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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the state university system;
3 amending s. 1001.706, F.S.; revising the powers and
4 duties of the Board of Governors relating to
5 accountability; requiring that the board align the
6 missions of each constituent university; amending s.
7 1004.226, F.S.; revising the legislative findings and
8 intent relating to the 21st Century Technology,
9 Research, and Scholarship Enhancement Act to conform
10 to changes made by the act; amending s. 1007.33, F.S.;
11 revising provisions that require a Florida college to
12 provide notice of its intent to propose a
13 baccalaureate degree program; providing an effective
14 date.

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

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18 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 1001.706, Florida
19 Statutes, is amended to read:

20 1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.—

21 (4) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO ACCOUNTABILITY.—

22 (a) The Board of Governors shall align the missions of each
23 constituent university with the quality of its students; the
24 national reputation of its faculty and its academic and research
25 programs; the quantity of externally generated research,
26 patents, and licenses; and the strategic and accountability
27 plans required in paragraphs (b) and (c). The mission alignment
28 and strategic plan shall consider peer institutions at the
29 constituent universities. The mission alignment and strategic

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30 plan shall acknowledge that universities that have a national
31 and international impact have the greatest capacity to promote
32 the state's economic development through: new discoveries,
33 patents, licenses, and technologies that generate state
34 businesses of global importance; research achievements through
35 external grants and contracts that are comparable to nationally
36 recognized and ranked universities; the creation of a resource-
37 rich academic environment that attracts high-technology business
38 and venture capital to the state; and this generation's finest
39 minds focusing on solving the state's economic, social,
40 environmental, and legal problems in the areas of life sciences,
41 water, sustainability, energy, and health care. A nationally
42 recognized and ranked university that has a global perspective
43 and impact shall be afforded the freedom to pursue an agenda on
44 the global stage in fair competition with other institutions of
45 other states in the highest Carnegie classification.

46 (b) ~~(a)~~ The Board of Governors shall develop a strategic
47 plan specifying goals and objectives for the State University
48 System and each constituent university.

49 (c) ~~(b)~~ The Board of Governors shall develop an
50 accountability plan for the State University System and each
51 constituent university.

52 (d) ~~(e)~~ The Board of Governors shall maintain an effective
53 information system to provide accurate, timely, and cost-
54 effective information about each university. The board shall
55 continue to collect and maintain, at a minimum, the management
56 information databases as such databases existed on June 30,
57 2002.

58 (e) ~~(d)~~ If the Board of Governors of the State University

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59 System determines that a state university board of trustees is
60 unwilling or unable to address substantiated allegations made by
61 any person relating to waste, fraud, or financial mismanagement
62 within the state university, the Office of the Inspector General
63 shall investigate the allegations.

64 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 1004.226, Florida
65 Statutes, is amended to read:

66 1004.226 The 21st Century Technology, Research, and
67 Scholarship Enhancement Act.—

68 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—

69 (a) The Legislature finds that diversifying this state's
70 economy requires a focus on building a growing base of high-wage
71 jobs and on nurturing those technologies and clusters that will
72 be the foundation of Florida's growing economic diversity and
73 prosperity.

74 (b) The Legislature further finds that special programs are
75 needed to facilitate the recruitment of exceptional talent to
76 Florida's research universities and centers and to provide the
77 infrastructure and resources that precipitate joint efforts and
78 coinvestment among state research and development institutions,
79 private industry, and government. Florida needs consistent
80 commitment and investment in order to further the state's
81 strategy of capitalizing on innovative research and development
82 to build a thriving, technology-rich economy.

83 (c) The Legislature further finds that a university that
84 has a national and international impact has the greatest
85 capacity to promote the state's economic development through:
86 new discoveries, patents, licenses, and technologies that
87 generate state businesses of global importance; research

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88 achievements through external grants and contracts that are
89 comparable to nationally recognized and ranked universities; the
90 creation of a resource-rich academic environment that attracts
91 high-technology business and venture capital to the state; and
92 this generation's finest minds focusing on solving the state's
93 economic, social, environmental, and legal problems in the areas
94 of life sciences, water, sustainability, energy, and health
95 care. A nationally recognized and ranked university that has a
96 global perspective and impact shall be afforded the freedom to
97 pursue an agenda on the global stage in fair competition with
98 other institutions of other states in the highest Carnegie
99 classification.

100 Section 3. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (5) of
101 section 1007.33, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

102 1007.33 Site-determined baccalaureate degree access.—

103 (5) The approval process for baccalaureate degree programs
104 shall require:

105 (a) Each Florida college to submit a notice of its intent
106 to propose a baccalaureate degree program to the Division of
107 Florida Colleges and the Chancellor of the State University
108 System at least 100 days before the submission of its proposal
109 under paragraph (d). The notice must include a brief description
110 of the program, the workforce demand and unmet need for
111 graduates of the program, the geographic region to be served,
112 and an estimated timeframe for implementation. Notices of intent
113 may be submitted by a Florida college at any time throughout the
114 year.

115 (b) The Division of Florida Colleges to forward the notice
116 of intent within 10 business days after receiving such notice to

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117 ~~the Chancellor of the State University System,~~ the President of
118 the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida, and the
119 Executive Director of the Council for Independent Education.
120 State universities shall have 60 days following receipt of the
121 notice by the Chancellor of the State University System to
122 submit an alternative proposal to offer the baccalaureate degree
123 program. If a proposal from a state university is not received
124 within the 60-day period, the State Board of Education shall
125 provide regionally accredited private colleges and universities
126 30 days to submit an alternative proposal. Alternative proposals
127 shall be submitted to the Division of Florida Colleges and must
128 be considered by the State Board of Education in making its
129 decision to approve or deny a Florida college's proposal.

130 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.