

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.)

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BILL: SB 434

INTRODUCER: Altman

SUBJECT: Community Colleges

DATE: March 5, 2013

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I. Summary:

SB 434 codifies a name change from “Brevard Community College” to “Eastern Florida State College,” consistent with Florida law.

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2013.

The bill amends s. 1000.21, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

A Florida College System (FCS) institution is authorized to change the institution’s name, with the approval of that FCS institution’s district board of trustees, and use the designation “college” or “state college” if the institution:¹

- Is authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees in accordance with current law²; and
- Is accredited as a baccalaureate-degree-granting institution by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

If, however, a FCS institution is not authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees and is not accredited as a baccalaureate-degree-granting institution by SACS, the FCS institution may request approval from the State Board of Education (SBE) to change the institution’s name and

¹ Section 1001.60(2)(b)1., F.S.

² Section 1007.33, F.S.

use the designation “college” after receiving approval for such change from that FCS institution’s district board of trustees. The SBE is authorized to approve the name change if the institution enters into an agreement with the SBE to do the following:³

- Maintain as its primary mission responsibility for responding to community needs for postsecondary academic education and career degree education;⁴
- Maintain an open-door admissions policy for associate-level degree programs and workforce education programs;
- Continue to provide outreach to underserved populations;
- Continue to provide remedial education; and
- Comply with all provisions of the statewide articulation agreement that relate to 2-year and 4-year public degree-granting institutions as adopted by the SBE.⁵

Brevard Community College meets the criteria, required under current law, for approval of the name change:

- On December 9, 2012, Brevard Community College received from SACS, accreditation as a baccalaureate-degree-granting institution.⁶
- On December 12, 2012, Brevard Community College received approval from the SBE to grant a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Organizational Management.⁷
- On December 17, 2012, Brevard Community College’s district board of trustees approved the name change from Brevard Community College to Eastern Florida State College.⁸

A FCS institution’s district board of trustees that approves a change to the institution’s name must seek statutory codification of such name change in law⁹ during the next regular legislative session.¹⁰

³ Section 1001.60(2)(b)2., F.S.

⁴ Section 1004.65(5), F.S.

⁵ Section 1007.23, F.S.

⁶ Florida Department of Education, *2013 Agency Legislative Bill Analysis for SB 434* (Feb. 20, 2013); see also Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, *Actions taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees (Dec. 10, 2012)*, available at <http://www.sacscoc.org/2012%20December%20Actions%20and%20Disclosure%20Statements/12cract%20dec.pdf>.

⁷ Florida Department of Education, *2013 Agency Legislative Bill Analysis for SB 434* (Feb. 20, 2013); see also State Board of Education, *State Board of Education Meeting Archive Part Three (Dec. 12, 2012)*, http://www.fldoe.org/board/meetings/2012_12_12/meetingArchive.asp.

⁸ Florida Department of Education, *2013 Agency Legislative Bill Analysis for SB 434* (Feb. 20, 2013); see also Brevard Community College, *New College Name*, <http://www.brevardcc.edu/discover-bcc/new-college-name/index.cfm> (last visited March 1, 2013).

⁹ Section 1000.21(3), F.S.

¹⁰ Section 1001.60(2)(c), F.S.

Currently, there are 28 FCS institutions.¹¹ Twenty-three of the 28 FCS institutions are accredited as baccalaureate-degree-granting institutions by SACS. They are as follows:¹²

1. Brevard Community College
2. Broward College
3. Chipola College
4. College of Central Florida
5. Daytona State College
6. Edison State College
7. Florida Gateway College
8. Florida State College at Jacksonville
9. Gulf Coast State College
10. Indian River State College
11. Lake-Sumter Community College
12. Miami Dade College
13. Northwest Florida State College
14. Palm Beach State College
15. Pensacola State College
16. Polk State College
17. Santa Fe College
18. Seminole State College of Florida
19. St. Johns River State College
20. St. Petersburg College
21. South Florida State College
22. State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota
23. Valencia College

Of the 23 FCS institutions that are accredited as baccalaureate-degree-granting institutions, 21 institutions use the designation “state college” or “college.” Thirteen FCS institutions use the designation “state college” and 8 FCS institutions use the designation “college.” Lake-Sumter Community College is in the process of changing its name to use the designation “state college.” Five FCS institutions that are not accredited as baccalaureate-degree-granting institutions by SACS and that have not changed name to use the designation “state college” or “college” are as follows:¹³

1. Florida Keys Community College
2. Hillsborough Community College
3. North Florida Community College
4. Pasco-Hernando Community College
5. Tallahassee Community College

¹¹ Florida Department of Education, *Community College Campuses*, <http://data.fldoe.org/workforce/contacts/default.cfm?action=showList&ListID=11> (last visited Feb. 13, 2013).

¹² E-mail, Florida Department of Education, Division of Florida Colleges (Feb. 12, 2013), on file with the Committee on Education staff.

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III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill codifies the name of Eastern Florida State College. This name change will increase the number of FCS institutions that use the designation “state college” or “college” from 21 to 22. As a result, fourteen of the 28 FCS institutions will use the designation “state college.”

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2013.

Other Potential Implications:**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:

Eastern Florida State College may incur costs related to the name change from Brevard Community College. Such costs may be associated with signage, publications, documentation, and other related items. Payment of such costs, if any, shall be the responsibility of the Eastern Florida State College.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

Brevard Community College is also referenced in s. 288.8175, F.S., which must be amended to reflect the Brevard Community College’s name change to Eastern Florida State College.

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.)

None.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.
