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Senator Horne moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 23, line 7, through
page 26, line 29, delete those lines

and insert:

240.233 Universities; admissions of students.--Each university is authorized to adopt rules governing the admission of students ~~shall govern admissions of students~~, subject to this section and rules of the Board of Regents.

(1) Minimum academic standards for undergraduate admission to a university must include the requirements that:

(a) Each student have received a high school diploma pursuant to s. 232.246, or its equivalent, except as provided in s. 240.116(2) and (3).

(b) Each student have successfully completed a college-preparatory curriculum of nineteen credits, as defined in rules of the Board of Regents, including at least earned two credits of sequential foreign language at the secondary level or the equivalent of such instruction at the

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1 postsecondary level. A student whose native language is not
2 English is exempt from this admissions requirement, provided
3 that the student demonstrates proficiency in the native
4 language. If a standardized test is not available in the
5 student's native language for the demonstration of
6 proficiency, the university may provide an alternative method
7 of assessment. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules
8 for the articulation of foreign language competency and
9 equivalency between secondary and postsecondary institutions.
10 A student who received an associate in arts degree prior to
11 September 1, 1989, or who enrolled in a program of studies
12 leading to an associate degree from a Florida community
13 college prior to August 1, 1989, and maintains continuous
14 enrollment shall be exempt from this admissions requirement.

15 (c) Each student have submitted a test score from the
16 Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination
17 Board or the American College Testing Program.

18 (2) The minimum admission standards adopted by the
19 Board of Regents or a state university must permit a student
20 to earn at least four of the nineteen credits constituting the
21 college-preparatory curriculum required for admission as
22 electives in any one of the following manners:

23 (a) Successful completion of any course identified in
24 the Department of Education course code directory as level two
25 or higher in one or more of the following subject areas:
26 English, mathematics, natural science, social science, and
27 foreign language;

28 (b) Successful completion of any course identified in
29 the Department of Education course code directory as level
30 three in the same or related disciplines;

31 (c) Any combination of the courses identified in

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1 paragraphs (a) and (b); or

2 (d) Successful completion of two credits from the
3 courses identified in paragraph (a), plus no more than two
4 total credits from the following categories of courses:

5 1. Courses identified in the Department of Education
6 course code directory as ROTC and military training;

7 2. Courses identified in the Department of Education
8 course code directory as level two in art-visual arts, dance,
9 drama-theatre arts, language arts, or music; or

10 3. Any additional courses determined to be equivalent
11 by the Articulation Coordinating Committee.

12 (3)(2) The Board of Regents shall adopt rules which
13 provide for a limited number of students to be admitted to the
14 State University System, notwithstanding the admission
15 requirements of paragraph (1)(b) relating to credits in
16 foreign language, if there is evidence that the applicant is
17 expected to do successful academic work at the admitting
18 university. The number of applicants admitted under this
19 subsection may not exceed 5 percent of the total number of
20 freshmen who entered the State University System the prior
21 year. Any lower-division student admitted without meeting the
22 foreign language requirement must earn such credits prior to
23 admission to the upper division of a state university. Any
24 associate in arts admission to the upper division of a state
25 university. Any associate in arts degree graduate from a
26 public community college or university in Florida, or other
27 upper-division transfer student, admitted without meeting the
28 foreign language requirement, must earn such credits prior to
29 graduation from a state university. Students shall be exempt
30 from the provisions of this subsection if they can demonstrate
31 proficiency in American sign language equivalent to that of

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1 students who have completed two credits of such instruction in
2 high school.

3 (4)~~(3)~~(a) Nonresident students may be admitted to the
4 university upon such terms as the university may establish.
5 However, such terms shall include, but shall not be limited
6 to: completion of a secondary school curriculum which
7 includes 4 years of English; 3 years each of mathematics,
8 science, and social sciences; and 2 years of a foreign
9 language.

10 (b) Within the admission standards provided for in
11 subsection (1), the Board of Regents shall develop procedures
12 for weighting courses which are necessary to meet the
13 requirements of a college-preparatory curriculum at a higher
14 value than less rigorous courses. Credits received in such
15 courses shall be given greater value in determining admission
16 by universities than cumulative grade point averages in high
17 school.

18 (5)~~(4)~~ Consideration shall be given to the past
19 actions of any person applying for admission as a student to
20 any state university, either as a new applicant, an applicant
21 for continuation of studies, or a transfer student, when such
22 actions have been found to disrupt or interfere with the
23 orderly conduct, processes, functions, or programs of any
24 other university, college, or community college.

25 (6)~~(5)~~ In any application for admission by a student
26 as a citizen of the state, the applicant, if 18 years of age,
27 or, if a minor, his or her parents or guardian shall make and
28 file with such application a written statement under oath that
29 such applicant is a citizen and resident of the state and
30 entitled, as such, to admission upon the terms and conditions
31 prescribed for citizens and residents of the state.

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1 ~~(7)(6)~~ Rules of the State Board of Education shall
2 require the use of scores on tests of college-level
3 communication and computation skills provided in s. 229.551 as
4 a condition for admission of students to upper-division
5 instructional programs from community colleges, including
6 those who have been awarded associate in arts degrees. Use of
7 such test scores as an admission requirement shall extend
8 equally and uniformly to students enrolled in lower divisions
9 in the State University System and to transfer students from
10 other colleges and universities. The tests shall be required
11 for community college students seeking associate in arts
12 degrees and students seeking admission to upper-division
13 instructional programs in the State University System. The
14 use of test scores prior to August 1, 1984, shall be limited
15 to student counseling and curriculum improvement.

16 ~~(8)(7)~~ For the purposes of this section, American sign
17 language constitutes a foreign language. Florida high schools
18 may offer American sign language as a for-credit elective or
19 as a substitute for any already authorized foreign language
20 requirement.

21 ~~(9)(8)~~ A Florida resident who is denied admission as
22 an undergraduate to a state university for failure to meet the
23 high school grade point average requirement may appeal the
24 decision to the university and request a recalculation of the
25 grade point average including in the revised calculation the
26 grades earned in up to three credits of advanced fine arts
27 courses. The university shall provide the student with a
28 description of the appeals process at the same time as
29 notification of the admissions decision. The university shall
30 recalculate the student's grade point average using the
31 additional courses and advise the student of any changes in

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1 the student's admission status. For purposes of this section,
2 fine arts courses include courses in music, drama, painting,
3 sculpture, speech, debate, or a course in any art form that
4 requires manual dexterity. Advanced level fine arts courses
5 include fine arts courses identified in the course code
6 directory as Advanced Placement, pre-International
7 Baccalaureate, or International Baccalaureate, or fine arts
8 courses taken in the third or fourth year of a fine arts
9 curriculum.

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12 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

13 And the title is amended as follows:

14 On page 1, line 18, after the semicolon

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16 insert:

17 revising requirements for minimum standards for
18 undergraduate admission relating to foreign
19 language; allowing students to use up to two
20 credits in art, music, drama, speech, debate,
21 humanities, or military science courses to
22 count towards the admission requirements;
23 requiring submission of a test score;

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