

By the Committee on Colleges & Universities and Representatives Casey, Carlton, Goode, Rayson, Ritter, Brooks, Constantine, Betancourt, Ball, Bradley and Rojas

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to postsecondary education;
amending s. 240.61, F.S., relating to the
college reach-out program; requiring the
Postsecondary Education Planning Commission to
determine the frequency of certain assessments;
revising the reporting date; repealing ss.
240.154 and 240.278, F.S., relating to
proposals for undergraduate enhancement and the
Quality Assurance Fund; providing an effective
date.

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

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

240.61 College reach-out program.--

(13) By February ~~January~~ 15 of each year, the Postsecondary Education Planning Commission shall submit to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Commissioner of Education, and the Governor a report that evaluates the effectiveness of the college reach-out program. The report must be based upon information provided by participating institutions, the Division of Universities, the Division of Community Colleges, and the Division of Workforce Development pursuant to subsections (7) and (12). The evaluation must include longitudinal cohort assessments of college reach-out program participants from their entry into the program to their graduation from postsecondary institutions. The Postsecondary Education Planning Commission shall determine how frequently

1 to conduct the assessment of each cohort.To the extent
2 feasible, the performance of college reach-out program
3 participants must be compared to the performance of comparable
4 cohorts of students in public school and postsecondary
5 education.

6 Section 2. Sections 240.154 and 240.278, Florida
7 Statutes, are repealed.

8 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1 of the
9 year in which enacted.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

With respect to the college reach-out program, requires the Postsecondary Education Planning Commission to determine the frequency of certain assessments and revises the reporting date. Repeals provisions relating to proposals for undergraduate enhancement and the Quality Assurance Fund.