

By the Committee on Education and Senators Clary and Cowin

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to community colleges;  
3           requiring each community college to determine  
4           the number of matriculated, degree-seeking  
5           students enrolled at the community college;  
6           providing requirements for classifying a  
7           student as matriculated and degree-seeking;  
8           requiring the classification to be used only  
9           for specified purposes; providing an effective  
10          date.

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

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14           Section 1. (1) Beginning in the 1999-2000 school  
15 year, each state community college shall determine the number  
16 of students enrolled at the community college who are  
17 matriculated, degree-seeking students. A student shall be  
18 classified as matriculated and degree-seeking if the student:

19           (a) Is not enrolled in a program of advanced placement  
20 or early admission;

21           (b) Has met the testing requirements of section  
22 240.117, Florida Statutes; and

23           (c) Has been classified by the community college as a  
24 matriculated, degree-seeking student.

25           (2) The community college shall use the classification  
26 of students as matriculated and degree-seeking for reports  
27 required by section 240.324, Florida Statutes, the community  
28 college accountability process. A student may maintain the  
29 status of a degree-seeking student for other purposes, such as  
30 eligibility for financial aid, even if the college has not  
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1 classified the student as a matriculated student for  
2 accountability purposes.

3           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
4 law.

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6                           STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
7                           COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
8                           SB 768

9 The Committee Substitute does not require a student to apply  
10 for classification as matriculated and degree-seeking. The  
11 community college will determine each student's  
12 classification. The classification will be used only in  
13 community college accountability reports; student eligibility  
14 for financial aid will not be affected.  
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