

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 627 Brevard Community College

SPONSOR(S): Tobia

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 434

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee	9 Y, 0 N	Thomas	Sherry
2) Education Committee	16 Y, 0 N	Thomas	Mizereck

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The bill amends current law to change the name of "Brevard Community College" to "Eastern Florida State College." The college has complied with the statutory requirement for its name change.

Current law permits an institution in the Florida College System to change its name and use the designation "college" or "state college" if the name change has been approved by the institution's district board of trustees, the institution has been authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees, and the institution has been accredited as a baccalaureate-degree-granting institution by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. A district board of trustees that approves such a name change must seek statutory codification of the name change during the next regular legislative session.

The fiscal impact of the bill is indeterminate. (See FISCAL COMMENTS).

The bill takes effect upon becoming law.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Background

With the approval of its district board of trustees, a Florida college may change the name of the institution as listed in s. 1000.21(3), F.S., and use the designation “college” or “state college” if it 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 district board of trustees that approves the use of the designation “college” or “state college” must seek statutory codification of the name change during the next regular legislative session.²

Brevard Community College

The Brevard Community College (BCC) District Board of Trustees approved the request to submit a proposal to offer the Baccalaureate of Applied Science in Organizational Management on March 19, 2012. The State Board of Education approved BCC’s proposal to offer a Baccalaureate of Applied Science in Organizational Management on December 12, 2012. BCC’s District Board of Trustees approved the college’s name change to Eastern Florida State College on December 17, 2012. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) approved the college to offer a baccalaureate degree on December 9, 2012.³

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill amends s. 1000.21, F.S., to change the name of “Brevard Community College” to “Eastern Florida State College.” The college has complied with the statutory requirement for its name change. The bill makes conforming changes in s. 288.8175, F.S.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends s. 288.8175, F.S., conforming provisions.

Section 2. Amends s. 1000.21, F.S., renaming “Brevard Community College” to “Eastern Florida State College.”

Section 3. Provides an effective date.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

¹ Section 1001.60(2)(b)1., F.S.

² Section 1001.60(2)(c), F.S.

³ Department of Education Analysis of HB 627 (Feb. 2013).

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

According to the Department of Education, there will be related costs associated with institutional name changes in a variety of areas such as signage, publications, and documentation. Due to the variation among institutions, the costs associated with name changes are indeterminate at this time.⁴

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

This bill does not appear to require a city or county to expend funds or to take any action requiring the expenditure of funds.

The bill does not appear to reduce the authority that municipalities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate.

This bill does not appear to reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

⁴Department of Education Analysis of HB 627 (Feb. 2013).
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