

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: CS/HB 619 The Renaming of Florida College System
SPONSOR(S): Post-Secondary Education Subcommittee, Nuñez and others
TIED BILLS: None. **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 946

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Post-Secondary Education Subcommittee	11 Y, 0 N, As CS	McAlarney	Bishop
2) Education Committee			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

This bill changes the name of “Florida Keys Community College” to “College of the Florida Keys” and the name of “North Florida Community College” to “North Florida College”. The institutions have met all statutory requirements for the name changes.

The bill may have nominal costs that can be absorbed by the colleges.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2018.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Present Situation

With the approval of its district board of trustees, a Florida College System institution may change the name of the institution as listed in s. 1000.21(3), F.S., and use the designation “college” or “state college” if it has been authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees and has been accredited as a baccalaureate-degree-granting institution by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).¹ A district board of trustees that approves the use of the designation “college” or “state college” must seek statutory codification of the name change during the next regular legislative session.²

Florida Keys Community College has met the statutory requirements for a name change.³ The college is accredited by the SACSCOC to award associate degrees⁴ and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management.⁵

On January 6, 2016, Florida’s State Board of Education unanimously approved Florida Keys Community College’s proposal to offer its first baccalaureate degree at their monthly meeting in Tallahassee.⁶ On December 4, 2016, the SACSCOC accredited the college to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management effective January 2017.⁷

North Florida Community College has met the statutory requirements for a name change.⁸ The college is accredited by the SACSCOC to award associate degrees⁹ and has approval from the State Board of Education to begin a Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.¹⁰

On September 23, 2016, Florida’s State Board of Education unanimously approved North Florida Community College’s proposal to offer its first baccalaureate degree at their monthly meeting.¹¹ On

¹ Section 1001.60(2)(b)1., F.S.

² Section 1001.60(2)(c), F.S.

³ Section 1001.60(2)(b)1., F.S.

⁴ Florida Keys Community College, *Statement of Accreditation*, <https://www.fkcc.edu/about/statement-of-accreditation/> (last visited Nov. 9, 2017).

⁵ Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, *Accreditation Actions Taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees*, Dec. 4, 2016; p. 2; <http://www.sacscoc.org/2016decActionsanddisclosurestatements/16cract.december.pdf> (last visited Nov. 9, 2017); <https://www.fkcc.edu/academics/bachelors-degree-supervision-management/> (last visited Nov. 9, 2017).

⁶ Florida Board of Education, State Board of Education Agenda, Jan. 6, 2016, <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/13170/urlt/agenda.pdf> (last visited Nov. 9, 2017); Florida Keys Community College, Bachelor’s Degree Approval, Jan. 6, 2016, <https://www.fkcc.edu/2016/01/bachelors-degree-approved-by-state-board/> (last visited Nov. 9, 2017).

⁷ Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, *Accreditation Actions Taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees*, Dec. 4, 2016; p. 2; <http://www.sacscoc.org/2016decActionsanddisclosurestatements/16cract.december.pdf> (last visited Nov. 9, 2017).

⁸ Section 1001.60(2)(b)1., F.S.

⁹ North Florida Community College, About, <https://www.nfcc.edu/about-nfcc/index> (last visited Dec. 6, 2017); Suwannee Democrat, North Florida Community College Closer to Name Change, Jan. 20, 2017, http://www.suwanneedemocrat.com/news/north-florida-community-college-closer-to-changing-name/article_9353ae1a-df1a-11e6-b65b-af4dfe78ea16.html (last visited Dec. 6, 2017).

¹⁰ Suwannee Democrat, North Florida Community College Closer to Name Change, Jan. 20, 2017, http://www.suwanneedemocrat.com/news/north-florida-community-college-closer-to-changing-name/article_9353ae1a-df1a-11e6-b65b-af4dfe78ea16.html (last visited Dec. 6, 2017); Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, *Accreditation Actions Taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees*, Jun. 15, 2017; p. 3; <http://www.sacscoc.org/2017JuneActionsanddisclosurestatements/17cractjune.pdf> (last visited Dec. 6, 2017).

June 15, 2017, the SACSCOC accredited the college to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing effective August 2017.¹²

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill amends s. 1000.21(3)(h), F.S., changing the name of “Florida Keys Community College” to “College of the Florida Keys”. Also, the bill amends s. 1000.21(3)(p), F.S., changing the name of “North Florida Community College” to “North Florida College”. The colleges have complied with the statutory requirements for name changes.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends s. 1000.21(3)(h), F.S., changing the name of Florida Keys Community College to College of the Florida Keys. Also, amends s. 1000.21(3)(p), F.S., changing the name of “North Florida Community College” to “North Florida College”.

Section 2. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2018.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

¹¹ Florida Board of Education, State Board of Education Agenda, Action Item, Sept. 23, 2016, <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/18330/urlt/bacc.pdf> (last visited Dec. 6, 2017); Florida Board of Education, State Board of Education Agenda, Action Item, Oct. 26, 2016, <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/18349/urlt/minutes.pdf> (last visited Dec. 6, 2017).

¹² Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, *Accreditation Actions Taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees*, Jun. 15, 2017; p. 3; <http://www.sacscoc.org/2017JuneActionsanddisclosurestatements/17cractjune.pdf> (last visited Dec. 6, 2017).

The colleges may incur costs related to the name change. Such costs may be associated with signage, publications, documentation, and other related items. Payment of such costs shall be the responsibility of the institutions.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

On December 6, 2017, the Post-Secondary Education Subcommittee adopted an amendment and reported the bill favorably as amended. The amendment changes the name of the "North Florida Community College" to "North Florida College".

The bill analysis is drafted to reflect the amendment.