

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

HIGHER EDUCATION
Senator Oelrich, Chair
Senator Siplin, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 8, 2011
TIME: 10:00 —11:00 a.m.
PLACE: 301 Senate Office Building

MEMBERS: Senator Oelrich, Chair; Senator Siplin, Vice Chair; Senators Lynn, Negron, and Sachs

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 84 Lynn (Similar H 35)	St. Johns River Community College; Renames St. Johns River Community College as "St. Johns River State College." Amends provisions relating to the Florida School of the Arts and the consolidation of certain training schools. Conforms provisions. HE 02/08/2011 BC	
2	SB 654 Oelrich (Compare H 7) (If Received)	Student Fees; Authorizes community colleges boards of trustees to establish a transportation access fee for students enrolled in workforce education programs and community colleges. Requires that revenue from the fee be used only to provide or improve access to transportation services. Requires that a referendum be held by the student government every 5 years to approve the continued application of the fee. Prohibits the inclusion of the fee in calculating the amount a student receives under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program awards, etc.	

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Higher Education Committee

BILL: SB 84

INTRODUCER: Senator Lynn

SUBJECT: St. Johns River Community College

DATE: February 4, 2011

REVISED: _____

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

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

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

II. Present Situation:

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

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

¹ s. 1001.60, F.S.

² s. 1001.60(2)(c), F.S.

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

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

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

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

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

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

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

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.



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The Committee on Higher Education (Lynn) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Delete lines 21 - 22

and insert:

(i) Gulf Coast State ~~Community~~ College, which serves Bay, Franklin, and Gulf Counties.

(t) Pensacola State ~~Junior~~ College, which serves Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

(v) St. Johns River State ~~Community~~ College, which serves Clay, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties.

(bb) Valencia State ~~Community~~ College, which serves Orange and Osceola Counties.



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13 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
14 288.8175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 288.8175 Linkage institutes between postsecondary
16 institutions in this state and foreign countries.-

17 (5) The institutes are:

18 (b) Florida-Costa Rica Institute (Florida State University
19 and Valencia State ~~Community~~ College).

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22 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

23 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

24 Delete lines 12 - 13

25 and insert:

26 Section 1. Paragraphs (i), (t), (v), and (bb) of subsection
27 (3) of section 1000.21, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

30 And the title is amended as follows:

31 Delete lines 2 - 4

32 and insert:

33 An act relating to community colleges; amending s.
34 1000.21, F.S.; renaming Gulf Coast Community College
35 as "Gulf Coast State College"; renaming Pensacola
36 Junior College as "Pensacola State College"; renaming
37 St. Johns River Community College as "St. Johns River
38 State College"; renaming Valencia Community College as
39 "Valencia State College";



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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Higher Education (Lynn) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (798246) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 11 - 19
5 and insert:

6 (bb) Valencia ~~Community~~ College, which serves Orange and
7 Osceola Counties.

8 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
9 288.8175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

10 288.8175 Linkage institutes between postsecondary
11 institutions in this state and foreign countries.—

12 (5) The institutes are:



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13 (b) Florida-Costa Rica Institute (Florida State University and
14 Valencia ~~Community~~ College).

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

17 And the title is amended as follows:

18 Delete line 39

19 and insert:

20 "Valencia College";

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Higher Education Committee

BILL: SB 654

INTRODUCER: Senator Oelrich

SUBJECT: Student Fees

DATE: February 4, 2011 REVISED: _____

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

This bill authorizes each community college board of trustees to establish a transportation access fee. The fee may not exceed \$6.00 per credit hour. The fee would not be covered by the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

This bill amends ss. 1009.22 and 1009.23, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

College Fees

Sections 1009.22 and 1009.23, F.S., authorize community college boards of trustees to charge tuition and specified fees for postsecondary workforce education students and community college students. A community college may not charge any fee except as authorized by law. Community colleges do not have statutory authority to charge transportation access fees.

University Transportation Access Fees

Under s. 1009.24(13), F.S., state universities are authorized to charge transportation access fees. An example of how a university may use the transportation access fee can be seen in the way in which the University of Florida and the City of Gainesville entered into an interlocal agreement. The goal of the agreement was to mitigate the impact of university transportation related issues, specifically by taking cars off the road and by reducing the demand for on-campus parking. To accomplish this goal, the university has contracted with Gainesville's Regional Transportation System (RTS) to provide students unlimited access to the city bus system. At the end of October 2010, RTS had provided 9 million rides in the preceding fiscal year, amounting to a daily

ridership of almost 50,000. When school is in session, approximately 75 percent of the daily riders are university students. A committee of students and administrators assist RTS in determining which routes and service will be included in each annual contract. Through this negotiation, the level and frequency of service are funded through a fee that students and administrators agree upon. Service ranges from higher levels that provide a bus every 10 to 15 minutes to lower levels that provide a bus every 30 minutes. Several intercampus routes allow students, faculty, and staff to travel from one part of campus to another. In general, hours of service are from 6:00 am to 2:00 am. According to the Board of Governors, the 2010-2011 transportation access fee at the University of Florida is \$7.33 per credit hour. The university anticipates that the fee will increase to \$7.88 in August 2011.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill authorizes each community college board of trustees to establish a transportation access fee for postsecondary workforce education students and community college students. The fee could not exceed \$6.00 per credit hour. Revenues from the transportation access fee could only be used for the provision or improvement of access to transportation services for students. An increase in the fee could only occur once each year and would have to be implemented in the fall term. The fee would not be covered by the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

The bill requires a college's student government to hold a referendum every 5 years to approve continuation of the fee. However, the initial imposition of the fee does not require a student vote.

The fee could assist the college in mitigating the effect of transportation related issues by taking cars off the road and reducing the demand for on-campus parking.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

Students at a community college that imposed the transportation access fee would have to pay the fee. The fee is capped at \$6.00 per credit hour.

C. Government Sector Impact:

According to the Department of Education, based on the 2010-11 FTE-1A Report, including workforce education students, the Florida College System estimates a total of 11,020,200 credit hours of instruction will be provided during the year. If all colleges in the system exercise this fee authority and assess the maximum of \$6 per credit hour, the estimated revenues would be \$66,121,200.

This is an optional fee to be approved by the local community college board of trustees. As with other authorized fees (e.g., parking, library, identification, transcript, technology, capital improvement), not all colleges assess all authorized fees or assess the maximum authorized amount if assessing the fee.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**

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

None.

B. Amendments:

None.



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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Higher Education (Oelrich) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete line 24

and insert:

(12) (a) The Board of Trustees of Santa Fe College may

Delete line 27

and insert:

services for students enrolled at Santa Fe College. The fee

Delete lines 31 - 32

and insert:

referendum must be held by the student government to approve the application of the fee.



13 Delete line 42
14 and insert:
15 (17) (a) The Board of Trustees of Santa Fe College may
16 Delete line 45
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18 services for students enrolled at Santa Fe College. The fee
19 Delete lines 49 - 50
20 and insert:
21 referendum must be held by the student government to approve the
22 application of the fee.
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24 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====
25 And the title is amended as follows:
26 Delete lines 3 - 12
27 and insert:
28 and 1009.23, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Trustees
29 of Santa Fe College to establish a transportation
30 access fee for students enrolled at Santa Fe College,
31 including students enrolled in workforce education
32 programs; requiring that revenue from the fee be used
33 only to provide or improve access to transportation
34 services; limiting the amount of the fee; providing a
35 timeframe for a fee increase and implementation of an
36 increase; requiring that a referendum be held by the
37 student government to approve the application of