

By the Committee on Education

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to the college reach-out  
program; amending s. 240.61, F.S.; specifying  
proposals to be given preference under the  
program; repealing s. 3, ch. 94-246, Laws of  
Florida, relating to legislative review and  
repeal of the program; providing an effective  
date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 240.61, Florida  
Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

240.61 College reach-out program.--

(5) In selecting proposals for approval, the State  
Board of Education shall give preference to:

- (a) Proposals submitted jointly by two or more  
eligible postsecondary institutions;
- (b) A program that will use institutional, federal, or  
private resources to supplement state appropriations;
- (c) An applicant that has demonstrated success in  
conducting similar programs;
- (d) A program that includes innovative approaches,  
provides a great variety of activities, and includes a large  
percentage of low-income educationally disadvantaged minority  
students in the college reach-out program;
- (e) An applicant that demonstrates commitment to the  
program by proposing to match the grant funds at least  
one-to-one in cash or services, with cash being the preferred  
match;

1 (f) An applicant that demonstrates an interest in  
2 cultural diversity and that addresses the unmet regional needs  
3 of varying communities; and

4 (g) A program that coordinates rather than duplicates  
5 services provided to students ~~identifies participants for the~~  
6 ~~college reach-out program from among students who are not~~  
7 ~~already~~ enrolled in similar programs that assist low-income  
8 educationally disadvantaged students.

9 Section 2. Section 3 of chapter 94-246, Laws of  
10 Florida, is repealed.

11 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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14 SENATE SUMMARY

15 Provides for preference under the college reach-out  
16 program to be given to proposals that coordinate, without  
17 duplicating, services to students. Abrogates the future  
18 repeal of the program.

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