | include, but are not limited to, the following services and |
| 461 | functions: |
| 462 | 1. A shared Internet-based catalog and discovery tool that |
| 463 | allow a user to search and, if authorized, access the aggregate |
| 464 | library holdings of the state's public postsecondary educational |
| 465 | institutions. The catalog and discovery tool shall allow the |
| 466 | user to search the library holdings of one institution, selected |
| 467 | institutions, or all institutions and, to the extent feasible, |
| 468 | include an interlibrary loan function that ensures the |
| 469 | authorized user can access the required library holding. |
| 470 | 2. An Internet-based searchable collection of electronic |
| 471 | resources which shall include, but not be limited to, full-text |
| 472 | journals, articles, databases, and electronic books that the |
| 473 | Florida Virtual Campus licenses pursuant to s. 1006.72. |
| 474 | 3. An integrated library management system and its |
| 475 | associated services which all public postsecondary educational |
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477 acquiring, cataloging, circulating, and tracking library 478 material. 479 4. A statewide searchable database that includes an 480 inventory of digital archives and collections held by public 481 postsecondary educational institutions. 482 Develop and manage a statewide Internet-based catalog (b) 483 of distance learning courses, degree programs, and resources 484 offered by public postsecondary educational institutions which 485 is intended to assist in the coordination and collaboration of articulation and access pursuant to parts II and III of chapter 486 487 1007. The campus shall establish operational guidelines and 488 procedures for the catalog which must: 489 1. Require participating institutions to provide 490 information concerning the distance learning course to include 491 information on the availability of the course; the type of 492 required technology; any prerequisite course or technology 493 competency or skill; the availability of academic support services and financial aid resources; and course costs, fees, 494 495 and payment policies. 496 2. Require that distance learning courses and degree 497 programs meet applicable accreditation standards and criteria. 498 3. Require that, at a minimum, the catalog is reviewed at 499 the start of each academic semester to ensure that distance 500 learning courses and degree programs comply with all operational 501 guidelines and procedures. 4. Use an Internet-based analytic tool that allows for the 502 503 collection and analysis of data, including, but not limited to:

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504 The number and type of students who use the catalog to a. 505 search for distance learning courses and degree programs. 506 The number and type of requests for information on b. 507 distance learning courses and degree programs that are not 508 listed in the catalog. 509 c. A summary of specific requests by course type or course 510 number, delivery method, offering institution, and semester. 511 5. Periodically obtain and analyze data from the Florida 512 College System and the State University System concerning: 513 a. Costs of distance learning courses and degree programs. 514 b. Graduation and retention rates of students enrolled in 515 distance learning programs. 516 c. Distance learning course completion. 517 (c) Implement a streamlined, automated, online admissions application process for undergraduate transient students who are 518 519 currently enrolled and pursuing a degree at a public 520 postsecondary educational institution and who choose to enroll 521 in a course listed in the distance learning catalog established 522 pursuant to paragraph (b) which is offered by a public 523 postsecondary educational institution that is not the student's 524 degree-granting institution. The Florida Virtual Campus shall 525 work with the Florida College System and the State University 526 System to implement this process which requires all Florida 527 College System institutions and state universities to: 528 1. Use the transient student admissions application 529 available through the statewide computer-assisted student 530 advising system established pursuant to paragraph (d). This 531 admissions application is the only application required for the

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532 enrollment of a transient student as defined in this paragraph. 533 2. Implement the financial aid procedures required by the 534 transient student admissions application process. 535 3. Transfer credit awarded by the institutions offering 536 the distance learning course to the transient student's degree-537 granting institution. 538 4. By December 1, 2012, provide for an interface between 539 the institutional advising system and the statewide computer-540 assisted student advising system established pursuant to 541 paragraph (d) in order to electronically send, receive, and 542 process the transient student admissions application. 543 (d) Develop and manage a statewide computer-assisted 544 student advising system which shall support the process of 545 advising, registering, and certifying students for graduation 546 and include a degree audit and an articulation component. The 547 Florida College System institutions and state universities shall 548 interface institutional advising systems with the statewide 549 computer-assisted student system. At a minimum, the statewide 550 computer-assisted student advising system shall: 551 1. Allow a student to access the system at any time, 552 search public postsecondary educational institutions, and 553 identify course options that will meet the requirements of a 554 selected path toward a degree. 555 2. Audit transcripts of students enrolled in a public 556 postsecondary educational institution to assess current academic 557 standing, the impact of changing majors or institutions, the 558 requirements for a student to transfer to another institution, 559 and all requirements necessary for graduation.

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560 3. Serve as the official statewide repository for the common prerequisite manual, admissions information for 561 562 transferring programs, foreign language requirements, residency 563 requirements, and statewide articulation agreements. 564 4. Provide information relating to career descriptions and 565 corresponding educational requirements, admissions requirements, 566 and available sources of student financial assistance. 567 5. Provide the admissions application for transient students pursuant to paragraph (c) which must include the 568 569 electronic transfer and receipt of information and records for: 570 a. Admissions and readmissions. 571 b. Financial aid. 572 c. Transfer of credit awarded by the institution offering 573 the distance learning to the transient student's degree-granting 574 institution. 575 (e) Coordinate the negotiation of statewide licensing of 576 electronic library resources and preferred pricing agreements, 577 issue purchase orders, and enter into contracts for the 578 acquisition of distance learning resources, student and library 579 support services, electronic resources, and other materials 580 necessary to carry out its duties under this section. 581 (f) Promote and provide recommendations concerning the use 582 and distribution of open-access textbooks and education 583 resources as a method for reducing costs, and work with public 584 postsecondary educational institutions in developing a 585 standardized process for the review and approval of open-access 586 textbooks. 587 (g) Provide appropriate help desk support and training and Page 21 of 51

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588 consultation services to institutions and students utilizing the 589 services and resources of the Florida Virtual Campus. 590 (h) Identify and evaluate new technologies and 591 instructional methods that can be used for improving distance 592 learning instruction, student learning, the efficient delivery 593 of student support services, and the overall quality of 594 undergraduate distance learning courses and degree programs. 595 (5) All assets and liabilities of the Florida Distance 596 Learning Consortium, the Florida Center for Library Automation, 597 the College Center for Library Automation, and FACTS.org are 598 transferred to the Florida Virtual Campus. 599 (6) Beginning December 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, 600 the chancellors of the Florida College System and the State 601 University System shall provide recommendations to the chairs of 602 the legislative appropriations committees on other resources and 603 services that should be included in the Florida Virtual Campus. 604 Section 12. Section 1006.735, Florida Statutes, is created 605 to read: 606 1006.735 Degree Completion Pilot Project.-607 (1)The Florida Virtual Campus shall collaborate with the 608 University of West Florida, the University of South Florida, 609 Florida State College at Jacksonville, and St. Petersburg 610 College to implement the Degree Completion Pilot Project which 611 is designed to recruit, recover, and retain Florida's adult 612 learners and assist them in completing an associate degree or a 613 baccalaureate degree that is aligned to high-wage, high-skill 614 workforce needs. For purposes of this section, an adult reentry 615 learner is a student who has completed at least 30 credit hours

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616 but has left an institution in good standing prior to the 617 completion of his or her associate or baccalaureate degree. 618 Adult reentry learners who are veterans or active duty members 619 of the United States Armed Forces shall be targeted for 620 participation in the pilot project. 621 (2) The pilot project shall provide adult reentry learners 622 with a single point of access to information and links to 623 innovative online and accelerated distance learning courses, 624 student and library support services, and electronic resources 625 that will guide the adult reentry learner toward the successful 626 completion of a postsecondary degree. 627 (3) The pilot project shall include the associate, applied 628 baccalaureate, and baccalaureate degree programs selected by the 629 postsecondary educational institutions identified in subsection 630 (1), with partnering public postsecondary educational 631 institutions providing areas of specialization or concentration 632 as necessary. 633 The pilot project shall be implemented beginning in (4) 634 the 2012-2013 academic year and shall include the following 635 components: 636 Use of the distance learning course catalog (a) 637 established pursuant to s. 1006.73 to communicate course 638 availability to the adult learner. 639 (b) Development and implementation of an advising and 640 student support system that includes the use of degree completion specialists, that is based upon best practices and 641 642 processes, and that includes academic and career support 643 services designed specifically for the adult learner.

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| 644 | (c) Use of the streamlined, automated, online admissions |
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| 645 | application process for transient students established pursuant |
| 646 | to s. 1006.73. The pilot project shall identify any additional |
| 647 | admissions and registration policies and practices that could be |
| 648 | further streamlined and automated for purposes of assisting the |
| 649 | adult learner. |
| 650 | (d) Development of new, and use of existing, competency- |
| 651 | based instructional and evaluation tools to assess prior |
| 652 | performance, experience, and education for the award of college |
| 653 | credit to reduce the time to complete an associate or |
| 654 | baccalaureate degree. The tools may include the use of the |
| 655 | American Council on Education's collaborative link between the |
| 656 | United States Department of Defense and higher education through |
| 657 | the review of military training and experiences for the award of |
| 658 | equivalent college credit for members of the United States Armed |
| 659 | Forces. |
| 660 | (e) Development and implementation of an evaluation |
| 661 | process that collects, analyzes, and provides information on the |
| 662 | pilot project to the participating postsecondary educational |
| 663 | institutions, the chairs of the legislative appropriations |
| 664 | committees, and the Executive Office of the Governor on the |
| 665 | effectiveness of the pilot project and the attainment of its |
| 666 | goals. Such a process shall include a management information |
| 667 | system that collects the appropriate student, programmatic, and |
| 668 | fiscal data necessary to complete the evaluation of the pilot |
| 669 | project. |
| 670 | (f) Development and implementation of a statewide |
| 671 | marketing campaign targeted towards recruiting adult learners, |
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672 particularly veterans and active duty members of the United 673 States Armed Forces, for enrollment in the degree programs 674 offered through the pilot project. 675 (5) For purposes of the pilot project, each institution's 676 current tuition and fee structure shall be used. However, all 677 participating institutions shall collaboratively identify the 678 applicable cost components that are involved in the development and delivery of distance learning courses, collect information 679 680 on these cost components, and submit the information to the 681 Florida Virtual Campus. 682 The Florida Virtual Campus, in collaboration with the (6) 683 participating institutions, shall submit to the chairs of the 684 legislative appropriations committees no later than August 1, 685 2012, a detailed project plan that defines the major work 686 activities, timeline, and cost for implementing the pilot 687 project. 688 Section 13. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section 689 1007.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 690 1007.01 Articulation; legislative intent; purpose; role of 691 the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors; 692 Articulation Coordinating Committee.-(3) 693 The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with 694 the Chancellor of the State University System, shall establish 695 the Articulation Coordinating Committee which shall make 696 recommendations related to statewide articulation policies to 697 the Higher Education Coordination Council, the State Board of Education, and the Board of Governors. The committee shall 698 699 consist of two members each representing the State University Page 25 of 51

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700 System, the Florida College System, public career and technical 701 education, public K-12 education, and nonpublic education and 702 one member representing students. The chair shall be elected 703 from the membership. The committee shall:

(h) Recommend roles and responsibilities of public education entities in interfacing with the single, statewide computer-assisted student advising system established pursuant to s. 1006.73 1007.28.

Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 1007.27, FloridaStatutes, is amended to read:

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1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.-

711 It is the intent of the Legislature that a variety of (1)articulated acceleration mechanisms be available for secondary 712 713 and postsecondary students attending public educational 714 institutions. It is intended that articulated acceleration serve 715 to shorten the time necessary for a student to complete the 716 requirements associated with the conference of a high school 717 diploma and a postsecondary degree, broaden the scope of 718 curricular options available to students, or increase the depth 719 of study available for a particular subject. Articulated 720 acceleration mechanisms shall include, but not be limited to, dual enrollment as provided for in s. 1007.271, early admission, 721 722 advanced placement, credit by examination, the International 723 Baccalaureate Program, and the Advanced International 724 Certificate of Education Program. Credit earned through the Florida Virtual School shall provide additional opportunities 725 726 for early graduation and acceleration. Students of Florida 727 public secondary schools enrolled pursuant to this subsection

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728 shall be deemed authorized users of the state-funded electronic 729 library resources that are licensed for Florida College System 730 institutions and state universities by the Florida Virtual 731 Campus Florida Center for Library Automation and the College 732 Center for Library Automation. Verification of eligibility shall 733 be in accordance with rules established by the State Board of 734 Education and regulations established by the Board of Governors 735 and processes implemented by Florida College System institutions 736 and state universities.

737 Section 15. <u>Section 1007.28</u>, Florida Statutes, is
738 repealed.

739 Section 16. Subsection (3) of section 1009.215, Florida740 Statutes, is amended to read:

741 1009.215 Student enrollment pilot program for the spring
742 and summer terms.-

(3) Students who are enrolled in the pilot program and who
are eligible to receive Bright Futures Scholarships under ss.
1009.53-1009.536 shall be eligible to receive the scholarship
award for attendance <u>during no more than 2 semesters or the</u>
<u>equivalent in any fiscal year</u>, including the summer term <u>in the</u>
spring and summer terms but are not eligible to receive the
scholarship for attendance during the fall term.

750 Section 17. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (16) and 751 subsection (17) of section 1009.23, Florida Statutes, are 752 amended to read:

1009.23 Florida College System institution student fees.(16) (a) Each Florida College System institution may assess
a student who enrolls in a course listed in the Florida Higher

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Feducation distance learning catalog, established pursuant to s.
1006.73 1004.09, a per-credit-hour distance learning course user
fee. For purposes of assessing this fee, a distance learning
course is a course in which at least 80 percent of the direct
instruction of the course is delivered using some form of
technology when the student and instructor are separated by time
or space, or both.

(c) The link for the catalog must be prominently displayed within the advising and distance learning sections of the institution's website, using a graphic and description provided by the Florida <u>Virtual Campus</u> Distance Learning Consortium, to inform students of the catalog.

(17) Each Florida College System institution that accepts transient students, pursuant to s. <u>1006.73</u> 1004.091, may establish a transient student fee not to exceed \$5 per distance learning course for processing the transient student admissions application.

773 Section 18. Paragraph (t) of subsection (14) and 774 paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (17) of section 1009.24, 775 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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1009.24 State university student fees.-

(14) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (15), each university board of trustees is authorized to establish the following fees:

(t) A transient student fee that may not exceed \$5 per distance learning course for accepting a transient student and processing the transient student admissions application pursuant to s. <u>1006.73</u> 1004.091.

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784 785 With the exception of housing rental rates and except as 786 otherwise provided, fees assessed pursuant to paragraphs (h)-(s) 787 shall be based on reasonable costs of services. The Board of 788 Governors shall adopt regulations and timetables necessary to 789 implement the fees and fines authorized under this subsection. 790 The fees assessed under this subsection may be used for debt 791 only as authorized under s. 1010.62. 792 (17) (a) A state university may assess a student who 793 enrolls in a course listed in the Florida Higher Education 794 distance learning catalog, established pursuant to s. 1006.73 795 1004.09, a per-credit-hour distance learning course fee. For 796 purposes of assessing this fee, a distance learning course is a 797 course in which at least 80 percent of the direct instruction of 798 the course is delivered using some form of technology when the 799 student and instructor are separated by time or space, or both. 800 The link for the catalog must be prominently displayed (C) 801 within the advising and distance learning sections of the 802 institution's website, using a graphic and description provided 803 by the Florida Virtual Campus Distance Learning Consortium, 804 informing students of the catalog. 805 Section 19. Section 1009.286, Florida Statutes, is amended 806 to read: 807 1009.286 Additional student payment for hours exceeding baccalaureate degree program completion requirements at Florida 808 College System institutions and state universities.-809 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage each 810 811 undergraduate student who enrolls in a Florida College System Page 29 of 51 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

812 <u>institution or</u> state university to complete the student's 813 respective baccalaureate degree program in the most efficient 814 way possible while providing for access to additional college 815 coursework. Therefore, the Legislature intends to enact a policy 816 that provides incentives for efficient baccalaureate degree 817 completion.

(2) <u>Florida College System institutions and</u> state
universities shall require a student to pay an excess hour
surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate for each
credit <u>hours</u> hour in excess of 115 percent of the number of
credit hours required to complete the baccalaureate degree
program in which the student is enrolled. <u>The excess hour</u>
surcharge shall be as follows:

(a) For a student who entered a Florida College System
institution or a state university for the first time in the
2009-2010 or 2010-2011 academic year and maintained continuous
enrollment, a surcharge equal to 50 percent of the tuition rate
for each credit hour in excess of 120 percent.

(b) For a student who entered a Florida College System
institution or a state university for the first time in the
2011-2012 academic year and maintained continuous enrollment, a
surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate for each
credit hour in excess of 115 percent.

835 (c) For a student who enters a Florida College System
 836 institution or a state university for the first time in the
 837 2012-2013 academic year and thereafter, a surcharge equal to 100
 838 percent of the tuition rate for each credit hour in excess of

839 110 percent.

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840 Except as otherwise provided by law and for purposes (3) 841 of this section, the following credit hours shall be included 842 when calculating the number of hours taken by a student: 843 All credit hours for courses taken at the Florida (a) 844 College System institution or state university from which the 845 student is seeking a baccalaureate degree, including: 846 1. Failed courses. 847 2. Courses that are dropped after the university's 848 advertised last day of the drop and add period. 849 3. Courses from which a student withdraws, except as 850 provided in subsection (4). 851 Repeated courses, except repeated courses for which the 4. 852 student has paid the full cost of instruction as provided in s. 853 1009.285. 854 All credit hours earned at another institution and (b) 855 accepted for transfer by the Florida College System institution 856 or state university and applied toward the student's 857 baccalaureate degree program. 858 (4) For purposes of this section, credit hours earned 859 under the following circumstances are not calculated as hours 860 required to earn a baccalaureate degree: 861 College credits earned through an articulated (a) 862 accelerated mechanism identified in s. 1007.27. (b) Credit hours earned through internship programs. 863 864 Credit hours required for certification, (C) recertification, or certificate programs. 865 Credit hours in courses from which a student must 866 (d) 867 withdraw due to reasons of medical or personal hardship. Page 31 of 51

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868 Credit hours taken by active-duty military personnel. (e) 869 (f) Credit hours required to achieve a dual major taken 870 while pursuing a baccalaureate degree.

871 Remedial and English as a Second Language credit (q) 872 hours.

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873 Credit hours earned in military science courses that (h) are part of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program.

875 Each state university and Florida College System (5)876 institution shall implement a process for notifying students regarding the provisions of this section. Notice must be 877 878 provided by a state university or a Florida College System 879 institution upon a student's initial enrollment in the 880 institution. Such notice must be provided a second time by a 881 Florida College System institution or state university when a 882 student has earned the credit hours required to complete the 883 baccalaureate degree program in which the student is enrolled. 884 The notice must include a recommendation that each student who 885 intends to earn credit hours at the institution in excess of the 886 credit hours required for the baccalaureate degree program in 887 which the student is enrolled meet with his or her academic 888 advisor.

(6) 889 For purposes of this section, the term "state 890 university" includes the institutions identified in s. 891 1000.21(6) and the term "Florida College System institution" 892 includes the institutions identified in s. 1000.21(3).

(7) The provisions of this section become effective for 893 students who enter a Florida College System institution or a 894 895 state university for the first time in the 2011-2012 academic Page 32 of 51

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896 year and thereafter. 897 Section 20. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (2) of 898 section 1009.531, Florida Statutes, and subsection (7) of that 899 section is amended, to read: 900 1009.531 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; 901 student eligibility requirements for initial awards.-902 (2)903 (C) For students graduating from high school in the 2012-904 2013 academic year and thereafter, a student is eligible to 905 accept an initial award for 2 years following high school 906 graduation and to accept a renewal award for 5 years following 907 high school graduation. A student who applies for an award by 908 high school graduation and who meets all other eligibility 909 requirements, but who does not accept his or her award, may 910 reapply during subsequent application periods up to 2 years 911 after high school graduation. For a student who enlists in the 912 United States Armed Forces immediately after completion of high 913 school, the 2-year eligibility period for his or her initial 914 award and the 5-year renewal period shall begin upon the date of 915 separation from active duty. For a student who is receiving a 916 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship award and discontinues his or 917 her education to enlist in the United States Armed Forces, the 918 remainder of his or her 5-year renewal period shall commence 919 upon the date of separation from active duty. If a course of 920 study is not completed after 5 academic years, an exception of 1 921 year to the renewal timeframe may be granted due to a verifiable 922 illness or other documented emergency pursuant to s. 923 1009.40(1)(b)4.

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924 (7) To be eligible for an <u>initial award and each renewal</u>
925 award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, a
926 student must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid
927 which is complete and error free prior to disbursement.

928 Section 21. Subsection (3) of section 1009.532, Florida 929 Statutes, is amended to read:

930 1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
931 student eligibility requirements for renewal awards.-

932 (3) A student who is initially eligible prior to the 2010-933 2011 academic year and is enrolled in a program that terminates 934 in an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree may receive an 935 award for a maximum of 110 percent of the number of credit hours 936 required to complete the program. A student who is enrolled in a 937 program that terminates in a career certificate may receive an award for a maximum of 110 percent of the credit hours or clock 938 939 hours required to complete the program up to 90 credit hours. 940 For a student who is initially eligible in the 2010-2011 941 academic term and thereafter, the student may receive an award 942 for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours 943 required to complete an associate degree program or a 944 baccalaureate degree program, or the student may receive an 945 award for a maximum of 100 percent of the credit hours or clock 946 hours required to complete up to 90 credit hours of a program 947 that terminates in a career certificate. For a student who is initially eligible in the 2012-2013 academic term and 948 949 thereafter, the student may receive an award for a maximum of 950 100 percent of the number of credit hours required to complete 951 an associate degree program or a baccalaureate degree program

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| 952 | or, for a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, the |
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| 953 | student may receive an award for a maximum of 100 percent of the |
| 954 | number of credit hours or equivalent clock hours required to |
| 955 | complete one of the following at a Florida public or nonpublic |
| 956 | educational institution that offers these specific programs: for |
| 957 | an applied technology diploma program as defined in s. |
| 958 | 1004.02(8), up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; for |
| 959 | a technical degree education program as defined in s. |
| 960 | 1004.02(14), up to the number of hours required for a specific |
| 961 | degree not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; |
| 962 | or for a career certificate program as defined in s. |
| 963 | 1004.02(21), up to the number of hours required for a specific |
| 964 | certificate not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock |
| 965 | hours. A student who transfers from one of these program levels |
| 966 | to another <u>program level</u> becomes eligible for the higher of the |
| 967 | two credit hour limits. |
| 968 | Section 22. Subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section |
| 969 | 1009.534, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: |
| 970 | 1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award |
| 971 | (2) Effective January 1, 2008, A Florida Academic Scholar |
| 972 | who is enrolled in a public <u>or nonpublic</u> postsecondary |
| 973 | educational education institution is eligible for an award equal |
| 974 | to the amount specified in the General Appropriations Act to |
| 975 | assist with the payment of tuition and fees required to pay |
| 976 | tuition and fees. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic |
| 977 | postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award |
| 978 | equal to the amount that would be required to pay for the |
| 979 | average tuition and fees of a public postsecondary education |
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30 institution at the comparable level.

981 (3) To be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida 982 Academic Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent of a 983 cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale with an 984 opportunity for restoration one time as provided in this 985 chapter. For the 2012-2013 academic year, to be eligible for a 986 renewal award as a Florida Academic Scholar, a student must 987 maintain the equivalent of a cumulative grade point average of 988 3.25 on a 4.0 scale with an opportunity for restoration one time 989 as provided in this chapter. Beginning in the 2013-2014 academic 990 year, to be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida Academic 991 Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent of a cumulative 992 grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale with an opportunity 993 for restoration one time as provided in this chapter. 994 In each school district, the Florida Academic Scholar (4)

994 (4) In each school district, the Fiorida Academic Scholar 995 with the highest academic ranking shall receive an additional 996 award <u>equal to the amount specified in the General</u> 997 <u>Appropriations Act</u> of \$1,500 for college-related expenses. This 998 award must be funded from the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship 999 Program.

1000 (5) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (4), a Florida 1001 Academic Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount 1002 specified in the General Appropriations Act.

1003Section 23. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section10041009.535, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:10051009.5351006(2) A Florida Medallion Scholars award.-(2) A Florida Medallion Scholar who is enrolled in a

1007 public or nonpublic postsecondary educational institution is

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1008 eligible for an award equal to the amount specified in the 1009 General Appropriations Act to assist with the payment of tuition 1010 and fees required to pay 75 percent of tuition and fees if the 1011 student is enrolled in a state university or a baccalaureate 1012 degree program authorized pursuant to s. 1007.33. A Florida 1013 Medallion Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount 1014 required to pay 100 percent of tuition and fees for college 1015 credit courses leading to an associate degree if the student is 1016 enrolled in a Florida College System institution. A student who 1017 is enrolled in a nonpublic postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award equal to the amount that would be 1018 1019 required to pay 75 percent of the tuition and fees of a public 1020 postsecondary education institution at the comparable level. 1021 (3)To be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida 1022 Medallion Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent of a 1023 cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale with an 1024 opportunity for restoration one time as provided in this 1025 chapter. Beginning in the 2012-2013 academic year, to be 1026 eligible for a renewal award as a Florida Medallion Scholar, a 1027 student must maintain the equivalent of a cumulative grade point 1028 average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale with an opportunity for 1029 restoration one time as provided in this chapter. (4) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a Florida Medallion 1030 1031 Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount specified 1032 in the General Appropriations Act. 1033 Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and 1034 subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section 1009.536, Florida 1035 Statutes, are amended to read:

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1036 1009.536 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award.—The 1037 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award is created within 1038 the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to recognize and 1039 reward academic achievement and career preparation by high 1040 school students who wish to continue their education.

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

Completes the secondary school portion of a sequential 1045 (a) 1046 program of studies that requires at least three secondary school 1047 career credits taken over at least 2 academic years, and is 1048 continued in a planned, related postsecondary education program. 1049 If the student's school does not offer such a two-plus-two or 1050 tech-prep program, the student must complete a job-preparatory 1051 career education program selected by Workforce Florida, Inc., 1052 for its ability to provide high-wage employment in an occupation 1053 with high potential for employment opportunities. On-the-job 1054 training may not be substituted for any of the three required 1055 career credits.

1056 A Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar who is enrolled (2) 1057 in a public or nonpublic postsecondary educational institution 1058 is eligible for an award equal to the amount specified in the 1059 General Appropriations Act to assist with the payment of tuition and fees required to pay 75 percent of tuition and fees, if the 1060 1061 student is enrolled in a public postsecondary education 1062 institution. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic 1063 postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award Page 38 of 51

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1064 equal to the amount that would be required to pay 75 percent of 1065 the tuition and mandatory fees of a public postsecondary 1066 education institution at the comparable level.

1067 To be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida Gold (3)1068 Seal Vocational Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent 1069 of a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale with 1070 an opportunity for restoration one time as provided in this 1071 chapter. Beginning in the 2012-2013 academic year, to be 1072 eligible for a renewal award as a Florida Gold Seal Vocational 1073 Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent of a cumulative 1074 grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale with an opportunity 1075 for restoration one time as provided in this chapter.

1076 A student may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational (4) 1077 Scholarship for 110 percent of the number of credit hours 1078 required to complete the program, up to 90 credit hours or the 1079 equivalent. For a student who is initially eligible in the 2010-1080 2011 academic term and thereafter, the student may earn a 1081 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship for 100 percent of the 1082 number of credit hours required to complete the program, up to 1083 90 credit hours or the equivalent. For a student who is 1084 initially eligible in the 2012-2013 academic term and 1085 thereafter, the student may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational 1086 Scholarship for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit 1087 hours or equivalent clock hours required to complete one of the 1088 following at a Florida public or nonpublic educational 1089 institution that offers these specific programs: for an applied technology diploma program as defined in s. 1004.02(8), up to 60 1090 1091 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; for a technical degree

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1092 education program as defined in s. 1004.02(14), up to the number 1093 of hours required for a specific degree not to exceed 72 credit 1094 hours or equivalent clock hours; or for a career certificate 1095 program as defined in s. 1004.02(21), up to the number of hours 1096 required for a specific certificate not to exceed 72 credit 1097 hours or equivalent clock hours. 1098 Notwithstanding subsection (2), a Florida Gold Seal (5)1099 Vocational Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount 1100 specified in the General Appropriations Act. 1101 Section 25. Subsection (7) of section 1009.60, Florida 1102 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (8), and a new subsection 1103 (7) is added to that section to read: 1104 1009.60 Minority teacher education scholars program.-There 1105 is created the minority teacher education scholars program, 1106 which is a collaborative performance-based scholarship program 1107 for African-American, Hispanic-American, Asian-American, and 1108 Native American students. The participants in the program 1109 include Florida's Florida College System institutions and its 1110 public and private universities that have teacher education 1111 programs. 1112 The Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc., shall (7) 1113 use a contingency collections agency to collect repayments of 1114 defaulted scholarships. 1115 Section 26. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 1009.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1116 1117 1009.605 Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.-1118 (2)The corporation shall report to the Department of 1119 (b) Page 40 of 51

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1120 Education, by the date established by the department, the 1121 eligible students to whom scholarship moneys are disbursed each 1122 academic term, the annual balance of the corporation's assets 1123 and cash reserves, and any other information requested by the 1124 department in accordance with s. 1009.94. By June 30 of each fiscal year, the corporation shall remit to the department any 1125 1126 appropriated funds that were not distributed for scholarships, less the 5 percent for administration, including administration 1127 1128 of the required training program, authorized pursuant to subsection (3). 1129

Section 27. Subsections (2), (5), (7), and (8) of section 1130 1131 1009.70, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1009.70 Florida Education Fund.-

1133 (2) (a) The Florida Education Fund, a not-for-profit 1134 statutory corporation, is created from a challenge endowment 1135 grant from the McKnight Foundation and operates on income 1136 derived from the investment of endowment gifts and other gifts 1137 as provided by state statute and appropriate matching funds as 1138 provided by the state.

The Legislature may appropriate funds to the Florida 1139 (b) 1140 Education Fund to be used for scholarships under subsection (5). 1141 Funds The amount appropriated to the Florida Education Fund 1142 shall be matched on a dollar-for-dollar the basis by funds of \$1 for each \$2 contributed by private sources, and the expenditure 1143 of appropriated funds shall be matched by a dollar-for-dollar 1144 1145 expenditure of funds from private sources. The Florida Education Fund shall annually certify to the Legislature the amount of 1146 donations contributed prior to the disbursement of state 1147

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1148 appropriations between July 1, 1990, and June 30, 1991. Only the 1149 new donations above the certified base shall be calculated for 1150 state matching funds during the first year of the program. In 1151 subsequent years, only the new donations above the certified 1152 prior year base shall be calculated for state matching funds. 1153 (C) The corporation shall provide to the department a copy 1154 of its certified financial statement and annual report, 1155 including the corporation's assets and cash reserve balances. 1156 The corporation shall also provide the department documentation which includes the name of each scholarship recipient, the 1157 1158 postsecondary educational institution attended, the discipline 1159 of study, and the amount awarded to each recipient. The 1160 corporation shall post a copy of its certified financial 1161 statement and annual report on its website. The Board of Directors of the Florida Education Fund 1162 (5)1163 shall review and evaluate initial programs created by the 1164 McKnight Foundation and continue funding the McKnight Doctoral 1165 Black Doctorate Fellowship Program and the McKnight Junior 1166 Faculty Fellowship Program if the evaluations are evaluation is 1167 positive, and the board shall identify, initiate, and fund new 1168 and creative programs and monitor, review, and evaluate those 1169 programs. The purpose of this commitment is to broaden the 1170 participation and funding potential for further significant 1171 support of higher education in this state. In addition, the 1172 board shall:

(a) Hold such meetings as are necessary to implement the
 provisions of this section.

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(b) Select a chairperson annually.

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1176 (c) Adopt and use an official seal in the authentication
1177 of its acts.

1178 1179 (d) Make rules for its own government.

(e) Administer this section.

(f) Appoint an executive director to serve at its pleasure and perform all duties assigned by the board. The executive director shall be the chief administrative officer and agent of the board.

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(g) Maintain a record of its proceedings.

(h) Delegate to the chairperson of the board the responsibility for signing final orders.

(i) Utilize existing higher education organizations, associations, and agencies to carry out its educational programs and purposes with minimal staff employment.

(j) Be empowered to enter into contracts with the Federal Government, state agencies, or individuals.

(k) Receive bequests, gifts, grants, donations, and other valued goods and services. Such bequests and gifts shall be used only for the purpose or purposes stated by the donor.

1195 It is the intent of the Legislature that the Board of (7)1196 Directors of the Florida Education Fund recruit eligible 1197 residents of the state before it extends its search to eligible 1198 nonresidents. However, for the purposes of subsection (8), the 1199 board of directors shall recruit eligible residents only. It is further the intent of the Legislature that the board of 1200 directors establish service terms, if any, that accompany the 1201 1202 award of moneys from the fund.

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(8) Notwithstanding this section, for the 2012-2013 fiscal

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1204 year, the Florida Education Fund may use available cash and cash 1205 equivalents to provide scholarships in the same dollar amount as 1206 provided in the 2011-2012 fiscal year There is created a legal 1207 education component of the Florida Education Fund to provide the 1208 opportunity for minorities to attain representation within the 1209 legal profession proportionate to their representation within the general population. The legal education component of the 1210 1211 Florida Education Fund includes a law school program and a pre-1212 law program. 1213 (a) The law school scholarship program of the Florida 1214 Education Fund is to be administered by the Board of Directors 1215 of the Florida Education Fund for the purpose of increasing the 1216 number of minority students enrolled in law schools in this 1217 state by 200. Implementation of this program is to be phased in 1218 over a 3-year period. 1219 1. The board of directors shall provide financial, 1220 academic, and other support to students selected for 1221 participation in this program from funds appropriated by the 1222 Legislature. 1223 2. Student selection must be made in accordance with rules 1224 adopted by the board of directors for that purpose and must be 1225 based, at least in part, on an assessment of potential for 1226 success, merit, and financial need. 1227 3. Support must be made available to students who enroll 1228 in private, as well as public, law schools in this state which are accredited by the American Bar Association. 1229 1230 4. Scholarships must be paid directly to the participating 1231 students.

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1232 5. Students who participate in this program must agree in 1233 writing to sit for The Florida Bar examination and, upon 1234 successful admission to The Florida Bar, to practice law in the 1235 state for a period equal to the amount of time for which the 1236 student received aid, up to 3 years, or repay the amount of aid 1237 received. 1238 (b) The minority pre-law scholarship loan program of the 1239 Florida Education Fund is to be administered by the Board of 1240 Directors of the Florida Education Fund for the purpose of 1241 increasing the opportunity of minority students to prepare for law school. 1242 1243 1. From funds appropriated by the Legislature, the board 1244 of directors shall provide for student fees, room, board, books, 1245 supplies, and academic and other support to selected minority 1246 undergraduate students matriculating at eligible public and 1247 independent colleges and universities in Florida. 1248 2. Student selection must be made in accordance with rules 1249 adopted by the board of directors for that purpose and must be based, at least in part, on an assessment of potential for 1250 1251 success, merit, and financial need. 1252 3. To be eligible, a student must make a written agreement 1253 to enter or be accepted to enter a law school in this state 1254 within 2 years after graduation or repay the scholarship loan 1255 amount plus interest at the prevailing rate. 4. Recipients who fail to gain admission to a law school 1256 within the specified period, may, upon admission to law school, 1257 be eligible to have their loans canceled. 1258 1259 5. Minority pre-law scholarship loans shall be provided to Page 45 of 51

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1260 34 minority students per year for up to 4 years each, for a 1261 total of 136 scholarship loans. To continue receiving 1262 scholarship loans, recipients must maintain a 2.75 grade point 1263 average for the freshman year and a 3.25 grade point average 1264 thereafter. Participants must also take specialized courses to 1265 enhance competencies in English and logic.

1266 6. The board of directors shall maintain records on all 1267 scholarship loan recipients. Participating institutions shall 1268 submit academic progress reports to the board of directors 1269 following each academic term.

Section 28. Subsection (4) of section 1009.72, FloridaStatutes, is amended to read:

1272 1009.72 Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant Program.-1273 The amounts appropriated for the program shall be (4)1274 allocated by the department on the basis of one \$5,000 challenge 1275 grant for each \$5,000 \$2,500 raised from private sources. 1276 Matching funds shall be generated through contributions made 1277 after July 1, 1986, and pledged for the purposes of this 1278 section. Pledged contributions shall not be eligible for 1279 matching prior to the actual collection of the total funds. 1280 Section 29. Subsection (4) of section 1009.73, Florida 1281 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1009.73 Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship Program.-

1283 (4) The moneys for the program shall be allocated by the 1284 department among the institutions of higher education listed in 1285 subsection (1) on the basis of one \$2,000 challenge grant for 1286 each $\frac{$2,000}{$1,000}$ raised from private sources. Matching funds 1287 shall be generated through contributions made after July 1,

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1288 1990, and pledged for the purposes of this section. Pledged 1289 contributions shall not be eligible for matching prior to the 1290 actual collection of the total funds. The department shall 1291 allocate to each of those institutions a proportionate share of 1292 the contributions received on behalf of those institutions and a 1293 share of the appropriations and matching funds generated by such 1294 institution.

1295 Section 30. Subsection (10) of section 1011.80, Florida 1296 Statutes, is amended to read:

1297 1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education 1298 programs.-

1299 A high school student dually enrolled under s. (10)1300 1007.271 in a workforce education program operated by a Florida 1301 College System institution or school district career center 1302 generates the amount calculated for workforce education funding, 1303 including any payment of performance funding, and the 1304 proportional share of full-time equivalent enrollment generated 1305 through the Florida Education Finance Program for the student's 1306 enrollment in a high school. If a high school student is dually 1307 enrolled in a Florida College System institution program, 1308 including a program conducted at a high school, the Florida 1309 College System institution earns the funds generated for 1310 workforce education funding, and the school district earns the proportional share of full-time equivalent funding from the 1311 1312 Florida Education Finance Program. If a student is dually 1313 enrolled in a career center operated by the same district as the 1314 district in which the student attends high school, that district earns the funds generated for workforce education funding and 1315

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1316 also earns the proportional share of full-time equivalent 1317 funding from the Florida Education Finance Program. If a student 1318 is dually enrolled in a workforce education program provided by 1319 a career center operated by a different school district, the 1320 funds must be divided between the two school districts 1321 proportionally from the two funding sources. A student may not 1322 be reported for funding in a dual enrollment workforce education program unless the student has completed the basic skills 1323 1324 assessment pursuant to s. 1004.91. A student who is coenrolled 1325 in a K-12 education program and an adult education program may 1326 not be reported for purposes of funding in an adult education 1327 program, except that, for the 2011-2012 through the 2013-2014 1328 fiscal years year only, students who are coenrolled in core 1329 curricula courses for credit recovery or dropout prevention 1330 purposes and do not have a pattern of excessive absenteeism or habitual truancy or a history of disruptive behavior in school 1331 1332 may be reported for funding for up to two courses per student. 1333 Such students are exempt from the payment of the block tuition 1334 for adult general education programs provided in s. 1335 1009.22(3)(c).

Section 31. Subsection (4) of section 1012.885, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

13381012.885Remuneration of Florida College System1339institution presidents; limitations.-

(4) LIMITATION ON REMUNERATION.-Notwithstanding the
provisions of this section, for the <u>2012-2013</u> 2011-2012 fiscal
year, a Florida College System institution president may not
receive more than \$200,000 in remuneration from appropriated

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1344 state funds. Only compensation, as defined in s. 121.021(22), 1345 provided to a Florida College System institution president may 1346 be used in calculating benefits under chapter 121.

1347 Section 32. Section 1012.886, Florida Statutes, is 1348 reenacted and amended to read:

1349 1012.886 Remuneration of Florida College System 1350 institution administrative employees; limitations.-

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(1) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Appropriated state funds" means funds appropriated
from the General Revenue Fund or funds appropriated from state
trust funds.

(b) "Cash-equivalent compensation" means any benefit thatmay be assigned an equivalent cash value.

(c) "Remuneration" means salary, bonuses, and cashequivalent compensation paid to a Florida College System institution administrative employee by his or her employer for work performed, excluding health insurance benefits and retirement benefits.

1362 (2)LIMITATION ON COMPENSATION.-Notwithstanding any other 1363 law, resolution, or rule to the contrary, a Florida College 1364 System institution administrative employee may not receive more 1365 than \$200,000 in remuneration annually from appropriated state 1366 funds. Only compensation, as such term is defined in s. 1367 121.021(22), provided to a Florida College System institution 1368 administrative employee may be used in calculating benefits 1369 under chapter 121.

1370(3) EXCEPTIONS.—This section does not prohibit any party1371from providing cash or cash-equivalent compensation from funds

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1372 that are not appropriated state funds to a Florida College System institution administrative employee in excess of the 1373 1374 limit in subsection (2). If a party is unable or unwilling to 1375 fulfill an obligation to provide cash or cash-equivalent 1376 compensation to a Florida College System institution 1377 administrative employee as permitted under this subsection, 1378 appropriated state funds may not be used to fulfill such 1379 obligation. This section does not apply to Florida College 1380 System institution teaching faculty.

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(4) EXPIRATION.-This section expires June 30, 2013 2012. 1382 Section 33. Subsection (4) of section 1012.975, Florida 1383 Statutes, is amended to read:

1384 1012.975 Remuneration of state university presidents; limitations.-1385

1386 (4)LIMITATION ON REMUNERATION.-Notwithstanding the 1387 provisions of this section, for the 2012-2013 2011-2012 fiscal 1388 year, a state university president may not receive more than 1389 \$200,000 in remuneration from public funds. Only compensation, 1390 as defined in s. 121.021(22), provided to a state university 1391 president may be used in calculating benefits under chapter 121. 1392 Section 34. Section 1012.976, Florida Statutes, is

1393 reenacted and amended to read:

1394 1012.976 Remuneration of state university administrative 1395 employees; limitations.-

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DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term: (1)

1397 (a) "Appropriated state funds" means funds appropriated 1398 from the General Revenue Fund or funds appropriated from state 1399 trust funds.

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(b) "Cash-equivalent compensation" means any benefit thatmay be assigned an equivalent cash value.

(c) "Remuneration" means salary, bonuses, and cashequivalent compensation paid to a state university administrative employee by his or her employer for work performed, excluding health insurance benefits and retirement benefits.

1407 (2) LIMITATION ON COMPENSATION.-Notwithstanding any other
1408 law, resolution, or rule to the contrary, a state university
1409 administrative employee may not receive more than \$200,000 in
1410 remuneration annually from appropriated state funds. Only
1411 compensation, as such term is defined in s. 121.021(22),
1412 provided to a state university administrative employee may be
1413 used in calculating benefits under chapter 121.

1414 (3)EXCEPTIONS.-This section does not prohibit any party from providing cash or cash-equivalent compensation from funds 1415 1416 that are not appropriated state funds to a state university 1417 administrative employee in excess of the limit in subsection 1418 (2). If a party is unable or unwilling to fulfill an obligation 1419 to provide cash or cash-equivalent compensation to a state 1420 university administrative employee as permitted under this 1421 subsection, appropriated state funds may not be used to fulfill 1422 such obligation. This section does not apply to university 1423 teaching faculty or medical school faculty or staff.

1424 (4) EXPIRATION.-This section expires June 30, <u>2013</u> 2012.
1425 Section 35. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
1426 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

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