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

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

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

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

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

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

The rules should encourage community colleges to enter into
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, 2002.

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9 HOUSE SUMMARY

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11 to include civics instruction which focuses on American
12 national government.
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