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Bill No. HB 1339

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Representative(s) Bilirakis offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 5, between lines 21 and 22, of the bill

insert:

Section 3. Legislative intent.--The Legislature intends to create an innovative means to increase access to baccalaureate degree level education in populous counties that are underserved by public baccalaureate degree granting institutions. This education is intended to address the state's workforce needs, especially the need for teachers, nurses, and business managers in agencies and firms that require expertise in technology.

Section 4. St. Petersburg College; mission.--St. Petersburg Junior College is redesignated as St. Petersburg College. The college shall immediately seek accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as a baccalaureate degree granting college.

(1) The primary mission of St. Petersburg College is to provide high-quality undergraduate education at an

1 affordable price for students and the state. The purpose is to
2 promote economic development by preparing people for
3 occupations that require a bachelor's degree and are in demand
4 by existing or emerging public and private employers in this
5 state.

6 (2) St. Petersburg College shall maintain the mission
7 and policies of a Florida community college, including the
8 open-door admissions policy and the authority to offer all
9 programs consistent with a public community college's
10 authority.

11 (3) St. Petersburg College shall maintain the
12 distinction between the college and its university center. St.
13 Petersburg College is limited to community college programs
14 and to selected baccalaureate degree level programs that meet
15 community needs and are authorized as provided by this act.
16 The University Center may make available more diverse program
17 offerings, but those programs are offered by a participating
18 college or university and are not to be classified or funded
19 as programs of St. Petersburg College.

20 (4) The academic policies of the upper-division
21 program at St. Petersburg College must be in accordance with
22 policies of the State University System.

23 (5) Sections 240.293 and 240.2945, Florida Statutes,
24 apply to St. Petersburg College.

25 Section 5. St. Petersburg College; students.--

26 (1) St. Petersburg College shall maintain separate
27 records for students who are enrolled in courses classified in
28 the lower division and the upper division of a baccalaureate
29 program according to the common course numbering system. A
30 student shall be reported as a community college student for
31 enrollment in a lower-division course and as a baccalaureate

1 degree program student for enrollment in an upper-division
2 course.

3 (2) The Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College
4 shall establish the level of matriculation, tuition, and other
5 authorized student fees.

6 (a) For each credit hour of enrollment in a
7 certificate level course or lower-division level college
8 credit course, matriculation and tuition fees must be within
9 the range authorized in law and rule for a community college
10 student at that level.

11 (b) For each credit hour of enrollment in an
12 upper-division level course, matriculation and tuition fees
13 must be in an amount established by the Board of Trustees of
14 St. Petersburg College. However, fees for upper-division
15 students must reflect the fact that the college does not incur
16 the costs of major research programs. Therefore, the board of
17 trustees shall establish fees for upper-division students
18 within a range that is lower than the fees established for
19 students at a public university but higher than the fees for
20 community college students.

21 (c) Other mandatory fees and local fees must be at the
22 same level for all lower-division students. For upper-division
23 students, other mandatory fees and local fees must be at a
24 level less than fees established for University of South
25 Florida students, regardless of program enrollment or level.
26 However, students in workforce development education courses
27 maintain the authorized fee exemptions described in s.
28 239.117, Florida Statutes, and may be exempt from local fees
29 imposed by the board of trustees, at the board's discretion.

30 Section 6. St. Petersburg College; degrees.--

31 (1) In addition to the certificates, diplomas, and

1 degrees authorized in s. 240.301, Florida Statutes, St.
 2 Petersburg College may offer selected baccalaureate degrees.
 3 Initially, the college may offer programs that lead to a
 4 baccalaureate degree in the following fields:

5 (a) Bachelor of science in nursing. This program must
 6 be designed to articulate with the associate in science degree
 7 in nursing. St. Petersburg College shall continue to offer the
 8 associate in science degree in nursing.

9 (b) Bachelor of arts and bachelor of science in
 10 elementary education.

11 (c) Bachelor of arts and bachelor of science in
 12 special education.

13 (d) Bachelor of arts and bachelor of science in
 14 secondary education.

15 (e) Bachelor of applied science in fields selected by
 16 the Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College. The board of
 17 trustees shall base the selection on an analysis of workforce
 18 needs and opportunities in the following counties: Pinellas,
 19 Pasco, Hernando, and other counties approved by the Department
 20 of Education. For each program selected, St. Petersburg
 21 College must offer a related associate in science or associate
 22 in applied science degree program, and the baccalaureate
 23 degree level program must be designed to articulate fully with
 24 at least one associate in science degree program. The college
 25 is encouraged to develop articulation agreements for
 26 enrollment of graduates of related associate in applied
 27 science degree programs.

28 (2) St. Petersburg College may offer courses that
 29 enable teachers to qualify for certification and
 30 recertification as required by law or rule.

31 (3) St. Petersburg College may offer programs to

1 provide opportunities for a person who holds a baccalaureate
2 degree, but is not certified to teach, to obtain any
3 additional courses required for teacher certification.

4 (4) Masters degree level programs and doctoral
5 programs may be provided by agreement with a college or
6 university participating in the University Center of St.
7 Petersburg College.

8 (5) For those students living outside the St.
9 Petersburg College service area, St. Petersburg College shall
10 recruit for the upper division only those students who have
11 earned an associate degree. In recruiting upper-division
12 students in Pasco and Hernando Counties, St. Petersburg
13 College shall work cooperatively with Pasco-Hernando Community
14 College and shall seek to offer courses and programs at
15 Pasco-Hernando Community College when feasible.

16 Section 7. St. Petersburg College; boards.--

17 (1) The Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg Junior
18 College is renamed the Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg
19 College and serves as its governing board. The Governor shall
20 appoint members as provided in s. 240.313, Florida Statutes,
21 and the board of trustees has the duties and authorities
22 granted in ss. 240.315 and 240.319, Florida Statutes, and by
23 rules of the State Board of Education.

24 (2) The Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College
25 may authorize direct-support organizations as authorized in
26 ss. 240.299 and 240.331, Florida Statutes.

27 (3) The Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College
28 may continue to award degrees, diplomas, and certificates as
29 authorized for St. Petersburg Junior College, and in the name
30 of St. Petersburg Junior College, until St. Petersburg College
31 receives its accreditation.

1 (4) A coordinating board shall assist the board of
 2 trustees in its deliberations concerning issues that affect
 3 the upper division of St. Petersburg College. The coordinating
 4 board consists of the President of the University of South
 5 Florida, the President of St. Petersburg College, the
 6 President of Pasco-Hernando Community College, and the chairs
 7 of the boards of trustees of those institutions.

8 (5) Beginning 4 years after St. Petersburg College
 9 receives accreditation to offer baccalaureate degrees, the
 10 board of trustees of the college may determine additional
 11 programs to be offered, with the approval of the coordinating
 12 board. The determination must consider community needs and
 13 economic opportunities.

14 (6) The coordinating board shall meet at the request
 15 of the President of the University of South Florida or the
 16 President of St. Petersburg College.

17 (7) If the coordinating board cannot decide an issue
 18 of importance to the programs designed for upper-division
 19 students, the chief educational officer of this state shall
 20 resolve the issue.

21 Section 8. St. Petersburg College; employees.--

22 (1) Employment at St. Petersburg College is governed
 23 by the same laws that govern community colleges, except that
 24 upper-division faculty are eligible for continuing contracts
 25 upon the completion of the fifth year of teaching.

26 (2) Employee records for all personnel shall be
 27 maintained as required by s. 240.337, Florida Statutes.

28 Section 9. St. Petersburg College; facilities.--St.

29 Petersburg College may request funding from the Public
 30 Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund as a
 31 community college and as a university. The municipalities of

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1 Pinellas County, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas
 2 County, and all other governmental entities are authorized to
 3 cooperate with the Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College
 4 in establishing this institution. The acquisition and donation
 5 of lands, buildings, and equipment for the use of St.
 6 Petersburg College are authorized as a public purpose. The
 7 Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County and all
 8 municipalities of Pinellas County may exercise the power of
 9 eminent domain to acquire lands, buildings, and equipment for
 10 the use of St. Petersburg College, regardless of whether such
 11 lands, buildings, and equipment are located in a community
 12 redevelopment area.

13 Section 10. St. Petersburg College; state funding.--

14 (1) The Legislature intends to fund St. Petersburg
 15 College as a community college for its workforce development
 16 education programs and for its lower-division level college
 17 credit courses and programs.

18 (2) The Legislature intends to fund St. Petersburg
 19 College as a baccalaureate degree level institution for its
 20 upper-division level courses and programs.

21 (3) During the 2001-2002 fiscal year, St. Petersburg
 22 College shall estimate the appropriate level of funding for
 23 these programs. By March 1, 2002, the college shall complete a
 24 cost study and shall submit to the Legislature a proposal for
 25 cost accounting and legislative budget requests designed to
 26 acknowledge its unique classification. The cost study must
 27 indicate actual costs projected for the first 4 years of
 28 operation as a baccalaureate degree level institution, with
 29 the first students expected to enroll in the upper division in
 30 the fall semester of 2002.

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3 On page 1, line 2,
4 remove from the title of the bill: all of said line

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6 and insert in lieu thereof:

7 An act relating to postsecondary education;
8 providing legislative intent; redesignating St.
9 Petersburg Junior College as St. Petersburg
10 College; requiring accreditation; providing
11 mission; providing for students and fees;
12 providing conditional authority to offer
13 baccalaureate degree level programs;
14 authorizing certain baccalaureate degree
15 programs and a process for increasing their
16 number; establishing a board of trustees and a
17 coordinating board; providing for employment;
18 providing for the acquisition of land,
19 buildings, and equipment; authorizing the power
20 of eminent domain; providing intent for state
21 funding; requiring a cost study;

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