Florida Senate - 2008

 $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$ the Committee on Higher Education; and Senators Oelrich and Gaetz

589-04005-08

2008696c1

1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to community colleges; amending s.
3	1001.64, F.S.; providing conditions for certain
4	contracting by community college boards of trustees;
5	authorizing boards of trustees to enter into certain
6	short-term loans and contracts and make payments subject
7	to appropriation; authorizing boards of trustees to incur
8	long-term debt according to specified requirements;
9	amending s. 1004.70, F.S.; requiring community college
10	boards of trustees to authorize debt incurred by direct-
11	support organizations; authorizing delegation for approval
12	of short-term loans and lease-purchase agreements;
13	providing restrictions; amending s. 1009.22, F.S.,
14	relating to workforce education postsecondary student
15	fees, and s. 1009.23, F.S., relating to community college
16	student fees; revising provisions relating to pledge of
17	fee revenues to repayment of debt by community college
18	boards of trustees; providing requirements for the
19	request, issuance, securing, and payment of bonds;
20	revising provisions relating to validation of bonds;
21	providing for limitation of actions; amending s. 1011.84,
22	F.S.; correcting references; providing for transmittal of
23	funds for amounts required for capital improvement revenue
24	bond debt service under certain circumstances; providing
25	restrictions; amending s. 1000.21, F.S.; redesignating
26	Indian River Community College as "Indian River College";
27	providing an effective date.
28	

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

Page 1 of 18

CS for SB 696

	589-04005-08 2008696c1
30	
31	Section 1. Subsections (26) and (38) of section 1001.64,
32	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
33	1001.64 Community college boards of trustees; powers and
34	duties
35	(26) Each board of trustees is authorized to contract for
36	the purchase, sale, lease, license, or acquisition in any manner
37	(including purchase by installment or lease-purchase contract
38	which may provide for the payment of interest on the unpaid
39	portion of the purchase price and for the granting of a security
40	interest in the items purchased, subject to the provisions of
41	subsection (38) and ss. 1009.22 and 1009.23) of goods, materials,
42	equipment, and services required by the community college. The
43	board of trustees may choose to consolidate equipment contracts
44	under master equipment financing agreements made pursuant to s.
45	287.064.
46	(38) Each board of trustees is authorized to enter into
47	short-term loans and installment, lease-purchase, and other
48	financing contracts for a term of not more than 5 years,
49	including renewals, extensions, and refundings. Payments on
50	short-term loans and installment, lease-purchase, and other
51	financing contracts pursuant to this subsection shall be subject
52	to annual appropriation by the board of trustees. Each board of
53	trustees is authorized to borrow funds and incur <u>long-term</u> debt,
54	including promissory notes, installment sales agreements, lease-
55	purchase agreements, certificates of participation, and other
56	similar long-term financing arrangements, only as specifically
57	provided entering into lease-purchase agreements and the issuance
58	of revenue bonds as specifically authorized and only for the

Page 2 of 18

2008696c1

59	purposes authorized in ss. 1009.22(6) and (9) <u>,</u> and 1009.23(11)
60	and (12), and 215.61(1). At the option of the board of trustees,
61	bonds issued pursuant to ss. 1009.22(6) and (9) and 1009.23(11)
62	and (12) may be issued which are secured by a combination of
63	revenues authorized to be pledged to bonds pursuant to <u>such</u>
64	subsections ss. 1009.22(6) and 1009.23(11) or ss. 1009.22(9) and
65	$\frac{1009.23(12)}{12}$. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection,
66	lease-purchase agreements may be secured by a combination of
67	revenues as specifically authorized pursuant to ss. 1009.22(7)
68	and 1009.23(10).
69	Section 2. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (4) of
70	section 1004.70, Florida Statutes, to read:
71	1004.70 Community college direct-support organizations
72	(4) ACTIVITIES; RESTRICTIONS
73	(e) A community college board of trustees must authorize
74	all debt, including lease-purchase agreements, incurred by a
75	direct-support organization. Authorization for approval of short-
76	term loans and lease-purchase agreements for a term of not more
77	than 5 years, including renewals, extensions, and refundings, for
78	goods, materials, equipment, and services may be delegated by the
79	board of trustees to the board of directors of the direct-support
80	organization. Trustees shall evaluate proposals for debt
81	according to guidelines issued by the Division of Community
82	Colleges. Revenues of the community college may not be pledged to
83	debt issued by direct-support organizations.
84	Section 3. Subsections (6) and (9) of section 1009.22,
85	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
86	1009.22 Workforce education postsecondary student fees

Page 3 of 18

2008696c1

(6) (a) Each district school board and community college 87 88 board of trustees may establish a separate fee for capital 89 improvements, technology enhancements, or equipping buildings 90 which may not exceed 5 percent of tuition for resident students or 5 percent of tuition and out-of-state fees for nonresident 91 students. Funds collected by community colleges through the fee 92 93 these fees may be bonded only for the purpose of financing or 94 refinancing new construction and equipment, renovation, or 95 remodeling of educational facilities. The fee shall be collected 96 as a component part of the tuition and fees, paid into a separate 97 account, and expended only to construct and equip, maintain, 98 improve, or enhance the certificate career education or adult education facilities of the school district or community college. 99 Projects funded through the use of the capital improvement fee 100 101 must meet the survey and construction requirements of chapter 102 1013. Pursuant to s. 216.0158, each district school board and 103 community college board of trustees shall identify each project, 104 including maintenance projects, proposed to be funded in whole or 105 in part by such fee. Capital improvement fee revenues may be 106 pledged by a board of trustees as a dedicated revenue source to 107 the repayment of debt, including lease-purchase agreements, with 108 an overall term of not more than 7 years, including renewals, 109 extensions, and refundings, and revenue bonds $_{\tau}$ with a term not 110 exceeding to exceed 20 years τ and not exceeding to exceed the 111 useful life of the asset being financed, only for the new construction and equipment, renovation, or remodeling of 112 113 educational facilities. Bonds authorized pursuant to this 114 paragraph shall be requested by the community college board of 115 trustees and shall be issued by the Division of Bond Finance in

Page 4 of 18

2008696c1

116 compliance with s. 11(d), Art. VII of the State Constitution and 117 the State Bond Act. The Division of Bond Finance may pledge fees 118 collected by one or more community colleges, including capital 119 improvement fees collected pursuant to s. 1009.23(11), to secure such bonds. Any project included in the approved educational 120 121 plant survey pursuant to chapter 1013 is approved pursuant to s. 122 11(f), Art. VII of the State Constitution. Community colleges may use the services of the Division of Bond Finance of the State 123 124 Board of Administration to issue any bonds authorized through the 125 provisions of this subsection. Any such bonds issued by the 126 Division of Bond Finance shall be in compliance with the 127 provisions of the State Bond Act. Bonds issued pursuant to this 128 paragraph may the State Bond Act shall be validated in the manner 129 provided by chapter 75. The complaint for such validation shall 130 be filed in the circuit court of the county where the seat of 131 state government is situated, the notice required to be published 132 by s. 75.06 shall be published only in the county where the 133 complaint is filed, and the complaint and order of the circuit 134 court shall be served only on the state attorney of the circuit 135 in which the action is pending. A maximum of 15 cents per credit 136 hour may be allocated from the capital improvement fee for child 137 care centers conducted by the district school board or community college board of trustees. The use of capital improvement fees 138 139 for such purpose shall be subordinate to the payment of any bonds 140 secured by the fees.

(b) The state does hereby covenant with the holders of the
 bonds issued under paragraph (a) that it will not take any action
 that will materially and adversely affect the rights of such

2008696c1

144 <u>holders so long as the bonds authorized by paragraph (a) are</u> 145 outstanding.

146 (9) (a) Community college boards of trustees and district school boards are not authorized to charge students enrolled in 147 148 workforce development programs any fee that is not specifically authorized by statute. In addition to tuition, out-of-state, 149 150 financial aid, capital improvement, and technology fees, as authorized in this section, community college boards of trustees 151 152 and district school boards are authorized to establish fee 153 schedules for the following user fees and fines: laboratory fees; 154 parking fees and fines; library fees and fines; fees and fines 155 relating to facilities and equipment use or damage; access or 156 identification card fees; duplicating, photocopying, binding, or 157 microfilming fees; standardized testing fees; diploma replacement 158 fees; transcript fees; application fees; graduation fees; and 159 late fees related to registration and payment. Such user fees and 160 fines shall not exceed the cost of the services provided and 161 shall only be charged to persons receiving the service. Parking fee revenues may be pledged by a community college board of 162 163 trustees as a dedicated revenue source for the repayment of debt, 164 including lease-purchase agreements, with an overall term of not 165 more than 7 years, including renewals, extensions, and refundings, and revenue bonds with a term terms not exceeding 20 166 167 years and not exceeding the useful life of the asset being 168 financed. Community colleges shall use the services of the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration to 169 170 issue any revenue bonds authorized by the provisions of this 171 paragraph subsection. Any such bonds issued by the Division of 172 Bond Finance shall be in compliance with the provisions of the

Page 6 of 18

2008696c1

173 State Bond Act. Bonds issued pursuant to the State Bond Act may 174 shall be validated in the manner established in chapter 75. The 175 complaint for such validation shall be filed in the circuit court 176 of the county where the seat of state government is situated, the 177 notice required to be published by s. 75.06 shall be published 178 only in the county where the complaint is filed, and the 179 complaint and order of the circuit court shall be served only on 180 the state attorney of the circuit in which the action is pending. 181 (b) As provided in this paragraph, a community college 182 board of trustees may, without using the services or obtaining 183 the approval of the Division of Bond Finance, pledge parking fee 184 revenues to debt, including promissory notes, installment sales 185 agreements, lease-purchase agreements, certificates of 186 participation, and other similar financing arrangements, for an 187 overall term of not more than 20 years, including renewals, 188 extensions, refinancings, and refundings, and not exceeding the 189 useful life of the asset being financed as long as the interest 190 rate on any fixed-rate financing is lower than the interest rate 191 on such debt as determined by reference to the Municipal Market 192 Data yields listing for the debt-rating category most closely 193 comparable to the debt being issued immediately prior to the date 194 such interest rate on the debt is set. If the Municipal Market 195 Data yields are no longer available, the interest rate shall be 196 lower than the rate determined by reference to a nationally 197 recognized tax-exempt benchmark interest-rate index. The interest 198 rate on any variable-rate financing must be lower than that of a 199 nationally recognized tax-exempt variable-rate index. 200 Section 4. Subsections (11) and (12) of section 1009.23, 201 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

Page 7 of 18

CS for SB 696

589-04005-08

2008696c1

202

1009.23 Community college student fees.--

203 (11) (a) Each community college board of trustees may 204 establish a separate fee for capital improvements, technology 205 enhancements, or equipping student buildings which may not exceed 10 percent of tuition for resident students or 10 percent of the 206 207 sum of tuition and out-of-state fees for nonresident students. 208 The fee for resident students shall be limited to an increase of \$2 per credit hour over the prior year. Funds collected by 209 210 community colleges through the fee these fees may be bonded only 211 as provided in this subsection for the purpose of financing or 212 refinancing new construction and equipment, renovation, or 213 remodeling of educational facilities. The fee shall be collected 214 as a component part of the tuition and fees, paid into a separate 215 account, and expended only to construct and equip, maintain, 216 improve, or enhance the educational facilities of the community 217 college. Projects funded through the use of the capital 218 improvement fee shall meet the survey and construction 219 requirements of chapter 1013. Pursuant to s. 216.0158, each community college shall identify each project, including 220 221 maintenance projects, proposed to be funded in whole or in part 222 by such fee.

223 Capital improvement fee revenues may be pledged by a (b) 224 board of trustees as a dedicated revenue source to the repayment 225 of debt, including lease-purchase agreements, with an overall 226 term, including renewals, extensions, and refundings, of not more 227 than 7 years, including renewals, extensions, and refundings, and 228 revenue bonds with a term not exceeding to exceed 20 annual 229 maturities and not exceeding to exceed the useful life of the 230 asset being financed, only for financing or refinancing of the

2008696c1

231 new construction and equipment, renovation, or remodeling of 232 educational facilities. Bonds authorized pursuant to through the 233 provisions of this subsection shall be requested by the community 234 college board of trustees and shall be issued by the Division of 235 Bond Finance upon the request of the community college board of 236 trustees in compliance with the provisions of s. 11(d), Art. VII 237 of the State Constitution and the State Bond Act. The Division of 238 Bond Finance may pledge fees collected by one or more community 239 colleges, including capital improvement fees collected pursuant 240 to s. 1009.22(6), to secure such bonds. Any project included in 241 the approved educational plant survey pursuant to chapter 1013 is 242 approved pursuant to s. 11(f)(d), Art. VII of the State 243 Constitution.

244 (c) (d) Any validation of the Bonds issued pursuant to this 245 subsection may be validated shall be in the manner provided by 246 chapter 75. Only the initial series of bonds is required to be 2.47 validated. The complaint for such validation shall be filed in 248 the circuit court of the county where the seat of state 249 government is situated, the notice required to be published by s. 250 75.06 shall be published only in the county where the complaint 251 is filed, and the complaint and order of the circuit court shall 252 be served only on the state attorney of the circuit in which the 253 action is pending.

254 <u>(d) (e)</u> A maximum of 15 percent may be allocated from the 255 capital improvement fee for child care centers conducted by the 256 community college. The use of capital improvement fees for such 257 purpose shall be subordinate to the payment of any bonds secured 258 by the fees.

Page 9 of 18

2008696c1

259 <u>(e) (c)</u> The state does hereby covenant with the holders of 260 the bonds issued under this subsection that it will not take any 261 action that will materially and adversely affect the rights of 262 such holders so long as the bonds authorized by this subsection 263 are outstanding.

264 (12) (a) In addition to tuition, out-of-state, financial 265 aid, capital improvement, student activity and service, and 266 technology fees authorized in this section, each community 267 college board of trustees is authorized to establish fee 268 schedules for the following user fees and fines: laboratory fees; parking fees and fines; library fees and fines; fees and fines 269 270 relating to facilities and equipment use or damage; access or 271 identification card fees; duplicating, photocopying, binding, or 272 microfilming fees; standardized testing fees; diploma replacement 273 fees; transcript fees; application fees; graduation fees; and 274 late fees related to registration and payment. Such user fees and 275 fines shall not exceed the cost of the services provided and 276 shall only be charged to persons receiving the service. A 277 community college may not charge any fee except as authorized by 278 law or rules of the State Board of Education. Parking fee 279 revenues may be pledged by a community college board of trustees 280 as a dedicated revenue source for the repayment of debt, 281 including lease-purchase agreements, with an overall term of not 282 more than 7 years, including renewals, extensions, and 283 refundings, and revenue bonds with a term terms not exceeding 20 284 years and not exceeding the useful life of the asset being 285 financed. Community colleges shall use the services of the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration to 286 287 issue any revenue bonds authorized by the provisions of this

Page 10 of 18

2008696c1

288 paragraph subsection. Any such bonds issued by the Division of 289 Bond Finance shall be in compliance with the provisions of the 290 State Bond Act. Bonds issued pursuant to the State Bond Act may 291 shall be validated in the manner established in chapter 75. The complaint for such validation shall be filed in the circuit court 292 293 of the county where the seat of state government is situated, the 294 notice required to be published by s. 75.06 shall be published 295 only in the county where the complaint is filed, and the 296 complaint and order of the circuit court shall be served only on 297 the state attorney of the circuit in which the action is pending.

298 (b) As provided in this paragraph, a community college 299 board of trustees may, without using the services or obtaining 300 the approval of the Division of Bond Finance, pledge parking fee revenues to debt, including promissory notes, installment sales 301 302 agreements, lease-purchase agreements, certificates of 303 participation, and other similar financing arrangements, for an 304 overall term of not more than 20 years, including renewals, 305 extensions, refinancings, and refundings, and not exceeding the 306 useful life of the asset being financed as long as the interest 307 rate on any fixed-rate financing is lower than the interest rate 308 on such debt as determined by reference to the Municipal Market 309 Data yields listing for the debt-rating category most closely 310 comparable to the debt being issued immediately prior to the date 311 such interest rate on the debt is set. If the Municipal Market 312 Data yields are no longer available, the interest rate shall be 313 lower than the rate determined by reference to a nationally 314 recognized tax-exempt benchmark interest-rate index. The interest 315 rate on any variable-rate financing must be lower than that of a 316 nationally recognized tax-exempt variable-rate index.

Page 11 of 18

2008696c1

317 Section 5. Section 1011.84, Florida Statutes, is amended to 318 read:

319 1011.84 Procedure for determining state financial support 320 and annual apportionment of state funds to each community college 321 district.--The procedure for determining state financial support 322 and the annual apportionment to each community college district 323 authorized to operate a community college under the provisions of 324 s. 1001.61 shall be as follows:

325 (1) DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE COMMUNITY
 326 COLLEGE PROGRAM FUND FOR THE CURRENT OPERATING PROGRAM.--

327 The Department of Education shall determine annually (a) from an analysis of operating costs, prepared in the manner 328 329 prescribed by rules of the State Board of Education, the costs 330 per full-time equivalent student served in courses and fields of 331 study offered in community colleges. This information and current 332 college operating budgets shall be submitted to the Executive 333 Office of the Governor with the legislative budget request prior 334 to each regular session of the Legislature.

(b) The allocation of funds for community colleges shall be based on advanced and professional disciplines, collegepreparatory programs, and other programs for adults funded pursuant to s. 1011.80.

(c) The category of lifelong learning is for students enrolled pursuant to s. 1004.93. A student shall also be reported as a lifelong learning student for his or her enrollment in any course that he or she has previously taken, unless it is a credit course in which the student earned a grade of D or F.

344 (d) If an adult student has been determined to be a345 disabled student eligible for an approved educational program for

Page 12 of 18

2008696c1

346 disabled adults provided pursuant to s. 1004.93 and rules of the 347 State Board of Education and is enrolled in a class with 348 curriculum frameworks developed for the program, state funding 349 for that student shall be provided at a level double that of a 350 student enrolled in a special adult general education program 351 provided by a community college.

(e) All state inmate education provided by community colleges shall be reported by program, FTE expenditure, and revenue source. These enrollments, expenditures, and revenues shall be reported and projected separately. Instruction of state inmates shall not be included in the full-time equivalent student enrollment for funding through the Community College Program Fund.

(f) When a public educational institution has been fully funded by an external agency for direct instructional costs of any course or program, the FTE generated shall not be reported for state funding.

363 The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to (q) 364 implement s. 9(d)(8)g.f., Art. XII of the State Constitution. 365 These rules shall provide for the use of the funds available 366 under s. 9(d) (8)g.f., Art. XII by an individual community college 367 for operating expense in any fiscal year during which the State 368 Board of Education has determined that all major capital outlay 369 needs have been met. Highest priority for the use of these funds 370 for purposes other than financing approved capital outlay 371 projects shall be for the proper maintenance and repair of 372 existing facilities for projects approved by the State Board of 373 Education. However, in any fiscal year in which funds from this 374 source are authorized for operating expense other than approved

Page 13 of 18

2008696c1

375 maintenance and repair projects, the allocation of community 376 college program funds shall be reduced by an amount equal to the 377 sum used for such operating expense for that community college 378 that year, and that amount shall not be released or allocated 379 among the other community colleges that year.

380 (2) DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR CAPITAL
381 OUTLAY AND DEBT SERVICE.--The amount included for capital outlay
382 and debt service shall be as determined and provided in s. 18,
383 Art. XII of the State Constitution of 1885, as adopted by s.
384 9(d), Art. XII of the 1968 revised State Constitution and State
385 Board of Education rules.

386 (3) REDUCTION FOR AMOUNTS REQUIRED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 387 REVENUE BOND DEBT SERVICE.--

388 (a) If amounts sufficient to fully fund all debt service 389 payments with respect to bonds pledging capital improvement fee 390 revenues under s. 1009.22 or s. 1009.23 which have become due and 391 payable have not been forwarded to the State Board of 392 Administration as otherwise required by the proceedings 393 authorizing such bonds, the State Board of Administration, 394 pursuant to its powers and duties under s. 215.69, shall direct 395 the Department of Education to transmit legally available funds 396 remaining in the Community College Program Fund appropriated to 397 the community college that has insufficient capital improvement fees to pay debt service to the State Board of Administration for 398 399 such purpose.

400 (b) A community college may not obligate the state to
 401 appropriate funds pursuant to this subsection. Such funds are
 402 available only to the extent appropriated, and nothing in this

Page 14 of 18

2008696c1

403 <u>subsection constitutes a pledge of the state to continue such</u> 404 appropriations.

405

(4) (3) DETERMINING THE APPORTIONMENT FROM STATE FUNDS.--

406 By December 15 of each year, the Department of (a) 407 Education shall estimate the annual enrollment of each community 408 college for the current fiscal year and for the 6 subsequent 409 fiscal years. These estimates shall be based upon prior years' 410 enrollments, upon the initial fall term enrollments for the 411 current fiscal year for each college, and upon each college's 412 estimated current enrollment and demographic changes in the 413 respective community college districts.

(b) The apportionment to each community college from the Community College Program Fund shall be determined annually in the General Appropriations Act. In determining each college's apportionment, the Legislature shall consider the following components:

1. Base budget, which includes the state appropriation to the Community College Program Fund in the current year plus the related student tuition and out-of-state fees assigned in the current General Appropriations Act.

423 2. The cost-to-continue allocation, which consists of 424 incremental changes to the base budget, including salaries, price 425 levels, and other related costs allocated through a funding model 426 approved by the Legislature which may recognize differing 427 economic factors arising from the individual educational 428 approaches of the various community colleges, including, but not 429 limited to:

430 a. Direct Instructional Funding, including class size,431 faculty productivity factors, average faculty salary, ratio of

Page 15 of 18

589-04005-08 2008696c1 432 full-time to part-time faculty, costs of programs, and enrollment 433 factors. 434 Academic Support, including small colleges factor, b. 435 multicampus factor, and enrollment factor. Student Services Support, including headcount of 436 с. 437 students as well as FTE count and enrollment factors. 438 Library Support, including volume and other d. 439 materials/audiovisual requirements. 440 e. Special Projects. 441 f. Operations and Maintenance of Plant, including square 442 footage and utilization factors. 443 District Cost Differential. q. 444 3. Students enrolled in a recreation and leisure program 445 and students enrolled in a lifelong learning program who may not 446 be counted as full-time equivalent enrollments for purposes of 447 enrollment workload adjustments. 448 Operating costs of new facilities adjustments, which 4. 449 shall be provided, from funds available, for each new facility that is owned by the college and is recommended in accordance 450 451 with s. 1013.31. 452 5. New and improved program enhancements, which shall be 453 determined by the Legislature. 454 455 Student fees in the base budget plus student fee revenues 456 generated by increases in fee rates shall be deducted from the 457 sum of the components determined in subparagraphs 1.-5. The 458 amount remaining shall be the net annual state apportionment to 459 each college.

Page 16 of 18

2008696c1

(c) No community college shall commit funds for the employment of personnel or resources in excess of those required to continue the same level of support for either the previously approved enrollment or the revised enrollment, whichever is lower.

465 (d) The apportionment to each community college district 466 for capital outlay and debt service shall be the amount 467 determined in accordance with subsection (2). This amount, less 468 any amount determined as necessary for administrative expense by 469 the State Board of Education and any amount necessary for debt 470 service on bonds issued by the State Board of Education pursuant 471 to s. 9(d), Art. XII of the 1968 revised State Constitution, 472 shall be transmitted to the community college board of trustees 473 to be expended in a manner prescribed by rules of the State Board 474 of Education.

(e) If at any time the unencumbered balance in the general
fund of the community college board of trustees approved
operating budget goes below 5 percent, the president shall
provide written notification to the State Board of Education.

479 (f) Expenditures for apprenticeship programs shall be480 reported separately.

481 <u>(5)(4)</u> EXPENDITURE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS.--Subject to the 482 provisions of subsection (3), any funds allocated herein to any 483 community college shall be expended only for the purpose of 484 supporting that community college.

485 <u>(6)(5)</u> REPORT OF REMEDIAL EDUCATION.--Each community 486 college board of trustees shall report the volume and cost of 487 remedial education activities as a separate item in its annual 488 cost accounting system.

Page 17 of 18

CS for SB 696

589-04005-08

2008696c1

489 Section 6. Paragraph (k) of subsection (3) of section490 1000.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

491 1000.21 Systemwide definitions.--As used in the Florida K-492 20 Education Code:

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

- 496
- 497

(k) Indian River Community College.

Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.