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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representatives Pickens and Coley offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

5 Section 1. Paragraphs (b), (e), (k), (u), and (x) of
6 subsection (3) of section 1000.21, Florida Statutes, are amended
7 to read:

8 1000.21 Systemwide definitions.--As used in the Florida K-
9 20 Education Code:

10 (3) "Community college," except as otherwise specifically
11 provided, includes the following institutions and any branch
12 campuses, centers, or other affiliates of the institution:

13 (b) Broward ~~Community~~ College.

14 (e) Daytona Beach ~~Community~~ College.

15 (k) Indian River ~~Community~~ College.

16 (u) Polk ~~Community~~ College.

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17 (x) Santa Fe ~~Community~~ College.

18 Section 2. Section 1001.60, Florida Statutes, is created
19 to read:

20 1001.60 Florida College System.--

21 (1) PURPOSES.--In order to maximize open access for
22 students, respond to community needs for postsecondary academic
23 education and career degree education, and provide associate and
24 baccalaureate degrees that will best meet the state's employment
25 needs, the Legislature establishes a system of governance for
26 the Florida College System.

27 (2) FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM.--There shall be a single
28 Florida College System comprised of the public postsecondary
29 educational institutions identified in s. 1000.21(3) that grant
30 2-year and 4-year academic degrees as provided by law. An
31 institution within the Florida College System may not offer
32 graduate degree programs.

33 (a) The programs and services offered by institutions in
34 the Florida College System in providing associate and
35 baccalaureate degrees shall be delivered in a cost-effective
36 manner that demonstrates substantial savings to the student and
37 to the state over the cost of providing the degree at a state
38 university.

39 (b)1. With the approval of the institution's local board
40 of trustees, an institution in the Florida College System may
41 change the institution's name and use the designation "college"
42 if it has been authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees
43 pursuant to s. 1004.73 or s. 1007.33 or if it has received

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44 approval from the State Board of Education pursuant to this
45 paragraph.

46 2. With the approval of an institution's local board of
47 trustees, any institution in the Florida College System may
48 request approval from the State Board of Education to change the
49 institution's name and use the designation "college." The State
50 Board of Education may approve the request if the institution
51 enters into an agreement with the State Board of Education to do
52 the following:

53 a. Maintain as the institution's primary mission
54 responsibility for responding to community needs for
55 postsecondary academic education and career degree education as
56 prescribed in s. 1004.65(6).

57 b. Maintain an open-door admissions policy for associate-
58 level degree programs and workforce education programs.

59 c. Continue to provide outreach to underserved
60 populations.

61 d. Continue to provide remedial education.

62 e. Comply with all provisions of the statewide
63 articulation agreement that relate to 2-year and 4-year public
64 degree-granting institutions as adopted by the State Board of
65 Education pursuant to s. 1007.23.

66 3. An institution in the Florida College System shall not
67 use the designation "university."

68 (3) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES.--Each institution within the
69 Florida College System shall be governed by a local board of
70 trustees as provided in s. 1001.64. The membership of each local
71 board of trustees shall be as provided in s. 1001.61.

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72 Section 3. Section 1004.35, Florida Statutes, is amended
73 to read:

74 1004.35 Broward County campuses of Florida Atlantic
75 University; coordination with other institutions.--The State
76 Board of Education, the Board of Governors, and Florida Atlantic
77 University shall consult with Broward ~~Community~~ College and
78 Florida International University in coordinating course
79 offerings at the postsecondary level in Broward County. Florida
80 Atlantic University may contract with the Board of Trustees of
81 Broward ~~Community~~ College and with Florida International
82 University to provide instruction in courses offered at the
83 Southeast Campus. Florida Atlantic University shall increase
84 course offerings at the Southeast Campus as facilities become
85 available.

86 Section 4. Section 1004.87, Florida Statutes, is created
87 to read:

88 1004.87 Florida College System Task Force.--

89 (1) The Florida College System Task Force is established
90 within the Division of Community Colleges of the Department of
91 Education for the purpose of developing findings and issuing
92 recommendations regarding the transition of community colleges
93 to baccalaureate-degree-granting colleges and the criteria for
94 establishing and funding state colleges.

95 (2)(a) All members of the task force must be appointed on
96 or before August 31, 2008, and the task force shall hold its
97 first meeting on or before September 15, 2008.

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98 (b)1. The task force shall be comprised of the
99 Commissioner of Education and 11 members appointed by the
100 Commissioner.

101 2. The Commissioner of Education shall be the chair and a
102 voting member of the task force.

103 3. The appointees shall include seven community college
104 presidents, one state university president, the president of an
105 institution that is eligible to participate in the William L.
106 Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program, the president
107 of an institution that is licensed by the Commission for
108 Independent Education and grants baccalaureate degrees, and one
109 member at large. The community college presidents appointed to
110 the task force may not include the presidents of the
111 institutions named to participate in the State College Pilot
112 Project. The community college presidents appointed to the task
113 force must reflect the diversity of program offerings and
114 service areas of the 28 community colleges and include
115 representatives of community colleges that are authorized to
116 grant baccalaureate degrees, community colleges that are not
117 authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees, community colleges
118 that have urban service areas, community colleges that have
119 rural service areas, community colleges the service areas of
120 which have populations of 500,000 or more, and community
121 colleges the service areas of which have populations of fewer
122 than 500,000.

123 (3) The task force shall:

124 (a) Recommend a program approval process for new
125 baccalaureate degree programs that are designed to meet the

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126 employment needs of Florida, including approval as a
127 baccalaureate-degree-granting community college and as a state
128 college.

129 (b) Recommend a funding model that considers projected
130 enrollment, adjustments for actual enrollment, program mix, and
131 comparable support for similar programs across all institutions,
132 including state colleges and community colleges authorized by
133 the State Board of Education to award baccalaureate degrees
134 pursuant to s. 1007.33. The funding model must ensure that the
135 programs and services offered by institutions in the Florida
136 College System in providing associate and baccalaureate degrees
137 are delivered in a cost-effective manner that demonstrates
138 substantial savings to the student and to the state over the
139 cost of providing the degree at a state university.

140 (c) Identify the areas, both geographic and academic, in
141 which an increased number of graduates who have baccalaureate
142 degrees are necessary in order to meet regional and statewide
143 workforce needs.

144 (d) Monitor implementation of the State College Pilot
145 Project.

146 (e) Recommend priorities and criteria for baccalaureate
147 programs that may be offered without specific approval by the
148 State Board of Education.

149 (4) Any recommendation from the task force to the
150 Legislature requires approval by at least three-fourths of the
151 membership of the task force.

152 (5) The task force shall be staffed by existing employees
153 of the Division of Community Colleges.

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154 (6) (a) Community colleges, state universities, the
155 Commission for Independent Education, and the Agency for
156 Workforce Innovation shall provide information and assistance to
157 the task force.

158 (b) Independent postsecondary educational institutions,
159 representatives of the business community, and other
160 stakeholders are encouraged to provide the task force with
161 information to assist the task force in its deliberations.

162 (7) The task force shall submit a report and
163 recommendations to the Governor, the State Board of Education,
164 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
165 Representatives by March 2, 2009. The report must include any
166 comments from the task force regarding the final report
167 resulting from the State College Pilot Project and any specific
168 recommendations of the task force for legislative action during
169 the 2009 Regular Session of the Legislature.

170 (8) The task force shall be dissolved effective June 30,
171 2010, prior to which time it shall issue its final report with
172 recommended detailed criteria for implementing the Florida
173 College System as a permanent part of the state system of higher
174 education.

175 Section 5. Section 1004.875, Florida Statutes, is created
176 to read:

177 1004.875 State College Pilot Project.--

178 (1) The Legislature finds that it is in the best interest
179 of the state to provide the residents of the state affordable
180 access to baccalaureate degree programs that are designed to
181 meet regional and statewide employment needs.

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182 (2) (a) Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year, the State
183 College Pilot Project is created, which shall be conducted by
184 Chipola College, Daytona Beach College, Edison College, Indian
185 River College, Miami Dade College, Okaloosa-Walton College, Polk
186 College, Santa Fe College, and St. Petersburg College in
187 collaboration with the Florida College System Task Force. The
188 purpose of the pilot project is to recommend to the Legislature
189 an approval process for the transition of baccalaureate-degree-
190 granting community colleges to state colleges in order to meet
191 the employment needs of Florida, criteria for the transition of
192 institutions in the Florida College System to state colleges,
193 and a funding model for the Florida College System.

194 (b) With the approval of the community college's board of
195 trustees and continued compliance with the provisions of
196 subsection (3), a community college identified in paragraph (a)
197 as a participant in the State College Pilot Project may change
198 the institution's name and use the designation "state college."
199 An institution participating in the State College Pilot Project
200 shall not use the designation "university."

201 (3) Each institution identified in subsection (2) as a
202 participant in the pilot project shall:

203 (a) Maintain, as the institution's primary mission,
204 responsibility for responding to community needs for
205 postsecondary academic education and career degree education as
206 prescribed in s. 1004.65(6).

207 (b) Maintain an open-door admissions policy for associate-
208 level degree programs and workforce education programs.

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209 (c)1. Require, as a condition of admission to upper-
210 division programs, successful completion of the college-level
211 communication and mathematics skills examination (CLAST),
212 established pursuant to s. 1008.29, unless the student has been
213 awarded an associate degree from a community college or a state
214 university.

215 2. For purposes of a longitudinal analysis of the CLAST,
216 and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
217 administer the CLAST to each student admitted to an upper-
218 division program unless the student has previously achieved the
219 minimum scores that constitute successful completion of the
220 examination as established pursuant to s. 1008.29(4). The
221 institution shall report annually the test scores of each
222 student tested pursuant to the provisions of this subparagraph
223 and any exemption the student has been provided pursuant to s.
224 1008.29(9) to the Florida College System Task Force until its
225 dissolution, to the State Board of Education once the task force
226 is dissolved, and to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
227 Government Accountability.

228 (d) Continue to provide outreach to underserved
229 populations.

230 (e) Continue to provide remedial education.

231 (f) Comply with all provisions of the statewide
232 articulation agreement that relate to 2-year and 4-year public
233 degree-granting institutions as adopted by the State Board of
234 Education pursuant to s. 1007.23.

235 (g) Be prohibited from awarding graduate credit or
236 graduate degrees.

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237 (h) Be prohibited from participating in intercollegiate
238 athletics beyond the 2-year level.

239 (i) Deliver the programs and services in providing
240 associate and baccalaureate degrees in a cost-effective manner
241 that demonstrates substantial savings to the student and to the
242 state over the cost of providing the degree at a state
243 university.

244 (4) (a) The institutions participating in the pilot project
245 shall collaborate with the Florida College System Task Force to
246 make recommendations to the State Board of Education, the
247 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
248 Representatives on specific issues that should be addressed in
249 the transition of a community college to a state college. Any
250 recommendations of the institutions participating in the pilot
251 project require approval by two-thirds of the participating
252 institutions. At a minimum, the following areas should be
253 addressed during the course of the pilot project:

254 1. The development of a program approval process to be
255 followed by the State Board of Education when considering
256 proposals for new baccalaureate degree programs that are
257 designed to meet the employment needs of Florida. Proposals for
258 new baccalaureate degree programs are not limited to proposals
259 designed to meet regional workforce needs.

260 2. The formulation of criteria for the transition of an
261 institution from a community college to a state college.

262 3. The development of a funding model for state colleges.

263 (b) A final report, including a status report on the
264 transition of the institutions participating in the pilot

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265 project and recommendations on the issues outlined in paragraph
266 (a), shall be submitted to the State Board of Education, the
267 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
268 Representatives, and the Florida College System Task Force by
269 January 1, 2009.

270 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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273 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

274 Remove the entire title and insert:

275 A bill to be entitled

276 An act relating to postsecondary education; amending s. 1000.21,
277 F.S.; redesignating the names of certain community colleges as
278 colleges; creating s. 1001.60, F.S.; establishing the Florida
279 College System to be comprised of public postsecondary
280 educational institutions meeting certain criteria; providing
281 system purposes; providing limitations; authorizing the name
282 change of an institution under certain conditions; providing for
283 local boards of trustees and membership thereof; amending s.
284 1004.35, F.S.; conforming provisions; creating s. 1004.87, F.S.;
285 establishing the Florida College System Task Force for the
286 purpose of developing recommendations for the transition of
287 community colleges to baccalaureate-degree-granting colleges and
288 for establishing and funding state colleges; providing for
289 membership and appointments; providing duties of the task force;
290 requiring reporting; providing for dissolution of the task
291 force; creating s. 1004.875, F.S.; creating the State College
292 Pilot Project for the purpose of developing recommendations for

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293 the transition of community colleges to state colleges and for
294 developing a funding model for the Florida College System;
295 designating certain institutions to participate in the pilot
296 project; providing duties of the institutions; requiring
297 reporting; providing an effective date.