

By the Committee on Education; and Senators Villalobos, Peadar and Wise

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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; providing
 6 an effective date.

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

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

12 240.359 Procedure for determining state financial
 13 support and annual apportionment of state funds to each
 14 community college district.--The procedure for determining
 15 state financial support and the annual apportionment to each
 16 community college district authorized to operate a community
 17 college under the provisions of s. 240.313 shall be as
 18 follows:

19 (3) DETERMINING THE APPORTIONMENT FROM STATE FUNDS.--

20 ~~(a) By December 15 of each year, the Department of~~
 21 ~~Education shall estimate the annual enrollment of each~~
 22 ~~community college for the current fiscal year and for the 6~~
 23 ~~subsequent fiscal years. These estimates shall be based upon~~
 24 ~~prior years' enrollments, upon the initial fall term~~
 25 ~~enrollments for the current fiscal year for each college, and~~
 26 ~~upon each college's estimated current enrollment and~~
 27 ~~demographic changes in the respective community college~~
 28 ~~districts.~~

29 (a)~~(b)~~ The apportionment to each community college
 30 from the Community College Program Fund shall be determined
 31 annually in the General Appropriations Act. In determining

1 each college's apportionment, the Legislature shall consider
2 the following components:

3 1. Base budget, which includes the state general
4 revenue and lottery appropriations ~~appropriation~~ to the
5 Community College Program Fund in the current year plus the
6 related student matriculation and tuition fees established
7 ~~assigned~~ in the current General Appropriations Act.

8 2. The cost-to-continue allocation, which consists of
9 incremental changes to the base budget, including salaries,
10 price levels, and other related costs allocated through a
11 funding model approved by the Legislature which may recognize
12 differing economic factors arising from the individual
13 educational approaches of the various community colleges,
14 including, but not limited to:

15 a. Direct Instructional Funding, including class size,
16 faculty productivity factors, average faculty salary, ratio of
17 full-time to part-time faculty, costs of programs, and
18 enrollment factors.

19 b. Academic Support, including small colleges factor,
20 multicampus factor, and enrollment factor.

21 c. Student Services Support, including headcount of
22 students as well as FTE count and enrollment factors.

23 d. Library Support, including volume and other
24 materials/audiovisual requirements.

25 e. Special Projects.

26 f. Operations and Maintenance of Plant, including
27 square footage and utilization factors.

28 g. District Cost Differential.

29 3. ~~Enrollment workload adjustment, which shall be~~
30 ~~determined as follows:~~

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1 ~~a. The actual full-time equivalent enrollment for the~~
2 ~~prior year, as accepted or modified by the Legislature, shall~~
3 ~~be the assigned enrollment and the basis for allocating~~
4 ~~appropriated funds for enrollment workload. If the enrollment~~
5 ~~workload allocation to a college is determined to be less than~~
6 ~~zero, the reduction in allocation shall be implemented over a~~
7 ~~2-year period.~~

8 ~~b. The systemwide average direct instructional cost~~
9 ~~level of each program of study shall be used to calculate the~~
10 ~~enrollment workload adjustment. This amount, multiplied by a~~
11 ~~factor of 1.3, for support services shall be multiplied by the~~
12 ~~change in enrollment as determined in sub-subparagraph a.~~
13 ~~From this amount, student matriculation and tuition fees~~
14 ~~generated by the change in assigned enrollment shall be~~
15 ~~deducted and the remaining amount shall be the state~~
16 ~~allocation to each college for enrollment workload.~~

17 ~~c. Students enrolled in a recreation and leisure~~
18 ~~program and students enrolled in a lifelong learning program~~
19 ~~may not be counted as full-time equivalent enrollments for~~
20 ~~purposes of enrollment workload adjustments.~~

21 ~~3.4. Operating costs of new facilities adjustments,~~
22 ~~which shall be provided, from funds available, for each new~~
23 ~~facility that is owned by the college and is recommended in~~
24 ~~accordance with s. 235.15.~~

25 ~~4.5. New and improved program enhancements, which~~
26 ~~shall be determined by the Legislature and may be allocated~~
27 ~~through the funding model specified in subparagraph 2.~~

28 5. Performance-based-budget funding.

29 6. Workforce development funding.

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

6 ~~(c) No community college shall commit funds for the~~
7 ~~employment of personnel or resources in excess of those~~
8 ~~required to continue the same level of support for either the~~
9 ~~previously approved enrollment or the revised enrollment,~~
10 ~~whichever is lower.~~

11 ~~(b)(d)~~ The apportionment to each community college
12 district for capital outlay and debt service shall be the
13 amount determined in accordance with subsection (2). This
14 amount, less any amount determined as necessary for
15 administrative expense by the Florida State Board of Education
16 and any amount necessary for debt service on bonds issued by
17 the State Board of Education, shall be transmitted to the
18 community college district board of trustees to be expended in
19 a manner prescribed by rules of the Florida State Board of
20 Education.

21 ~~(e) Colleges shall seek to maintain an unencumbered~~
22 ~~fund balance of between 4 percent and 10 percent of the funds~~
23 ~~available in the current general fund of the operating budget.~~
24 ~~If the 10-percent upper level is exceeded for 2 consecutive~~
25 ~~years, the appropriation to the college in a succeeding fiscal~~
26 ~~year shall be reduced by the average of the excess of the fund~~
27 ~~balance over the 10 percent for the 2 years. In exceptional~~
28 ~~cases, when fund balances greater than 10 percent are~~
29 ~~necessary for a college, prior approval shall be obtained from~~
30 ~~the State Board of Community Colleges.~~

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