

By the Council for Lifelong Learning and Committee on  
Colleges & Universities and 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. At least one of the courses a student must  
27   take to satisfy the social sciences requirement shall include  
28   civics instruction which focuses on American national  
29   government. The required civics instruction applies to  
30   students who enroll in a community college for the first time  
31   in the fall semester of 2002 or thereafter.

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2 The rules should encourage community colleges to enter into  
3 agreements with universities which allow community college  
4 students to complete upper-division-level courses at a  
5 community college. An agreement may provide for concurrent  
6 enrollment at the community college and the university,  
7 authority for the community college to offer an  
8 upper-division-level course, or distance learning.

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

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