

By the Committee on Budget; and Senator Bennett

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to postsecondary education; requiring
3 that the Higher Education Coordinating Council review
4 and evaluate the current higher education governance
5 structure in this state and make recommendations to
6 the Legislature for potential revisions to the higher
7 education delivery system; requiring that the council
8 report its findings and recommendations to the
9 Governor and Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. The Higher Education Coordinating Council,
14 created pursuant to s. 1004.015, Florida Statutes, shall review
15 and evaluate the current higher education governance structure
16 in this state and shall make recommendations to the Legislature
17 regarding potential revisions to the higher education delivery
18 system to improve student services, access, affordability, and
19 accountability. At a minimum, the council shall consider
20 academic offerings, fiscal efficiencies, and regional
21 demographics. The council shall consider the potential to create
22 an intermediate structure of institutions that are not part of
23 the Florida College System or the State University System by
24 making university branch campuses independent, combining
25 university branch campuses with colleges, transferring certain
26 colleges to the intermediate structure, or creating new
27 institutions. The council shall report its findings and
28 recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
29 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.