

By Representative Argenziano

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to community college required  
3           instruction; amending s. 240.325, F.S.;  
4           requiring community college general education  
5           requirements to include civics instruction  
6           which focuses on American national government;  
7           providing an effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section  
12 240.325, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13           240.325 Minimum standards, definitions, and guidelines  
14 for community colleges.--The State Board of Education shall  
15 prescribe minimum standards, definitions, and guidelines for  
16 community colleges which will assure the quality of education,  
17 systemwide coordination, and efficient progress toward  
18 attainment of the community college mission. At a minimum,  
19 these rules must address:

20           (4) Provisions for curriculum development, graduation  
21 requirements, college calendars, and program service areas.  
22 These provisions shall include rules that:

23           (c) Require no more than 36 semester credit hours in  
24 general education courses in the subject areas of  
25 communication, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and  
26 natural sciences. Such required general education courses  
27 shall include civics instruction which focuses on American  
28 national government.

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30 The rules should encourage community colleges to enter into  
31 agreements with universities which allow community college

1 students to complete upper-division-level courses at a  
2 community college. An agreement may provide for concurrent  
3 enrollment at the community college and the university,  
4 authority for the community college to offer an  
5 upper-division-level course, or distance learning.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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9 HOUSE SUMMARY

10 Requires community college general education requirements  
11 to include civics instruction which focuses on American  
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