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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Budget (Lynn) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 600 and 601  
insert:

Section 16. Subsection (6) of section 1007.33, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

1007.33 Site-determined baccalaureate degree access.—

~~(6)(a) Beginning July 1, 2010, and each subsequent July 1,  
the Division of Florida Colleges may accept and review  
applications from a Florida College System institution to obtain  
an exemption from the State Board of Education's approval for  
subsequent degrees as required in subsection (5), if the Florida  
College System institution is accredited by the Commission on~~



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14 ~~Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as~~  
15 ~~a baccalaureate-degree-granting institution and has been~~  
16 ~~offering baccalaureate degree programs for 3 or more years. The~~  
17 ~~division shall develop criteria for determining eligibility for~~  
18 ~~an exemption based upon demonstrated compliance with the~~  
19 ~~requirements for baccalaureate degrees, primary mission, and~~  
20 ~~fiscal, including, but not limited to:~~

21 ~~1. Obtaining and maintaining appropriate SACS~~  
22 ~~accreditation;~~

23 ~~2. The maintenance of qualified faculty and institutional~~  
24 ~~resources;~~

25 ~~3. The maintenance of enrollment projections in previously~~  
26 ~~approved programs;~~

27 ~~4. The appropriate management of fiscal resources;~~

28 ~~5. Compliance with the primary mission and responsibility~~  
29 ~~requirements in subsections (2) and (3);~~

30 ~~6. The timely submission of the institution's annual~~  
31 ~~performance accountability report; and~~

32 ~~7. Other indicators of success such as program completers,~~  
33 ~~placements, and surveys of students and employers.~~

34 ~~(b) If the Florida College System institution has~~  
35 ~~demonstrated satisfactory progress in fulfilling the eligibility~~  
36 ~~criteria in this subsection, the Division of Florida Colleges~~  
37 ~~may recommend to the State Board of Education that the~~  
38 ~~institution be exempt from the requirement in subsection (5) for~~  
39 ~~approval of future baccalaureate degree programs. The State~~  
40 ~~Board of Education shall review the division's recommendation~~  
41 ~~and determine if an exemption is warranted. If the State Board~~  
42 ~~of Education approves the application, the Florida College~~



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43 ~~System institution is exempt from subsequent program approval~~  
44 ~~under subsection (5) and such authority is delegated to the~~  
45 ~~Florida College System institution board of trustees. If the~~  
46 ~~State Board of Education disapproves of the Florida College~~  
47 ~~System institution's request for an exemption, the college shall~~  
48 ~~continue to be subject to the State Board of Education's~~  
49 ~~approval of subsequent baccalaureate degree programs.~~

50 ~~(a)-(e)~~ Prior to developing or proposing a new baccalaureate  
51 degree program, all Florida College System institutions,  
52 ~~regardless of an exemption from subsection (5),~~ shall:

53 1. Engage in need, demand, and impact discussions with the  
54 state university in their service district and other local and  
55 regional, accredited postsecondary providers in their region.

56 2. Send documentation, data, and other information from the  
57 inter-institutional discussions regarding program need, demand,  
58 and impact required in subparagraph 1. to the college's board of  
59 trustees, the Division of Florida Colleges, and the Chancellor  
60 of the State University System.

61 3. Base board of trustees approval of the new program upon  
62 the documentation, data, and other information required in this  
63 paragraph and the factors in subsection (5) (d).

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65 The Division of Florida Colleges shall use the documentation,  
66 data, and other information required in this subsection,  
67 including information from the Chancellor of the State  
68 University System, in its compliance review.

69 ~~(b)-(d)~~ The board of trustees of a Florida College System  
70 institution that is exempt from subsection (5) must submit newly  
71 approved programs to the Division of Florida Colleges and SACS



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72 within 30 days after approval.

73 (c)~~(e)~~ Within 30 days after receiving the approved  
74 baccalaureate degree program, the Division of Florida Colleges  
75 shall conduct a compliance review and notify the college if the  
76 proposal meets the criteria for implementation based upon the  
77 criteria in paragraphs (5)(d) and (a) ~~(6)~~~~(e)~~. If the program  
78 fails to meet the criteria for implementation as determined by  
79 the Division of Florida Colleges, the college may not proceed  
80 with implementation of the program until the State Board of  
81 Education reviews the proposal and the compliance materials and  
82 gives its final approval of the program.

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84 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

85 And the title is amended as follows:

86 Delete line 99

87 and insert:

88 duties of the center; amending s. 1007.33, F.S.;

89 deleting provisions providing a procedure for a

90 Florida College System institution to apply for an

91 exemption from certain requirements for approval of

92 additional baccalaureate degree programs; amending s.

93 1009.215, F.S.;