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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to baccalaureate degree access;
3 amending s. 1007.33, F.S.; deleting a prohibition
4 against certain Florida College System institutions
5 participating in intercollegiate athletics beyond the
6 2-year level; authorizing Florida College System
7 institutions to participate in intercollegiate
8 athletics at the 4-year level; deleting obsolete
9 language; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) and subsection
14 (4) of section 1007.33, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

15 1007.33 Site-determined baccalaureate degree access.—

16 (2) Any Florida College System institution that offers one
17 or more baccalaureate degree programs must:

18 ~~(g) Not participate in intercollegiate athletics beyond the~~
19 ~~2-year level.~~

20 (4) A Florida College System institution may:

21 (a) Offer specified baccalaureate degree programs through
22 formal agreements between the Florida College System institution
23 and other regionally accredited postsecondary educational
24 institutions pursuant to s. 1007.22.

25 (b) Offer baccalaureate degree programs that were
26 authorized by law before ~~prior to~~ July 1, 2009.

27 (c) Participate in intercollegiate athletics at the 4-year
28 level.

29 ~~(d) (e) Beginning July 1, 2009,~~ Establish a first or

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30 subsequent baccalaureate degree program for purposes of meeting
31 district, regional, or statewide workforce needs if approved by
32 the State Board of Education under this section.

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34 ~~Beginning July 1, 2009,~~ The Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg
35 College is authorized to establish one or more bachelor of
36 applied science degree programs based on an analysis of
37 workforce needs in Pinellas, Pasco, and Hernando Counties and
38 other counties approved by the Department of Education. For each
39 program selected, St. Petersburg College must offer a related
40 associate in science or associate in applied science degree
41 program, and the baccalaureate degree level program must be
42 designed to articulate fully with at least one associate in
43 science degree program. The college is encouraged to develop
44 articulation agreements for enrollment of graduates of related
45 associate in applied science degree programs. The Board of
46 Trustees of St. Petersburg College is authorized to establish
47 additional baccalaureate degree programs if it determines a
48 program is warranted and feasible based on each of the factors
49 in paragraph (5) (d). Before ~~However, the Board of Trustees of~~
50 ~~St. Petersburg College may not establish any new baccalaureate~~
51 ~~degree programs from March 31, 2014, through May 31, 2015. Prior~~
52 ~~to~~ developing or proposing a new baccalaureate degree program,
53 St. Petersburg College shall engage in need, demand, and impact
54 discussions with the state university in its service district
55 and other local and regional, accredited postsecondary providers
56 in its region. Documentation, data, and other information from
57 inter-institutional discussions regarding program need, demand,
58 and impact shall be provided to the college's board of trustees

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59 to inform the program approval process. Employment at St.
60 Petersburg College is governed by the same laws that govern
61 Florida College System institutions, except that upper-division
62 faculty are eligible for continuing contracts upon the
63 completion of the fifth year of teaching. Employee records for
64 all personnel shall be maintained as required by s. 1012.81.
65 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.