

By Senator Grant

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to education; amending s.
 3 240.61, F.S.; revising the due date for a
 4 report on the college reach-out program;
 5 removing the requirement for including
 6 longitudinal cohort assessment; repealing s.
 7 240.154, F.S., which provides for undergraduate
 8 enhancement; repealing s. 240.278, F.S., which
 9 provides for the establishment and use of the
 10 Quality Assurance Fund; repealing s. 240.521,
 11 F.S., which provides for the establishment of a
 12 state university or a branch of an existing
 13 state university to be located in East Central
 14 Florida; repealing s. 240.522, F.S., which
 15 provides for the establishment of a university
 16 in Southwest Florida; repealing s. 240.523,
 17 F.S., which provides for the establishment of a
 18 4-year college in Dade County; repealing s.
 19 240.525, F.S., which provides for the
 20 establishment of a state university or branch
 21 of an existing state university or state
 22 college in Duval County; providing an effective
 23 date.

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 25 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 27 Section 1. Subsection (13) of section 240.61, Florida
 28 Statutes, is amended to read:

29 240.61 College reach-out program.--

30 (13) By February 15 ~~January 15~~ of each year, the
 31 Postsecondary Education Planning Commission shall submit to

1 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
2 Representatives, the Commissioner of Education, and the
3 Governor a report that evaluates the effectiveness of the
4 college reach-out program. The report must be based upon
5 information provided by participating institutions, the
6 Division of Universities, the Division of Community Colleges,
7 and the Division of Workforce Development pursuant to
8 subsections (7) and (12). ~~The evaluation must include~~
9 ~~longitudinal cohort assessments of college reach-out program~~
10 ~~participants from their entry into the program to their~~
11 ~~graduation from postsecondary institutions.~~To the extent
12 feasible, the performance of college reach-out program
13 participants must be compared to the performance of comparable
14 cohorts of students in public school and postsecondary
15 education.

16 Section 2. Sections 240.154, 240.278, 240.521,
17 240.522, 240.523, and 240.525, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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21 SENATE SUMMARY

22 With respect to the college reach-out program, changes
23 the due date for the annual report from January 15 to
24 February 15 and eliminates the requirement to include
25 longitudinal cohort assessments. Repeals statutes that
26 provide, respectively, for undergraduate enhancement, for
27 the establishment and use of the Quality Assurance Fund,
28 for establishing a state university or a branch of an
29 existing state university in East Central Florida, for
30 establishing a university in Southwest Florida, for
31 establishing a 4-year college in Dade County, and for
existing state university or state college in Duval
County.