

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

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3 Section 1. Subsections (1), (2), and (8) of section
4 1001.64, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

5 1001.64 Community college boards of trustees; powers
6 and duties.--

7 (1) The boards of trustees shall be responsible for
8 cost-effective policy decisions appropriate to the community
9 college's mission, the implementation and maintenance of
10 high-quality education programs within law and rules of the
11 State Board of Education, the measurement of performance, the
12 reporting of information, and the provision of input regarding
13 state policy, budgeting, and education standards. Community
14 colleges may grant baccalaureate degrees pursuant to s.
15 1007.33 and shall remain under the authority of the State
16 Board of Education with respect to planning, coordination,
17 oversight, and budgetary and accountability responsibilities.

18 (2) Each board of trustees is vested with the
19 responsibility to govern its respective community college and
20 with such necessary authority as is needed for the proper
21 operation and improvement thereof in accordance with rules of
22 the State Board of Education. This authority includes serving
23 as the governing board for purposes of granting baccalaureate
24 degrees as authorized in s. 1007.33 and approved by the State
25 Board of Education.

26 (8) Each board of trustees has authority for policies
27 related to students, enrollment of students, student records,
28 student activities, financial assistance, and other student
29 services.

30 (a) Each board of trustees shall govern admission of
31 students pursuant to s. 1007.263 and rules of the State Board

1 of Education. A board of trustees may establish additional
2 admissions criteria, which shall be included in the district
3 interinstitutional articulation agreement developed according
4 to s. 1007.235, to ensure student readiness for postsecondary
5 instruction. Each board of trustees may consider the past
6 actions of any person applying for admission or enrollment and
7 may deny admission or enrollment to an applicant because of
8 misconduct if determined to be in the best interest of the
9 community college.

10 (b) Each board of trustees shall adopt rules
11 establishing student performance standards for the award of
12 degrees and certificates pursuant to s. 1004.68. The board of
13 trustees of a community college which is authorized to grant a
14 baccalaureate degree under s. 1007.33 may continue to award
15 degrees, diplomas, and certificates as authorized for the
16 college, and in the name of the college, until the college
17 receives any necessary changes to its accreditation.

18 (c) Each board of trustees shall establish tuition and
19 out-of-state fees for approved baccalaureate degree programs,
20 consistent with law and proviso language in the General
21 Appropriations Act; however, a board of trustees may not vary
22 tuition and out-of-state fees as provided in s. 1009.23(4).

23 ~~(d)(e)~~ Boards of trustees are authorized to establish
24 intrainstitutional and interinstitutional programs to maximize
25 articulation pursuant to s. 1007.22.

26 ~~(e)(d)~~ Boards of trustees shall identify their core
27 curricula, which shall include courses required by the State
28 Board of Education, pursuant to the provisions of s.
29 1007.25(6).

30 ~~(f)(e)~~ Each board of trustees must adopt a written
31 antihazing policy, provide a program for the enforcement of

1 such rules, and adopt appropriate penalties for violations of
2 such rules pursuant to the provisions of s. 1006.63.

3 ~~(g)(f)~~ Each board of trustees may establish a uniform
4 code of conduct and appropriate penalties for violation of its
5 rules by students and student organizations, including rules
6 governing student academic honesty. Such penalties, unless
7 otherwise provided by law, may include fines, the withholding
8 of diplomas or transcripts pending compliance with rules or
9 payment of fines, and the imposition of probation, suspension,
10 or dismissal.

11 ~~(h)(g)~~ Each board of trustees pursuant to s. 1006.53
12 shall adopt a policy in accordance with rules of the State
13 Board of Education that reasonably accommodates the religious
14 observance, practice, and belief of individual students in
15 regard to admissions, class attendance, and the scheduling of
16 examinations and work assignments.

17 (i) Each board of trustees shall adopt a policy
18 providing that faculty who teach upper-division courses that
19 are a component part of a baccalaureate degree program must
20 meet the requirements of s. 1012.82.

21 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 1007.33, Florida
22 Statutes, is amended, subsection (4) is renumbered as
23 subsection (6), and new subsections (4) and (5) are added to
24 that section, to read:

25 1007.33 Site-determined baccalaureate degree access.--

26 (3) A community college may develop a proposal to
27 deliver specified baccalaureate degree programs in its
28 district to meet local workforce needs. The proposal must be
29 submitted to the State Board of Education for approval. A
30 community college may develop proposals to deliver
31 baccalaureate degree programs in math and science which would

1 prepare graduates to enter a teaching position in math or
2 science or employment in a position that requires a
3 baccalaureate degree in math or science. The community

4 college's proposal must include the following information:

5 (a) Demand for the baccalaureate degree program is
6 identified by the workforce development board, local
7 businesses and industry, local chambers of commerce, and
8 potential students.

9 (b) Unmet need for graduates of the proposed degree
10 program is substantiated.

11 (c) The community college has the facilities and
12 academic resources to deliver the program.

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14 ~~The proposal must be submitted to the Council for Education~~
15 ~~Policy Research and Improvement for review and comment.~~ Upon
16 approval of the State Board of Education for the specific
17 degree program or programs, the community college shall pursue
18 regional accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the
19 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Any additional
20 baccalaureate degree programs the community college wishes to
21 offer must be approved by the State Board of Education.

22 (4) A formal agreement for the delivery of specified
23 baccalaureate degree programs by a regionally accredited
24 public or private college or university at a community college
25 site must include:

26 (a) A guarantee that students will be able to complete
27 the degree in the community college district.

28 (b) A financial commitment to the development,
29 implementation, and maintenance of the specified degree
30 program on behalf of the college or university which includes
31 timelines.

1 (c) A plan for collaboration in the development and
2 offering of the curriculum for the specified degree by faculty
3 at both the community college and the college or university.
4 The curriculum for the specified degree must be developed and
5 approved within 6 months after the agreement between the
6 community college and the college or university is signed.

7 (5) A community college proposal to deliver a
8 specified baccalaureate degree program must document that the
9 community college has notified in writing the accredited
10 public and private colleges and universities in the community
11 college's district of its intent to seek approval for delivery
12 of the proposed program. The notified colleges and
13 universities have 90 days to submit in writing to the
14 community college an alternative plan for providing the
15 specified degree program.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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19 SENATE SUMMARY

20 Provides for community colleges that grant baccalaureate
21 degrees to remain under the authority of the State Board
22 of Education with respect to specified responsibilities.
23 Provides that the board of trustees is the governing
24 board for purposes of granting baccalaureate degrees.
25 Provides powers of the boards of trustees, including the
26 power to establish tuition and out-of-state fees.
27 Requires policies relating to minimum faculty teaching
28 hours per week. Removes a requirement that proposals for
29 a baccalaureate degree program be submitted to the
30 Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement for
31 review and comment. Provides requirements for the
 delivery of specified baccalaureate degree programs by a
 regionally accredited college or university at a
 community college site. (See bill for details.)