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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to postsecondary education; requiring
3 the Board of Governors of the State University System,
4 in coordination with the Higher Education Coordinating
5 Council, to develop a plan for establishing certain
6 comprehensive undergraduate universities; requiring
7 the Board of Governors to submit a plan to transfer a
8 Florida College System institution to the State
9 University System; providing conditions for the plan;
10 requiring the State Board of Education, in
11 coordination with the Higher Education Coordinating
12 Council, to examine options to realign adult basic
13 education and career education programs; requiring the
14 State Board of Education to submit a plan for the
15 consolidation of certain programs, to clarify
16 jurisdictional responsibility and funding, and to
17 establish an implementation schedule; repealing s.
18 1000.07, F.S., relating to the Florida Business and
19 Education Collaborative; amending s. 1001.64, F.S.;
20 requiring a community college board of trustees to ask
21 the Commissioner of Education to authorize an
22 investigation of a college president by the Department
23 of Education's inspector general in specified
24 circumstances; requiring the inspector general to
25 report on the investigation and make recommendations;
26 requiring the inspector general to refer any potential
27 legal violation to the Commission on Ethics, the
28 Department of Law Enforcement, the state attorney, or
29 other appropriate authority; amending s. 1007.27,

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30 F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to
31 identify certain courses for which a state university
32 has established a higher score for awarding credit;
33 authorizing the statewide articulation agreement to
34 allow a state university board of trustees to
35 establish scores on advance placement exams which the
36 university will accept for course credit; deleting a
37 provision authorizing the exemption of certain
38 students from a requirement to enroll in a summer
39 term; repealing s. 1007.33(6), F.S., relating to an
40 exemption from provisions governing the approval
41 process for baccalaureate degrees; providing an
42 effective date.

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

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46 Section 1. The Board of Governors of the State University
47 System, in coordination with the Higher Education Coordinating
48 Council, shall develop a plan to examine the potential for
49 establishing comprehensive undergraduate universities that would
50 not be research universities but would have programs dedicated
51 and limited to undergraduate instruction. The Board of Governors
52 shall submit the plan to the Governor, the President of the
53 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
54 January 31, 2012. The plan must include the identification of
55 conditions that could result in the transfer of a Florida
56 College System institution to the State University System. Such
57 conditions may include those in which a Florida College System
58 institution:

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59 (1) Enrolls more than 20 percent of its students in upper
60 division programs; or

61 (2) Constructs dormitories after July 1, 2011.

62 Section 2. The State Board of Education, in coordination
63 with the Higher Education Coordinating Council, shall examine
64 options for realigning adult basic education and career
65 education programs. By January 31, 2012, the State Board of
66 Education shall submit to the Governor, the President of the
67 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a plan
68 to consolidate adult basic education and career education
69 programs within school districts and Florida College System
70 institutions. The plan must clarify jurisdictional
71 responsibility and funding and establish an implementation
72 schedule for realigning the programs.

73 Section 3. Section 1000.07, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

74 Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 1001.64, Florida
75 Statutes, is amended to read:

76 1001.64 Community college boards of trustees; powers and
77 duties.—

78 (3) A board of trustees shall have the power to take action
79 without a recommendation from the president and shall have the
80 power to require the president to deliver to the board of
81 trustees all data and information required by the board of
82 trustees in the performance of its duties. A board of trustees
83 shall ask the Commissioner of Education to authorize an
84 investigation of the president's actions by the department's
85 inspector general if the board considers such investigation
86 necessary. The inspector general shall provide a report
87 detailing each issue under investigation and shall recommend

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88 corrective action. If the inspector general identifies potential
89 legal violations, he or she shall refer the potential legal
90 violations to the Commission on Ethics, the Department of Law
91 Enforcement, the state attorney, or another appropriate
92 authority.

93 Section 5. Subsections (2), (6), and (10) of section
94 1007.27, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

95 1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.—

96 (2) The Department of Education shall identify the minimum
97 scores, maximum credit, and course or courses for which credit
98 is to be awarded for each College Level Examination Program
99 (CLEP) general examination, CLEP subject examination, College
100 Board Advanced Placement Program examination, and International
101 Baccalaureate examination. In addition, the department shall
102 identify such courses in the general education core curriculum
103 of each state university and community college and shall
104 identify courses for which a state university has established a
105 higher score for the awarding of credit in accordance with the
106 statewide articulation agreement.

107 (6) Advanced placement shall be the enrollment of an
108 eligible secondary student in a course offered through the
109 Advanced Placement Program administered by the College Board.
110 Postsecondary credit for an advanced placement course shall be
111 limited to students who score a minimum of 3, on a 5-point
112 scale, on the corresponding Advanced Placement Examination. The
113 specific courses for which students receive such credit shall be
114 identified in the statewide articulation agreement required by
115 s. 1007.23(1). The statewide articulation agreement may
116 authorize a state university board of trustees to establish the

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117 scores on advanced placement exams which the university will
118 accept for course credit. Students of Florida public secondary
119 schools enrolled pursuant to this subsection shall be exempt
120 from the payment of any fees for administration of the
121 examination regardless of whether or not the student achieves a
122 passing score on the examination.

123 ~~(10) Any student who earns 9 or more credits from one or~~
124 ~~more of the acceleration mechanisms provided for in this section~~
125 ~~is exempt from any requirement of a public postsecondary~~
126 ~~educational institution mandating enrollment during a summer~~
127 ~~term.~~

128 Section 6. Subsection (6) of section 1007.33, Florida
129 Statutes, is repealed.

130 Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.