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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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04/10/2013	.	
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The Committee on Rules (Negron) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 187 and 188

insert:

Section 3. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (3) of section 1007.01, Florida Statutes, to read:

1007.01 Articulation; legislative intent; purpose; role of the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors; Articulation Coordinating Committee.-

(3) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Chancellor of the State University System, shall establish the Articulation Coordinating Committee which shall make recommendations related to statewide articulation policies to



14 the Higher Education Coordination Council, the State Board of
15 Education, and the Board of Governors. The committee shall
16 consist of two members each representing the State University
17 System, the Florida College System, public career and technical
18 education, public K-12 education, and nonpublic education and
19 one member representing students. The chair shall be elected
20 from the membership. The committee shall:

21 (i) Recommend by December 31, 2013, a funding model and a
22 financial accountability mechanism for funding and assessing an
23 approved organization or an individual offering online courses,
24 including, but not limited to, massive open online courses. This
25 paragraph expires July 1, 2014.

26 Section 4. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
27 Government Accountability (OPPAGA) shall review and provide
28 recommendations to allow student access to massive open online
29 courses for funding in both the K-12 and postsecondary programs.
30 The review must consider, but is not limited to, the
31 identification of courses, provider qualification review,
32 accreditation, teacher or instructor credentials, course content
33 and standards, financial accountability, and a funding process.
34 OPPAGA shall provide the findings and recommendations to the
35 Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate,
36 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 31,
37 2013.

38 Section 5. The Department of Education shall develop a
39 methodology and plan for calculating the Florida Education
40 Finance Program to limit the sum of each student's full-time
41 equivalent student membership value from all programs or courses
42 to 1.0 full time equivalent (FTE). The department's plan must



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43 include revised procedures for reporting and computing each
44 district's annual allocation from the Florida Education Finance
45 Program and shall identify steps that the department and school
46 districts will take to implement the new procedures during the
47 2014-2015 fiscal year. The department shall conduct a student-
48 based simulation of the revised methodology concurrent with the
49 2013-2014 FTE reporting and funding process. The department
50 shall submit its plan and a summary of the results of the
51 simulation to the Executive Office of the Governor, the
52 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
53 Representatives by January 31, 2014.

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56 And the title is amended as follows:

57 Delete line 32

58 and insert:

59 certain criteria; amending s. 1007.01, F.S.; requiring
60 the Articulation Coordinating Committee to recommend a
61 funding model and financial accountability mechanism
62 for providers of online courses; requiring the Office
63 of Program Policy Analysis and Government
64 Accountability to review and provide recommendations
65 to allow student access to massive open online courses
66 for funding purposes; providing review requirements;
67 requiring the office to provide findings and
68 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by
69 a specified date; requiring the Department of
70 Education to develop a methodology and plan for
71 calculating the Florida Education Finance Program



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72 which limits the sum of each student's full-time
73 equivalent student membership value from all virtual
74 programs or courses; providing requirements for the
75 plan; requiring the department to conduct a student-
76 based simulation of the revised methodology; requiring
77 the department to submit a report to the Governor and
78 the Legislature by a specified date; providing an
79 effective date.