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Senator Pizzo moved the following:

1           **Senate Substitute for Amendment (119334) (with directory**  
2 **and title amendments)**

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4           Delete lines 266 - 276

5 and insert:

6           (2) ACCREDITATION.-

7           (a) By September 1, 2022, the Board of Governors, for state  
8 universities, and the State Board of Education, for Florida  
9 College System institutions, shall identify and determine the  
10 accrediting agencies or associations best suited to serve as an  
11 accreditor for state universities and Florida College System



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

30 (b) If, after a necessary period of inquiry, a public  
31 postsecondary institution is not accepted by an accreditor of  
32 equal or higher quality than their current accreditor before the  
33 end of the current accreditation cycle, the institution may  
34 remain with its current accreditor to avoid loss of  
35 accreditation and loss of student access to federal financial  
36 aid.

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

39 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

40 Delete line 259



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41 and insert:

42 Section 3. Effective upon this act becoming a law, section  
43 1008.47, Florida Statutes, is created to

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

46 And the title is amended as follows:

47 Delete lines 18 - 27

48 and insert:

49 requiring the Board of Governors and State Board of  
50 Education to identify and determine accrediting  
51 agencies or associations best suited for state  
52 universities and Florida College System institutions,  
53 respectively, by a specified date; providing  
54 requirements for such accrediting agencies or  
55 associations; prohibiting state universities and  
56 Florida College System institutions from being  
57 accredited by the same agency or association for  
58 consecutive accreditation cycles; requiring state  
59 universities and Florida College System institutions  
60 to obtain accreditation from accrediting agencies or  
61 associations identified by the Board of Governors or  
62 State Board of Education, respectively; providing that  
63 specified academic programs are exempt from such  
64 requirements; authorizing institutions to remain with  
65 current accreditors under certain circumstances;  
66 creating a cause of