

By Representative Arza

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to community college funding;
 3 amending s. 240.359, F.S.; revising the method
 4 of determining the annual apportionment to each
 5 community college from state funds; authorizing
 6 determination annually in the General
 7 Appropriations Act and revising components to
 8 be considered in such determination; providing
 9 for use of a resource allocation funding model
 10 and specifying components of the model;
 11 providing for use of a relative need index;
 12 providing for consideration of
 13 performance-based budget funding and workforce
 14 development funding; providing duties of the
 15 Florida Board of Education; providing an
 16 effective date.

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

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 20 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 240.359, Florida
 21 Statutes, is amended to read:

22 240.359 Procedure for determining state financial
 23 support and annual apportionment of state funds to each
 24 community college district.--The procedure for determining
 25 state financial support and the annual apportionment to each
 26 community college district authorized to operate a community
 27 college under the provisions of s. 240.313 shall be as
 28 follows:

29 (3) DETERMINING THE APPORTIONMENT FROM STATE FUNDS.--
 30 ~~(a) By December 15 of each year, the Department of~~
 31 ~~Education shall estimate the annual enrollment of each~~

1 ~~community college for the current fiscal year and for the 6~~
2 ~~subsequent fiscal years. These estimates shall be based upon~~
3 ~~prior years' enrollments, upon the initial fall term~~
4 ~~enrollments for the current fiscal year for each college, and~~
5 ~~upon each college's estimated current enrollment and~~
6 ~~demographic changes in the respective community college~~
7 ~~districts.~~

8 ~~(a)(b)~~ The apportionment to each community college
9 from the Community College Program Fund may ~~shall~~ be
10 determined annually in the General Appropriations Act. In
11 determining each college's apportionment, the Legislature
12 shall consider the following components:

13 1. Base budget, which includes the state general
14 revenue and lottery appropriations ~~appropriation~~ to the
15 Community College Program Fund in the current year plus the
16 related student matriculation and tuition fees established
17 ~~assigned~~ in the current General Appropriations Act.

18 2. The cost-to-continue allocation, which consists of
19 incremental changes to the base budget, including salaries,
20 price levels, and other related costs allocated through the
21 resource allocation funding model. The model shall consider
22 the additional operational costs related to small community
23 colleges and community colleges with multiple campuses. The
24 resource allocation funding model shall be approved by the
25 Florida Board of Education and shall include, but not be
26 limited to, the following components:

27 a. Direct instruction, including class size, faculty
28 load, average instructional salaries and benefits, program
29 resource requirements, and full-time equivalent student
30 enrollments.

31 b. Academic support.

1 c. Libraries, including library materials, library
2 technology, and staffing.

3 d. Student services, including student headcount,
4 full-time equivalent students, and disabled student services.

5 e. Plant operations and maintenance, including
6 maintenance, repair, custodial service, utilities, space
7 utilization, and facility inventory.

8 f. Special projects.

9 g. District cost differential.

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11 To determine state support, standard student matriculation and
12 tuition fee revenues and related state support shall be
13 deducted from the sum of the components included in the
14 resource allocation funding model. The resultant calculated
15 state support by community college shall be compared to
16 current state support by community college to determine a
17 relative need index by community college. New state
18 appropriations shall be multiplied by the relative need index
19 to determine the annual state appropriation by community
20 college.

21 ~~3. Enrollment workload adjustment, which shall be~~
22 ~~determined as follows:~~

23 ~~a. The actual full-time equivalent enrollment for the~~
24 ~~prior year, as accepted or modified by the Legislature, shall~~
25 ~~be the assigned enrollment and the basis for allocating~~
26 ~~appropriated funds for enrollment workload. If the enrollment~~
27 ~~workload allocation to a college is determined to be less than~~
28 ~~zero, the reduction in allocation shall be implemented over a~~
29 ~~2-year period.~~

30 ~~b. The systemwide average direct instructional cost~~
31 ~~level of each program of study shall be used to calculate the~~

1 ~~enrollment workload adjustment. This amount, multiplied by a~~
2 ~~factor of 1.3, for support services shall be multiplied by the~~
3 ~~change in enrollment as determined in sub-subparagraph a.~~
4 ~~From this amount, student matriculation and tuition fees~~
5 ~~generated by the change in assigned enrollment shall be~~
6 ~~deducted and the remaining amount shall be the state~~
7 ~~allocation to each college for enrollment workload.~~

8 ~~c. Students enrolled in a recreation and leisure~~
9 ~~program and students enrolled in a lifelong learning program~~
10 ~~may not be counted as full-time equivalent enrollments for~~
11 ~~purposes of enrollment workload adjustments.~~

12 ~~3.4. Operating costs of new facilities adjustments,~~
13 ~~which shall be provided, from funds available, for each new~~
14 ~~facility that is owned by the college and is recommended in~~
15 ~~accordance with s. 235.15 and guidelines of the Florida Board~~
16 ~~of Education.~~

17 ~~4.5. New and improved program enhancements, which~~
18 ~~shall be determined by the Legislature and may be allocated~~
19 ~~through the resource allocation funding model.~~

20 ~~5. Performance-based budget funding.~~

21 ~~6. Workforce development funding.~~

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23 ~~Student fees in the base budget plus student fee revenues~~
24 ~~generated by increases in fee rates shall be deducted from the~~
25 ~~sum of the components determined in subparagraphs 1.-5. The~~
26 ~~amount remaining shall be the net annual state apportionment~~
27 ~~to each college.~~

28 ~~(b)(c)~~ No community college shall commit funds for the
29 employment of personnel or resources in excess of those
30 required to continue the same level of support for either the
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1 previously approved enrollment or the revised enrollment,
2 whichever is lower.

3 (c)~~(d)~~ The apportionment to each community college
4 district for capital outlay and debt service shall be the
5 amount determined in accordance with subsection (2). This
6 amount, less any amount determined as necessary for
7 administrative expense by the Florida State Board of Education
8 and any amount necessary for debt service on bonds issued by
9 the Florida State Board of Education, shall be transmitted to
10 the community college district board of trustees to be
11 expended in a manner prescribed by rules of the Florida State
12 Board of Education.

13 (d)~~(e)~~ Colleges shall seek to maintain an unencumbered
14 fund balance of between 4 percent and 10 percent of the funds
15 available in the current general fund of the operating budget.
16 If the 10-percent upper level is exceeded for 2 consecutive
17 years, the appropriation to the college in a succeeding fiscal
18 year shall be reduced by the average of the excess of the fund
19 balance over the 10 percent for the 2 years. In exceptional
20 cases, when fund balances greater than 10 percent are
21 necessary for a college, prior approval shall be obtained from
22 the Florida Board of Education State Board of Community
23 Colleges.

24 (e)~~(f)~~ Expenditures for apprenticeship programs shall
25 be reported separately.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

With respect to community college funding, revises the method of determining the annual apportionment to each community college from state funds. Authorizes determination annually in the General Appropriations Act and revises components to be considered in such determination. Provides for use of a resource allocation funding model and specifies components of the model. Provides for use of a relative need index. Provides for consideration of performance-based budget funding and workforce development funding. Provides duties of the Florida Board of Education.