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Senator Rodrigues moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

Delete lines 266 - 276

and insert:

(2) ACCREDITATION.-By September 1, 2022, the Board of  
Governors, for state universities, and the State Board of  
Education, for Florida College System institutions, shall  
identify and make a determination of the accrediting agencies or  
associations, respectively, that are best suited to serve as an  
accreditor for state universities and Florida College System  
institutions. Such accrediting agencies or associations must be



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12 recognized by the database created and maintained by the United  
13 States Department of Education. A state university or Florida  
14 College System institution may not be accredited by the same  
15 accrediting agency or association for consecutive accreditation  
16 cycles. In the year following reaffirmation or fifth-year review  
17 by their accrediting agencies or associations, each state  
18 university or Florida College System institution must seek and  
19 obtain accreditation from an accrediting agency or association  
20 identified by the Board of Governors or State Board of  
21 Education, respectively, before its next reaffirmation date. The  
22 requirements of this subsection are not applicable to those  
23 professional, graduate, departmental, or certificate programs at  
24 state universities or Florida College System institutions that  
25 have specific accreditation requirements or best practices,  
26 including, but not limited to, law, pharmacy, engineering, or  
27 other similarly situated educational programs.

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29 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

30 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

31 Delete line 259

32 and insert:

33 Section 3. Effective upon becoming a law, section 1008.47,  
34 Florida Statutes, is created to

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36 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

37 And the title is amended as follows:

38 Delete lines 18 - 27

39 and insert:

40 requiring the Board of Governors and State Board of



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41 Education to identify and determine accrediting  
42 agencies or associations best suited for state  
43 universities and Florida College System institutions,  
44 respectively, by a certain date; providing  
45 requirements for such accrediting agencies or  
46 associations; prohibiting state universities and  
47 Florida College System institutions from being  
48 accredited by the same agency or association for  
49 consecutive accreditation cycles; requiring state  
50 universities and Florida College System institutions  
51 to obtain accreditation from accrediting agencies or  
52 associations identified by the Board of Governors or  
53 State Board of Education, respectively; providing that  
54 specified academic programs are exempt from such  
55 requirements; creating a cause of