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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Higher Education (Oelrich) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 48 - 86
and insert:
and who are no longer eligible for exceptional student education funding due to age or who have graduated from high school the opportunity to obtain a postsecondary education on a college campus setting. The school shall be a component of the delivery of public education within Florida's K-20 education system and shall be funded through the Department of Education. The school shall provide educational programs and support services appropriate to meet the educational and related evaluation and



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13 counseling needs of students who have developmental disabilities
14 and who meet the enrollment criteria. Unless otherwise provided
15 by law, the school shall comply with all laws and rules
16 applicable to state agencies. Educational services may be
17 provided on an outreach basis for students who have
18 developmental disabilities and who are 18 to 26 years of age and
19 to district school boards upon request.

20 (2) MISSION.—The mission of the Dan Marino Foundation
21 Florida Vocational College is to provide an appropriate public
22 education for eligible Florida students who have developmental
23 disabilities. As a school that provides programs for attaining
24 vocational, life, social, and independent living skills, the
25 school shall strive to provide students with an opportunity to
26 develop skills fostering their independence in a caring, safe,
27 and unique learning environment, to prepare them to be an
28 integral part of the community, and to allow them to become
29 significantly less dependent on government funding. The school
30 shall provide outreach services that include collaboration with
31 employers, district school boards, and community organizations
32 and shall encourage input from students, staff, parents, and the
33 community. As a diverse organization, the school shall foster
34 respect and understanding for each individual.

35 (3) AUDITS.—The Auditor General shall conduct annual audits
36 of the accounts and records of the Dan Marino Foundation Florida
37 Vocational College. The Department of Education's inspector
38 general may conduct investigations at the school in accordance
39 with s. 1001.20(4)(e), Florida Statutes.

40 (4) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—

41 (a) A Board of Trustees for the Dan Marino Foundation



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42 Florida Vocational College is created and shall consist of seven
43 members who are appointed by the Governor and subject to
44 confirmation by the Senate. Of these seven members, one shall be
45 the chair of the Dan Marino Foundation Florida Vocational
46 College, one shall be the chief executive officer of the Dan
47 Marino Foundation Florida Vocational College, and two shall be
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