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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Pickens offered the following:

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3 **Amendment**

4 Remove lines 29-268 and insert:

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

7 1000.21 Systemwide definitions.--As used in the Florida K-
8 20 Education Code:

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

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

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

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

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

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16 Section 2. Section 1001.60, Florida Statutes, is created
17 to read:

18 1001.60 Florida College System.--

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

57 c. Continue to provide outreach to underserved
58 populations.

59 d. Continue to provide remedial education.

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

64 3. An institution in the Florida College System shall not
65 use the designation "university."

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

70 Section 3. Section 1004.35, Florida Statutes, is amended
71 to read:

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72 1004.35 Broward County campuses of Florida Atlantic
73 University; coordination with other institutions.--The State
74 Board of Education, the Board of Governors, and Florida Atlantic
75 University shall consult with Broward ~~Community~~ College and
76 Florida International University in coordinating course
77 offerings at the postsecondary level in Broward County. Florida
78 Atlantic University may contract with the Board of Trustees of
79 Broward ~~Community~~ College and with Florida International
80 University to provide instruction in courses offered at the
81 Southeast Campus. Florida Atlantic University shall increase
82 course offerings at the Southeast Campus as facilities become
83 available.

84 Section 4. Section 1004.87, Florida Statutes, is created
85 to read:

86 1004.87 Florida College System Task Force.--

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

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

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

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

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

121 (3) The task force shall:

122 (a) Recommend a program approval process for new
123 baccalaureate degree programs that are designed to meet the
124 employment needs of Florida, including approval as a
125 baccalaureate-degree-granting community college and as a state
126 college.

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

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

142 (d) Monitor implementation of the State College Pilot
143 Project.

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

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

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

152 (6) (a) Community colleges, state universities, the
153 Commission for Independent Education, and the Agency for

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154 Workforce Innovation shall provide information and assistance to
155 the task force.

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

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

168 (8) The task force shall be dissolved effective June 30,
169 2010, prior to which time it shall issue its final report with
170 recommended detailed criteria for implementing the Florida
171 College System as a permanent part of the state system of higher
172 education.

173 Section 5. Section 1004.875, Florida Statutes, is created
174 to read:

175 1004.875 State College Pilot Project.--

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

180 (2) (a) Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year, the State
181 College Pilot Project is created, which shall be conducted by

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182 Chipola College, Daytona Beach College, Indian River College,
183 Miami Dade College, Okaloosa-Walton College, Polk College, Santa
184 Fe Community College, and St. Petersburg College in
185 collaboration with the Florida College System Task Force. The
186 purpose of the pilot project is to recommend to the Legislature
187 an approval process for the transition of baccalaureate-degree-
188 granting community colleges to state colleges in order to meet
189 the employment needs of Florida, criteria for the transition of
190 institutions in the Florida College System to state colleges,
191 and a funding model for the Florida College System.

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

199 (3) The institutions participating in the pilot project
200 shall:

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

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

207 (c)1. Require, as a condition of admission to upper-
208 division programs, successful completion of the college-level
209 communication and mathematics skills examination (CLAST),

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210 established pursuant to s. 1008.29, unless the student has been
211 awarded an associate degree from a community college or a state
212 university.

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

226 (d) Continue to provide outreach to underserved
227 populations.

228 (e) Continue to provide remedial education.

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

233 (g) Be prohibited from awarding graduate credit or
234 graduate degrees.

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

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

242 (4) (a) The institutions participating in the pilot project
243 shall collaborate with the Florida College System Task Force to
244 make recommendations to the State Board of Education, the
245 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
246 Representatives on specific issues that should be addressed in
247 the transition of a community college to a state college. Any
248 recommendations of the institutions participating in the pilot
249 project require approval by three-fourths of the participating