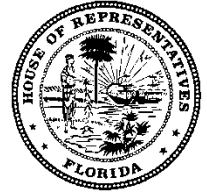


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*Speaker of the House of
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May 1, 2013

The Honorable Don Gaetz
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Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on CS/CS/SB 1720, 2nd Eng., same being:

An act relating to education.

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the House of Representatives recede from its Amendment 348659.
2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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The Conference Committee Amendment for CS/CS/SB 1720, 2nd Eng., relating to education, provides for the following:

- Requires a Florida College System institution to implement a developmental education plan no later than Fall 2014 and to make annual accountability reports on developmental education beginning in 2015; specifies which students are not required to be tested or to enroll in developmental education and requires colleges to provide students with developmental education options including in-course tutoring. Allows students to elect to take developmental education testing and instruction.
- Reinstates the general education credit hour requirement to 36 semester hours from the proposed 30 hours and extends implementation of the revised core course requirements for one year, from 2014-15 to 2015-16.
- Creates a new Office of K-20 Articulation in the Department of Education to support the work of the Higher Education Coordinating Council and revises membership and duties of the council.
- Transfers oversight of the Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute's lease from the Board of Governors to the University of South Florida.
- Gives the Board of Governors stronger oversight authority over state universities in regard to laws, rules, and regulations.
- Specifies minimum sample size and minimum percentage of students tested in order for schools to receive a school grade or school improvement rating, and defines "colocated schools" for purposes of school accountability.
- Requires specified content to be included on student report cards that are distributed to parents of students enrolled in alternative schools.
- Directs the Department of Education to develop criteria for issuing and revoking master school identification (MSID) numbers.
- Repeals the FAFSA requirement for Bright Futures Scholarships and for FRAG and ABLE tuition assistance grants.
- For education accountability purposes, establishes dates by which licensed private postsecondary institutions must report data to the Commission for Independent Education and nonprofit independent colleges and universities must report data to the Department of Education.
- Provides rule making authority regarding penalties for not reporting child abuse at postsecondary institutions.
- Increases the cap on the number of fee exemptions a Florida College System institution may grant.
- Authorizes a Florida College System institution to establish a differential out-of-state fee for non-resident distance learners.

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- Revises actions to be taken by the Legislative Auditing Committee relating to audits of state universities and FCS institutions.
- Requires educational entities within the state to coordinate with the State Board of Education on data reporting.