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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida College System; amending s.
3 20.15, F.S.; renaming the Division of Community Colleges
4 as the Division of Florida Colleges; amending s. 1000.21,
5 F.S.; defining the terms "Florida college" and "community
6 college"; specifying the counties served by each Florida
7 college; renaming specified Florida colleges; amending s.
8 1001.60, F.S.; providing that the Florida College System
9 consists of specified Florida colleges; authorizing a
10 Florida college to change the institution's name to
11 include "college" or "state college" under specified
12 circumstances; requiring the district board of trustees to
13 seek statutory codification of name changes; conforming
14 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
15 1004.65, F.S.; providing that each Florida college shall
16 be governed by a district board of trustees; defining a
17 Florida college district; providing that the open-door
18 admission policy of Florida colleges applies to lower-
19 division programs; providing that the primary mission of
20 Florida colleges includes the provision of upper-level
21 instruction and baccalaureate degrees as authorized by
22 law; conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
23 repealing s. 1004.73, F.S., relating to St. Petersburg
24 College; repealing s. 1004.875, F.S., relating to the
25 State College Pilot Project; amending s. 1007.23, F.S.;
26 providing that associate in arts graduates of Florida
27 colleges must be granted admission to the upper division
28 of a Florida college and shall receive priority for such

29 admission over out-of-state students; requiring specified
30 publications of Florida colleges and state universities to
31 include certain information; conforming provisions to
32 changes made by the act; amending s. 1007.33, F.S.;
33 providing that the term "district" refers to the counties
34 served by a Florida college; providing that Florida
35 colleges may offer specified baccalaureate degree programs
36 through agreements with regionally accredited
37 postsecondary educational institutions; authorizing
38 Florida colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs
39 authorized by law prior to the act's effective date;
40 requiring State Board of Education approval for
41 baccalaureate degree programs proposed by a Florida
42 college after the act's effective date; specifying the
43 purposes for which a baccalaureate degree program may be
44 proposed; providing an exemption from the requirement for
45 State Board of Education approval for specified
46 baccalaureate degree programs offered by St. Petersburg
47 College; providing that a Florida college may request,
48 under specified circumstances, that the State Board of
49 Education review its baccalaureate degree programs for
50 purposes of receiving a statutory exemption from the
51 requirement of state board approval for future
52 baccalaureate degree programs; specifying the approval
53 process for baccalaureate degree programs; specifying
54 contents of a proposal for a baccalaureate degree program;
55 specifying requirements for Florida colleges offering
56 baccalaureate degree programs; requiring the State Board

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57 of Education to adopt specified rules; conforming
 58 provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss.
 59 120.65, 288.8175, 1001.61, 1004.70, 1004.87, and 1009.23,
 60 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
 61 providing an effective date.

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

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65 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
 66 20.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

67 20.15 Department of Education.--There is created a
 68 Department of Education.

69 (3) DIVISIONS.--The following divisions of the Department
 70 of Education are established:

71 (a) Division of Florida Community Colleges.

72 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 1000.21, Florida
 73 Statutes, is amended to read:

74 1000.21 Systemwide definitions.--As used in the Florida K-
 75 20 Education Code:

76 (3) "Florida college" or "community college," except as
 77 otherwise specifically provided, includes all of the following
 78 public postsecondary educational institutions in the Florida
 79 College System and any branch campuses, centers, or other
 80 affiliates of the institution:

81 (a) Brevard Community College, which serves Brevard
 82 County.

83 (b) Broward College, which serves Broward County.

84 (c) Central Florida Community College, which serves
 85 Citrus, Levy, and Marion Counties.

86 (d) Chipola College, which serves Calhoun, Holmes,
 87 Jackson, Liberty, and Washington Counties.

88 (e) Daytona ~~State Beach~~ College, which serves Flagler and
 89 Volusia Counties.

90 (f) Edison State College, which serves Charlotte, Collier,
 91 Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties.

92 (g) Florida State ~~Community~~ College at Jacksonville, which
 93 serves Duval and Nassau Counties.

94 (h) Florida Keys Community College, which serves Monroe
 95 County.

96 (i) Gulf Coast Community College, which serves Bay,
 97 Franklin, and Gulf Counties.

98 (j) Hillsborough Community College, which serves
 99 Hillsborough County.

100 (k) Indian River State College, which serves Indian River,
 101 Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie Counties.

102 (l) Lake City Community College, which serves Baker,
 103 Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, and Union Counties.

104 (m) Lake-Sumter Community College, which serves Lake and
 105 Sumter Counties.

106 (n) Manatee Community College, which serves Manatee and
 107 Sarasota Counties.

108 (o) Miami Dade College, which serves Miami-Dade County.

109 (p) North Florida Community College, which serves
 110 Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, and Taylor
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112 (q) Northwest Florida State Okaloosa-Walton College, which
 113 serves Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

114 (r) Palm Beach Community College, which serves Palm Beach
 115 County.

116 (s) Pasco-Hernando Community College, which serves
 117 Hernando and Pasco Counties.

118 (t) Pensacola Junior College, which serves Escambia and
 119 Santa Rosa Counties.

120 (u) Polk College, which serves Polk County.

121 (v) St. Johns River Community College, which serves Clay,
 122 Putnam, and St. Johns Counties.

123 (w) St. Petersburg College, which serves Pinellas County.

124 (x) Santa Fe College, which serves Alachua and Bradford
 125 Counties.

126 (y) Seminole Community College, which serves Seminole
 127 County.

128 (z) South Florida Community College, which serves DeSoto,
 129 Hardee, and Highlands Counties.

130 (aa) Tallahassee Community College, which serves Gadsden,
 131 Leon, and Wakulla Counties.

132 (bb) Valencia Community College, which serves Orange and
 133 Osceola Counties.

134 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 1001.60, Florida
 135 Statutes, is amended to read:

136 1001.60 Florida College System.--

137 (2) FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM.--There shall be a single
 138 Florida College System comprised of the Florida colleges public
 139 ~~postsecondary educational institutions~~ identified in s.

140 | 1000.21(3) ~~that grant 2-year and 4-year academic degrees as~~
 141 | ~~provided by law. A~~ An institution within the Florida college
 142 | ~~System~~ may not offer graduate degree programs.

143 | (a) The programs and services offered by ~~institutions in~~
 144 | the Florida colleges ~~College System~~ in providing associate and
 145 | baccalaureate degrees shall be delivered in a cost-effective
 146 | manner that demonstrates substantial savings to the student and
 147 | to the state over the cost of providing the degree at a state
 148 | university.

149 | (b)1. With the approval of its district ~~the institution's~~
 150 | ~~local~~ board of trustees, a ~~an institution in the~~ Florida college
 151 | ~~System~~ may change the institution's name set forth in s.
 152 | 1000.21(3) and use the designation "college" or "state college"
 153 | if it has been authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees
 154 | pursuant to ~~s. 1004.73~~ ~~or~~ s. 1007.33 and has been accredited as
 155 | a baccalaureate-degree-granting institution by the Commission on
 156 | Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools ~~or~~
 157 | ~~if it has received approval from the State Board of Education~~
 158 | ~~pursuant to this paragraph.~~

159 | 2. With the approval of its district ~~an institution's~~
 160 | ~~local~~ board of trustees, a ~~any institution in the~~ Florida
 161 | college that does not meet the criteria in subparagraph 1.
 162 | ~~System~~ may request approval from the State Board of Education to
 163 | change the institution's name set forth in s. 1000.21(3) and use
 164 | the designation "college." The State Board of Education may
 165 | approve the request if the Florida college ~~institution~~ enters
 166 | into an agreement with the State Board of Education to do the
 167 | following:

168 a. Maintain as its ~~the institution's~~ primary mission
 169 responsibility for responding to community needs for
 170 postsecondary academic education and career degree education as
 171 prescribed in s. 1004.65 (5) ~~(6)~~.

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

174 c. Continue to provide outreach to underserved
 175 populations.

176 d. Continue to provide remedial education.

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

181 (c) A district board of trustees that approves a change to
 182 the name of an institution under paragraph (b) must seek
 183 statutory codification of such name change in s. 1000.21(3)
 184 during the next regular legislative session.

185 (d)3. A ~~An institution in the Florida college System~~ shall
 186 not use the designation "university."

187 Section 4. Section 1004.65, Florida Statutes, is amended
 188 to read:

189 1004.65 Florida Community colleges; governance definition,
 190 mission, and responsibilities.--

191 (1) Each Florida college ~~Community colleges~~ shall be
 192 governed ~~consist of all public educational institutions operated~~
 193 ~~by a community college district board~~ boards of trustees under
 194 statutory authority and rules of the State Board of Education.

195 (2) Each Florida ~~community~~ college district shall:

196 (a) Consist of the county or counties served by the
 197 Florida college pursuant to s. 1000.21(3).

198 (b) Be authorized by law and the Department of Education
 199 is an independent, separate, legal entity created for the
 200 operation of a Florida ~~community~~ college.

201 ~~(3) A community college may provide adult education~~
 202 ~~services, including adult basic education, adult general~~
 203 ~~education, adult secondary education, and General Educational~~
 204 ~~Development test instruction.~~

205 (3)(4) Florida ~~The community~~ colleges are locally based
 206 and governed entities with statutory and funding ties to state
 207 government. As such, the ~~community colleges'~~ mission for Florida
 208 colleges reflects a commitment to be responsive to local
 209 educational needs and challenges. In achieving this mission,
 210 Florida ~~the community~~ colleges strive to maintain sufficient
 211 local authority and flexibility while preserving appropriate
 212 legal accountability to the state.

213 (4)(5) As comprehensive institutions, Florida ~~the~~
 214 ~~community~~ colleges shall provide high-quality, affordable
 215 education and training opportunities, shall foster a climate of
 216 excellence, and shall provide opportunities to all while
 217 combining high standards with an open-door admission policy for
 218 lower-division programs. Florida ~~The community~~ colleges shall,
 219 as open-access institutions, serve all who can benefit, without
 220 regard to age, race, gender, creed, or ethnic or economic
 221 background, while emphasizing the achievement of social and
 222 educational equity so that all can be prepared for full
 223 participation in society.

224 (5)-(6) The primary mission and responsibility of Florida
 225 ~~community~~ colleges is responding to community needs for
 226 postsecondary academic education and career degree education.

227 This mission and responsibility includes being responsible for:

228 (a) Providing lower level undergraduate instruction and
 229 awarding associate degrees.

230 (b) Preparing students directly for careers requiring less
 231 than baccalaureate degrees. This may include preparing for job
 232 entry, supplementing of skills and knowledge, and responding to
 233 needs in new areas of technology. Career education in a Florida
 234 ~~the community~~ college shall consist of career certificates,
 235 credit courses leading to associate in science degrees and
 236 associate in applied science degrees, and other programs in
 237 fields requiring substantial academic work, background, or
 238 qualifications. A Florida Community college may offer career
 239 education programs in fields having lesser academic or technical
 240 requirements.

241 (c) Providing student development services, including
 242 assessment, student tracking, support for disabled students,
 243 advisement, counseling, financial aid, career development, and
 244 remedial and tutorial services, to ensure student success.

245 (d) Promoting economic development for the state within
 246 each Florida community college district through the provision of
 247 special programs, including, but not limited to, the:

- 248 1. Enterprise Florida-related programs.
- 249 2. Technology transfer centers.
- 250 3. Economic development centers.
- 251 4. Workforce literacy programs.

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252 (e) Providing dual enrollment instruction.

253 ~~(7) A separate and secondary role for community colleges~~
254 ~~includes:~~

255 (f) ~~(a)~~ Providing upper level instruction and awarding
256 baccalaureate degrees as specifically authorized by law.

257 (6) ~~(b)~~ A separate and secondary role for Florida colleges
258 includes the offering of programs in:

259 (a) ~~1.~~ Community services that are not directly related to
260 academic or occupational advancement.

261 (b) ~~2.~~ Adult general education services, including adult
262 basic education, adult general education, adult secondary
263 education, and General Educational Development test instruction.

264 (c) ~~3.~~ Recreational and leisure services.

265 (7) ~~(8)~~ Funding for Florida ~~community~~ colleges shall
266 reflect their mission as follows:

267 (a) Postsecondary academic and career education programs
268 and adult general education programs shall have first priority
269 in Florida ~~community~~ college funding.

270 (b) Community service programs shall be presented to the
271 Legislature with rationale for state funding. The Legislature
272 may identify priority areas for use of these funds.

273 (8) ~~(9)~~ Florida ~~Community~~ colleges are authorized to:

274 (a) Offer such programs and courses as are necessary to
275 fulfill their mission. ~~and are authorized to~~

276 (b) Grant associate in arts degrees, associate in science
277 degrees, associate in applied science degrees, certificates,
278 awards, and diplomas.

279 (c) ~~Each community college is also authorized to~~ Make
 280 provisions for the General Educational Development test.

281 (d) ~~Each community college may~~ Provide access to
 282 baccalaureate degrees in accordance with law.

283 Section 5. Sections 1004.73 and 1004.875, Florida
 284 Statutes, are repealed.

285 Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 1007.23, Florida
 286 Statutes, is amended to read:

287 1007.23 Statewide articulation agreement.--

288 (2)(a) The articulation agreement must specifically
 289 provide that every associate in arts graduate of a Florida
 290 ~~community~~ college shall have met all general education
 291 requirements and must be granted admission to the upper division
 292 of a:

293 1. State university, except for ~~to~~ a limited access or
 294 teacher certification program or a major program requiring an
 295 audition.

296 2. Florida college if it offers baccalaureate degree
 297 programs, except for a limited access or teacher certification
 298 program or a major program requiring an audition.

299 (b) Florida ~~Community~~ college associate in arts graduates
 300 shall receive priority for admission to the upper division of a
 301 Florida college or to a state university over out-of-state
 302 students. Orientation programs, catalogs, and student handbooks
 303 provided to freshman enrollees and transfer students at Florida
 304 colleges and state universities must include an explanation of
 305 this provision of the articulation agreement.

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306 Section 7. Section 1007.33, Florida Statutes, is amended
307 to read:

308 (Substantial rewording of section. See
309 s. 1007.33, F.S., for present text.)

310 1007.33 Site-determined baccalaureate degree access.--

311 (1) (a) The Legislature recognizes that public and private
312 postsecondary educational institutions play an essential role in
313 improving the quality of life and economic well-being of the
314 state and its residents. The Legislature also recognizes that
315 economic development needs and the educational needs of place-
316 bound, nontraditional students have increased the demand for
317 local access to baccalaureate degree programs. It is therefore
318 the intent of the Legislature to further expand access to
319 baccalaureate degree programs through the use of Florida
320 colleges.

321 (b) For purposes of this section, the term "district"
322 refers to the county or counties served by a Florida college
323 pursuant to s. 1000.21(3).

324 (2) (a) A Florida college may:

325 1. Offer specified baccalaureate degree programs through
326 formal agreements between the Florida college and other
327 regionally accredited postsecondary educational institutions
328 pursuant to s. 1007.22.

329 2. Offer baccalaureate degree programs that were
330 authorized by law prior to July 1, 2009.

331 3. Beginning July 1, 2009, establish a first or subsequent
332 baccalaureate degree program for purposes of meeting district,
333 regional, or statewide workforce needs when approved by the

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334 State Board of Education under this section, except as provided
335 in paragraph (b).

336 (b)1. Beginning July 1, 2009, the Board of Trustees of the
337 St. Petersburg College is authorized to establish:

338 a. One or more bachelor of applied science degree programs
339 based on an analysis of workforce needs in Pinellas, Pasco, and
340 Hernando Counties and other counties approved by the Department
341 of Education. For each program selected, St. Petersburg College
342 must offer a related associate in science or associate in
343 applied science degree program, and the baccalaureate degree
344 level program must be designed to articulate fully with at least
345 one associate in science degree program. The college is
346 encouraged to develop articulation agreements for enrollment of
347 graduates of related associate in applied science degree
348 programs.

349 b. Additional baccalaureate degree programs if it
350 determines a program is warranted and feasible based on each of
351 the factors in paragraph (3)(d) and its coordinating board under
352 subparagraph 2. approves the program. The determination must
353 consider community needs and economic opportunities.

354 2. The coordinating board for St. Petersburg College shall
355 consist of the President of the University of South Florida, the
356 President of St. Petersburg College, the President of Pasco-
357 Hernando Community College, and the chairs of the boards of
358 trustees of those institutions. The coordinating board shall
359 assist the board of trustees in its deliberations concerning
360 issues that affect the upper division of St. Petersburg College
361 and shall meet at the request of the President of the University

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362 of South Florida or the President of St. Petersburg College. If
363 the coordinating board cannot decide an issue of importance to
364 the programs designed for upper-division students, the State
365 Board of Education shall resolve the issue.

366 (c) Seven years following a Florida college's
367 authorization to establish one or more baccalaureate degree
368 programs under subparagraph (a)2. or subparagraph (a)3. and
369 receipt of accreditation from the Commission on Colleges of the
370 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as a baccalaureate-
371 degree-granting institution, a Florida college may request that
372 the State Board of Education review its baccalaureate degree
373 program or programs for purposes of determining whether its
374 district board of trustees should be statutorily exempted from
375 the requirement in subparagraph (a)3. for State Board of
376 Education approval of future baccalaureate degree programs.
377 After conducting such review, the State Board of Education shall
378 provide to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
379 House of Representatives a written recommendation, including the
380 reasons therefor, that indicates whether such exemption is
381 warranted. The recommendation shall be submitted to the
382 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
383 Representatives at least 90 days before its next regular
384 session.

385 (d) Authority to offer one or more baccalaureate degree
386 programs does not alter the governance relationship of the
387 Florida college with its district board of trustees or the State
388 Board of Education.

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389 (3) The approval process for baccalaureate degree programs
390 shall require:

391 (a) Each Florida college to submit a notice of its intent
392 to propose a baccalaureate degree program to the Division of
393 Florida Colleges at least 100 days prior to submission of its
394 proposal under paragraph (d). The notice must include a brief
395 description of the program, the workforce demand and unmet need
396 for graduates of the program, the geographic region to be
397 served, and an estimated timeframe for implementation. Notices
398 of intent may be submitted by a Florida college at any time
399 throughout the year.

400 (b) The Division of Florida Colleges to forward the notice
401 of intent within 10 business days following receipt to the
402 Chancellor of the State University System, the President of the
403 Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida, and the
404 Executive Director of the Council for Independent Education.
405 State universities shall have 60 days following receipt of the
406 notice by the Chancellor of the State University System to
407 submit an alternative proposal to offer the baccalaureate degree
408 program. If a proposal from a state university is not received
409 within the 60-day period, the State Board of Education shall
410 provide regionally accredited private colleges and universities
411 30 days to submit an alternative proposal. Alternative proposals
412 shall be submitted to the Division of Florida Colleges and must
413 be considered by the State Board of Education in making its
414 decision to approve or deny a Florida college's proposal.

415 (c) An alternative proposal submitted by a state
416 university or private college or university to adequately
417 address:

418 1. The extent to which the workforce demand and unmet need
419 described in the notice of intent will be met.

420 2. The extent to which students will be able to complete
421 the degree in the geographic region proposed to be served by the
422 Florida college.

423 3. The level of financial commitment of the college or
424 university to the development, implementation, and maintenance
425 of the specified degree program, including timelines.

426 4. The extent to which faculty at both the Florida college
427 and the college or university will collaborate in the
428 development and offering of the curriculum.

429 5. The ability of the Florida college and the college or
430 university to develop and approve the curriculum for the
431 specified degree program within 6 months after an agreement
432 between the Florida college and the college or university is
433 signed.

434 6. The extent to which the student may incur additional
435 costs above what the student would expect to incur if the
436 program were offered by the Florida college.

437 (d) Each proposal submitted by a Florida college to, at a
438 minimum, include:

439 1. A description of the planning process and timeline for
440 implementation.

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441 2. An analysis of workforce demand and unmet need for
442 graduates of the program on a district, regional, or statewide
443 basis, as appropriate.

444 3. Identification of the facilities, equipment, and
445 library and academic resources that will be used to deliver the
446 program.

447 4. The program's admission requirements, academic content,
448 curriculum, faculty credentials, student-to-teacher ratios, and
449 accreditation plan.

450 5. The program's enrollment projections and funding
451 requirements.

452 6. A plan of action if the program is terminated.

453 (e) The Division of Florida Colleges to review the
454 proposal, notify the Florida college of any deficiencies in
455 writing within 15 days following receipt of the proposal, and
456 provide the Florida college with an opportunity to correct the
457 deficiencies. Within 45 days following receipt of a completed
458 proposal by the Division of Florida Colleges, the Commissioner
459 of Education shall recommend approval or disapproval of the
460 proposal to the State Board of Education. The State Board of
461 Education shall consider that recommendation, the proposal, and
462 any alternative proposals at its next meeting. If the State
463 Board of Education disapproves the Florida college's proposal,
464 it shall provide the Florida college with written reasons for
465 that determination.

466 (f) The Florida college to obtain from the Commission on
467 Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools:

468 1. Accreditation as a baccalaureate-degree-granting
 469 institution if approved by the State Board of Education to offer
 470 its first baccalaureate degree program; or

471 2. Accreditation approval for subsequent baccalaureate
 472 degree programs that are approved by the State Board of
 473 Education.

474 (4) Any Florida college that offers one or more
 475 baccalaureate degree programs must:

476 (a) Maintain as its primary mission:

477 1. Responsibility for responding to community needs for
 478 postsecondary academic education and career degree education as
 479 prescribed in s. 1004.65(5).

480 2. The provision of associate degrees that provide access
 481 to a university.

482 (b) Maintain an open-door admission policy for associate-
 483 level degree programs and workforce education programs.

484 (c) Continue to provide outreach to underserved
 485 populations.

486 (d) Continue to provide remedial education.

487 (e) Comply with all provisions of the statewide
 488 articulation agreement that relate to 2-year and 4-year public
 489 degree granting institutions as adopted by the State Board of
 490 Education pursuant to s. 1007.23.

491 (f) Not award graduate credit.

492 (g) Not participate in intercollegiate athletics beyond
 493 the 2-year level.

494 (5) A Florida college may not terminate its associate in
 495 arts or associate in science degree programs as a result of

496 being authorized to offer one or more baccalaureate degree
 497 programs. The Legislature intends that the primary
 498 responsibility of a Florida college, including a Florida college
 499 that offers baccalaureate degree programs, continues to be the
 500 provision of associate degrees that provide access to a
 501 university.

502 (6) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
 503 prescribe format and content requirements and submission
 504 procedures for notices of intent, proposals, and alternative
 505 proposals under subsection (3).

506 Section 8. Subsection (11) of section 120.65, Florida
 507 Statutes, is amended to read:

508 120.65 Administrative law judges.--

509 (11) The division shall be reimbursed for administrative
 510 law judge services and travel expenses by the following
 511 entities: water management districts, regional planning
 512 councils, school districts, community colleges, the Division of
 513 Florida Community Colleges, state universities, the Board of
 514 Governors of the State University System, the State Board of
 515 Education, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and
 516 the Commission for Independent Education. These entities shall
 517 contract with the division to establish a contract rate for
 518 services and provisions for reimbursement of administrative law
 519 judge travel expenses and video teleconferencing expenses
 520 attributable to hearings conducted on behalf of these entities.
 521 The contract rate must be based on a total-cost-recovery
 522 methodology.

523 Section 9. Paragraphs (c) and (i) of subsection (5) of
 524 section 288.8175, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

525 288.8175 Linkage institutes between postsecondary
 526 institutions in this state and foreign countries.--

527 (5) The institutes are:

528 (c) Florida Caribbean Institute (Florida International
 529 University and Daytona State ~~Beach~~ College).

530 (i) Florida-West Africa Institute (Florida Agricultural
 531 and Mechanical University, University of North Florida, and
 532 Florida State ~~Community~~ College at Jacksonville).

533 Section 10. Subsection (1) of section 1001.61, Florida
 534 Statutes, is amended to read:

535 1001.61 Community college boards of trustees;
 536 membership.--

537 (1) Community college boards of trustees shall be
 538 comprised of five members when a community college district is
 539 confined to one school board district; seven members when a
 540 community college district is confined to one school board
 541 district and the board of trustees so elects; and not more than
 542 nine members when the district contains two or more school board
 543 districts, as provided by rules of the State Board of Education.
 544 However, Florida State ~~Community~~ College at Jacksonville shall
 545 have an odd number of trustees.

546 Section 11. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section
 547 1004.70, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

548 1004.70 Community college direct-support organizations.--

549 (4) ACTIVITIES; RESTRICTIONS.--

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550 (e) A community college board of trustees must authorize
551 all debt, including lease-purchase agreements, incurred by a
552 direct-support organization. Authorization for approval of
553 short-term loans and lease-purchase agreements for a term of not
554 more than 5 years, including renewals, extensions, and
555 refundings, for goods, materials, equipment, and services may be
556 delegated by the board of trustees to the board of directors of
557 the direct-support organization. Trustees shall evaluate
558 proposals for debt according to guidelines issued by the
559 Division of Florida Community Colleges. Revenues of the
560 community college may not be pledged to debt issued by direct-
561 support organizations.

562 Section 12. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 1004.87,
563 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

564 1004.87 Florida College System Task Force.--

565 (1) The Florida College System Task Force is established
566 within the Division of Florida Community Colleges of the
567 Department of Education for the purpose of developing findings
568 and issuing recommendations regarding the transition of
569 community colleges to baccalaureate-degree-granting colleges and
570 the criteria for establishing and funding state colleges.

571 (5) The task force shall be staffed by existing employees
572 of the Division of Florida Community Colleges.

573 Section 13. Subsection (1) and paragraph (b) of subsection
574 (16) of section 1009.23, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

575 1009.23 Community college student fees.--

576 (1) Unless otherwise provided, this section applies only
577 to fees charged for college credit instruction leading to an

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578 | associate in arts degree, an associate in applied science
579 | degree, an associate in science degree, or a baccalaureate
580 | degree authorized pursuant to s. 1007.33 ~~or s. 1004.73~~, for
581 | noncollege credit college-preparatory courses defined in s.
582 | 1004.02, and for educator preparation institute programs defined
583 | in s. 1004.85.

584 | (16)

585 | (b) The amount of the distance learning course user fee
586 | may not exceed the additional costs of the services provided
587 | which are attributable to the development and delivery of the
588 | distance learning course. If a community college assesses the
589 | distance learning course user fee, the institution may not
590 | assess any other fees to cover the additional costs. By
591 | September 1 of each year, each board of trustees shall report to
592 | the Division of Florida Community Colleges the total amount of
593 | revenue generated by the distance learning course user fee for
594 | the prior academic year and how the revenue was expended.

595 | Section 14. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.