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Senator Sullivan moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment**

On page 2, line 19, through page 3, line 24, delete those lines

and insert:

(1) Baccalaureate-and-master's-degree-oriented universities are as follows:

(a) Suncoast University in Pinellas County.

(b) New College in Sarasota County, which shall be considered a university for purposes of this act.

(2) The universities will be developed using a combination of new and existing facilities, with initial development at locations and facilities in the state's existing postsecondary education systems.

(3) A community college may not convert to a baccalaureate-and-master's-degree-oriented university.

Section 3. University mission.--The mission of the baccalaureate and master's degree oriented universities is to provide high-quality undergraduate education at an affordable

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1 price, and to promote regional and statewide economic  
2 development. Initially, course offerings will be limited to  
3 core programs in the liberal arts and sciences, technology,  
4 and a limited number of professional programs, including  
5 business and education. The role of these universities is to  
6 complement, not compete with, community colleges and  
7 institutions in the State University System. This role will be  
8 accomplished by encouraging interinstitutional cooperation and  
9 by providing upper-division undergraduate opportunities to  
10 community college transfer students, particularly students  
11 with associate in science degrees transferring into  
12 baccalaureate programs. An additional component of the role of  
13 New College will be to continue to maintain its liberal arts  
14 honors program of national distinction and to continue to be  
15 the honors college of the State of Florida. The emphasis at  
16 these new universities will be on teaching, not research.  
17 Instruction will be primarily at the baccalaureate degree  
18 level with a limited number of master's degree level courses  
19 and programs. A baccalaureate and master's degree oriented  
20 university shall contract with a local community college to  
21 provide lower-division instruction. This primary mission does  
22 not preclude one of these universities from entering into a  
23 joint-use agreement with any institution in the State  
24 University System to offer master's and doctoral degree  
25 programs on the baccalaureate and master's degree oriented  
26 university campus.

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