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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Budget Subcommittee on Higher Education Appropriations (Lynn) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 41 - 97
and insert:

(4) The council shall make detailed recommendations for:

(a) Defining the primary core responsibilities of public and nonpublic postsecondary education systems in the context of meeting state access demands and economic development goals.

(b) Establishing performance outputs and outcomes designed to meet annual and long-term state goals, including, but not limited to, increased student access, preparedness, retention, transfer, and completion. Performance measures must be



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13 consistent across sectors and allow for a comparison of the
14 state's performance to that of other states.

15 (c) Evaluating the state's articulation policies and
16 practices to ensure that cost benefits to the state are
17 maximized without jeopardizing quality. The evaluation shall
18 consider return on investment for both the state and students.

19 (d) Establishing a plan for workforce development education
20 changes that:

21 1. Align school district and Florida College System
22 workforce development education programs to ensure cost
23 efficiency and mission delineation, including an examination of
24 the need for both college credit and noncollege credit
25 certificate programs, an evaluation of the merit of retaining
26 the associate in applied science degree, and the consolidation
27 of adult general education programs within school districts.

28 2. Improve the consistency of workforce education data
29 collected and reported by Florida College System institutions
30 and school districts, including the establishment of common
31 elements and definitions for any data that are used for state
32 and federal funding and program accountability.

33 (e) Addressing baccalaureate degree authorization and
34 production, which shall include the following:

35 1. An assessment of the potential need to establish
36 comprehensive undergraduate institutions that would primarily
37 focus on the delivery of undergraduate instruction, including
38 offering baccalaureate degrees. Such institutions may include
39 Florida College System institutions, state universities, and
40 university branch campuses. The assessment must recommend
41 accountability options and address local and regional workforce



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42 needs and gaps that might result from an institution's shift in
43 primary mission.

44 2. Recommendations related to appropriate student
45 enrollment and institutional expenditure thresholds for upper-
46 division programs that justify legislative consideration in
47 order to establish or reestablish an institution under the
48 governance and oversight of the State Board of Education, the
49 Board of Governors, or another statutorily established or
50 created governing or advisory organization.

51 3. Recommendations related to funding options and
52 strategies, student tuition and fees, student financial aid
53 funding, and other strategies to encourage performance-based
54 funding.

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56 The council's first priority shall be to address baccalaureate
57 degree authorization and production.

58 (5) The council shall submit a report to the Governor, the
59 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
60 Representatives, the State Board of Education, and the Board of
61 Governors by December 31, 2011, which specifically includes
62 recommendations for consideration by the Legislature for
63 implementation in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

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66 And the title is amended as follows:

67 Delete lines 6 - 9

68 and insert:

69 core responsibilities of postsecondary education
70 institutions, performance outputs and outcomes,



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71 articulation policies, workforce development
72 education, and baccalaureate degree authorization;
73 requiring the council to submit a report to the
74 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of
75 the House of Representatives, the State Board of
76 Education, and the Board of Governors of the State
77 University System by a date certain which includes
78 certain recommendations; amending s.
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