

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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INTRODUCER: Higher Education Appropriations Committee and Higher Education Committee and Senators Oelrich and Gaetz

SUBJECT: Postsecondary Education

DATE: April 22, 2008

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1—096883 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 is a delete-everything amendment that differs from CS/CS/SB 1716, 2nd Eng., in the following ways:

- The membership of the Florida College System Task Force is revised by adding a member who is the president of a baccalaureate-degree granting institution that is licensed by the Commission for Independent Education and reducing the number of community college presidents from eight to seven.
- A recommendation from the task force to the Legislature must be passed by a three-fourths vote rather than a two-thirds vote. With this change, the seven community college presidents would not be able to recommend a change unless at least one other member of the task force voted for it as well.
- The task force must be staffed by existing employees of the Division of Community Colleges.
- Chipola College and Edison College are added to the State College Pilot Project, thus increasing the membership to nine institutions.
- An institution participating in the State College Pilot Project may not call itself a university.
- A new study is required. In order to provide data for a longitudinal analysis of the college level academic skills test (CLAST), each institution participating in the pilot project must administer the CLAST to each student admitted to upper division programs who has not already successfully completed the test and must report the test scores of each student and any exemption provided, to the Florida College System Task Force, the State Board of Education, and the Office of Program Policy and Government Accountability.
- There is an estimated fiscal impact of \$37,000 to administer the additional CLAST exams.