

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

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

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29 Section 1. Subsections (3) and (13) of section 240.61,
30 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
31 240.61 College reach-out program.--

1 (3) To participate in the college reach-out program, a
2 community college, a public university, or an independent
3 postsecondary institution ~~that is participating in a special~~
4 ~~program for students from disadvantaged backgrounds pursuant~~
5 ~~to 20 U.S.C., ss. 1070d et seq.~~ may submit a proposal to the
6 Department of Education. The State Board of Education shall
7 consider the proposals and determine which proposals to
8 implement as programs that will strengthen the educational
9 motivation and preparation of low-income educationally
10 disadvantaged students.

11 (13) By February 15 ~~January 15~~ of each year, the
12 Postsecondary Education Planning Commission shall submit to
13 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives, the Commissioner of Education, and the
15 Governor a report that evaluates the effectiveness of the
16 college reach-out program. The report must be based upon
17 information provided by participating institutions, the
18 Division of Universities, the Division of Community Colleges,
19 and the Division of Workforce Development pursuant to
20 subsections (7) and (12). ~~The evaluation must include~~
21 ~~longitudinal cohort assessments of college reach-out program~~
22 ~~participants from their entry into the program to their~~
23 ~~graduation from postsecondary institutions.~~ To the extent
24 feasible, the performance of college reach-out program
25 participants must be compared to the performance of comparable
26 cohorts of students in public school and postsecondary
27 education.

28 Section 2. Sections 240.154, 240.278, 240.521,
29 240.522, 240.523, and 240.525, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

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

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SB 2136

The Committee Substitute differs from SB 2136 in that educational institutions proposing to participate in the college reach-out program no longer are required to participate in a special federal program for disadvantaged students.