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The Committee on Appropriations (Stargel) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (107176) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 228 and 229
5 insert:

6 Section 6. Subsections (7) and (8) are added to section
7 1007.23, Florida Statutes, to read:

8 (7) The articulation agreement must specifically provide
9 for a reverse transfer agreement for Florida College System
10 associate in arts degree-seeking students who transfer to a



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11 state university before earning an associate in arts degree.
12 Students must be awarded an associate in arts degree by the
13 Florida College System institution upon completion of degree
14 requirements at the state university if the student earned more
15 than 30 credit hours toward the associate in arts degree from
16 the Florida College System institution. State universities must
17 identify students who have completed the requirements for the
18 associate in arts degree and, upon student consent, transfer
19 credits earned at the state university back to the Florida
20 College System institution so that the associate in arts degree
21 may be awarded by the Florida College System institution.

22 (8) By the 2019-2020 academic year, to strengthen Florida's
23 "2+2" system of articulation and improve student retention and
24 on-time graduation, each Florida College System institution
25 shall execute at least one "2+2" targeted pathway articulation
26 agreement with one or more state universities, and each state
27 university shall execute at least one such agreement with one or
28 more Florida College System institutions to establish "2+2"
29 targeted pathway programs. The agreement must provide students
30 who graduate with an associate in arts degree and who meet
31 specified requirements guaranteed access to the state university
32 and a degree program at that university, in accordance with the
33 terms of the "2+2" targeted pathway articulation agreement.

34 (a) To participate in a "2+2" targeted pathway program, a
35 student must:

36 1. Enroll in the program before completing 30 credit hours,
37 including, but not limited to, college credits earned through
38 articulated acceleration mechanisms pursuant to s. 1007.27;

39 2. Complete an associate in arts degree; and



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40 3. Meet the university's transfer requirements.

41 (b) A state university that executes a "2+2" targeted
42 pathway articulation agreement must meet the following
43 requirements in order to implement a "2+2" targeted pathway
44 program in collaboration with its partner Florida College System
45 institution:

46 1. Establish a 4-year, on-time graduation plan for a
47 baccalaureate degree program, including, but not limited to, a
48 plan for students to complete associate in arts degree programs,
49 general education courses, common prerequisite courses, and
50 elective courses;

51 2. Advise students enrolled in the program about the
52 university's transfer and degree program requirements; and

53 3. Provide students who meet the requirements under this
54 paragraph with access to academic advisors and campus events and
55 with guaranteed admittance to the state university and a degree
56 program of the state university, in accordance with the terms of
57 the agreement.

58 (c) To assist the state universities and Florida College
59 System institutions with implementing the "2+2" targeted pathway
60 programs effectively, the State Board of Education and the Board
61 of Governors shall collaborate to eliminate barriers in
62 executing "2+2" targeted pathway articulation agreements.

63 Section 7. Subsection (11) of section 1007.25, Florida
64 Statutes, is amended to read:

65 (11) Students at state universities may request an
66 associate in arts degree certificates if they have successfully
67 completed the minimum requirements for the degree of associate
68 in arts ~~(A.A.)~~. The university must grant the student an



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69 associate in arts degree if the student has successfully
70 completed minimum requirements for the associate in arts degree,
71 as determined by the state university ~~for college-level~~
72 ~~communication and computation skills adopted by the State Board~~
73 ~~of Education and 60 academic semester hours or the equivalent~~
74 ~~within a degree program area, including 36 semester hours in~~
75 ~~general education courses in the subject areas of communication,~~
76 ~~mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences,~~
77 ~~consistent with the general education requirements specified in~~
78 ~~the articulation agreement pursuant to s. 1007.23. The~~
79 university must notify students of the criteria and process for
80 requesting an associate in arts degree during orientation.
81 Additional notification must be provided to each student
82 enrolled at the university upon completion of the requirements
83 for an associate in arts degree. Beginning with students
84 enrolled at the university in the 2018-2019 academic year and
85 thereafter, the university must also notify any student who has
86 not graduated from the university of the option and process to
87 request an associate in arts degree if that student has
88 completed the requirements for an associate in arts degree but
89 has not reenrolled at the university in the subsequent fall
90 semester and thereafter.

91 Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 1008.32, Florida
92 Statutes, is amended to read:

93 1008.32 State Board of Education oversight enforcement
94 authority.—The State Board of Education shall oversee the
95 performance of district school boards and Florida College System
96 institution boards of trustees in enforcement of all laws and
97 rules. District school boards and Florida College System



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98 institution boards of trustees shall be primarily responsible
99 for compliance with law and state board rule.

100 (2) (a) The Commissioner of Education may investigate
101 allegations of noncompliance with law or state board rule and
102 determine probable cause. The commissioner shall report
103 determinations of probable cause to the State Board of Education
104 which shall require the district school board or Florida College
105 System institution board of trustees to document compliance with
106 law or state board rule.

107 (b) The Commissioner of Education shall report to the State
108 Board of Education any findings by the Auditor General that a
109 district school board or Florida College System institution is
110 acting without statutory authority or contrary to general law.
111 The State Board of Education shall require the district school
112 board or Florida College System institution board of trustees to
113 document compliance with such law.

114 Section 9. Subsection (3) of section 1008.322, Florida
115 Statutes, is amended to read:

116 1008.322 Board of Governors oversight enforcement
117 authority.—

118 (3) (a) The Chancellor of the State University System may
119 investigate allegations of noncompliance with any law or Board
120 of Governors' rule or regulation and determine probable cause.
121 The chancellor shall report determinations of probable cause to
122 the Board of Governors, which may require the university board
123 of trustees to document compliance with the law or Board of
124 Governors' rule or regulation.

125 (b) The Chancellor of the State University System shall
126 report to the Board of Governors any findings by the Auditor



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127 General that a university is acting without statutory authority
128 or contrary to general law. The Board of Governors shall require
129 the university board of trustees to document compliance with
130 such law.

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133 And the title is amended as follows:

134 Delete line 1220

135 and insert:

136 political committee; amending s. 1007.23, F.S.;

137 requiring the statewide articulation agreement to

138 include a reverse transfer agreement for students

139 transferring from a Florida College System institution

140 to a state university without having earned an

141 associate in arts degree; requiring, by a specified

142 academic year, Florida College System institutions and

143 state universities to execute agreements to establish

144 "2+2" targeted pathway programs; providing

145 requirements for such agreements; specifying

146 requirements for student participation; requiring the

147 State Board of Education and the Board of Governors to

148 collaborate to eliminate barriers in executing pathway

149 articulation agreements; amending 1007.25, F.S.;

150 requiring a university to, at specified times, notify

151 students enrolled at the university of the criteria

152 and option to request an associate in arts degree;

153 requiring that universities notify students not

154 enrolled at the university who meet specified criteria

155 of the option of receive an associate in arts degree,



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156 beginning with students enrolled in the 2018-2019
157 academic year and thereafter; amending s. 1008.32,
158 F.S.; requiring the Commissioner of Education to
159 report certain audit findings to State Board of
160 Education under certain circumstances; requiring
161 district school boards and Florida College System
162 institutions' boards of trustees to document
163 compliance with the law under certain circumstances;
164 amending s. 1008.322, F.S.; requiring the Chancellor
165 of the State University System to report certain audit
166 findings to the Board of Governors under certain
167 circumstances; requiring state universities' boards of
168 trustees to document compliance with the law under
169 certain circumstances; amending s. 1009.215, F.S.;