

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Higher Education Committee

BILL: CS/SB 84

INTRODUCER: Higher Education Committee and Senator Lynn

SUBJECT: Community Colleges

DATE: February 8, 2011 **REVISED:** _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Harkey	Matthews	HE	Fav/CS
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Please see Section VIII. for Additional Information:

A. COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE..... Statement of Substantial Changes

B. AMENDMENTS..... Technical amendments were recommended

Amendments were recommended

Significant amendments were recommended

I. Summary:

This bill would codify the names of Gulf Coast State College, Pensacola State College, St. Johns River State College, and Valencia College.

This bill amends ss. 288.8175, 1000.21, 1004.74, and 1004.75, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

A community college district board of trustees may change its institutional name by using the designation “college” or “state college” if the college has been authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees and has been accredited as a baccalaureate degree granting institution by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.¹ A board of trustees must seek codification of the name change in the next regular session of the Legislature.²

The four colleges listed below have met the statutory requirements for changing the college’s name:

¹ s. 1001.60, F.S.

² s. 1001.60(2)(c), F.S.

Gulf Coast State College

On March 26, 2010, the State Board of Education approved Gulf Coast Community College's proposal to offer the Bachelor of Science Degree in Technology Management. On December 6, 2010, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools approved Gulf Coast Community College to offer baccalaureate degrees. On January 13, 2011, the Gulf Coast Community College board of trustees approved a change of the college's name to Gulf Coast State College.

Pensacola State College

On March 26, 2010, the State Board of Education approved Pensacola Junior College's proposal to offer the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Supervision and Administration. On June 24, 2010, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools approved Pensacola Junior College to offer baccalaureate degrees. On July 20, 2010, the Pensacola Junior College board of trustees approved a change of the college's name to Pensacola State College.

St. Johns River State College

On March 26, 2010, the State Board of Education approved St. Johns River Community College's proposal to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Organizational Management and a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education. On June 24, 2010, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools approved St. Johns River Community College to offer baccalaureate degrees. On September 15, 2010, the St. Johns River Community College board of trustees approved a change of the college's name to St. Johns River State College, to become effective January 2011.

Valencia College

On September 21, 2010, the State Board of Education approved Valencia Community College's proposal to offer Bachelor of Science Degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology and in Radiologic and Imaging Science. On December 7, 2010, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools approved Valencia Community College to offer baccalaureate degrees. On December 14, 2010, the Valencia Community College board of trustees approved a change of the college's name to Valencia College.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill would codify the names of Gulf Coast State College, Pensacola State College, St. Johns River State College, and Valencia College.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The Department of Education estimates that there will be costs for changes in signage, publications, documentation, and other related items. The cost is indeterminate.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

CS by Higher Education on February 8, 2011:

The committee substitute codifies the names of three additional colleges: Gulf Coast State College, Pensacola State College, and Valencia College.

B. Amendments:

None.