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2 An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss.  
3 381.915, 402.7305, 1001.60, 1003.491, 1007.33, and  
4 1008.45, F.S., to conform to section 7 of chapter  
5 2022-70, Laws of Florida, which directs the Division  
6 of Law Revision to prepare a reviser's bill to replace  
7 references to the phrases "the Southern Association of  
8 Colleges and Schools," "the Commission on Colleges of  
9 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools," and  
10 "the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
11 Commission on Colleges," wherever they occur in the  
12 Florida Statutes, with the phrase "an accrediting  
13 agency or association recognized by the database  
14 created and maintained by the United States Department  
15 of Education"; providing an effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and paragraph  
20 (c) of subsection (4) of section 381.915, Florida Statutes, are  
21 amended to read:

22 381.915 Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program.—

23 (3) On or before September 15 of each year, the department  
24 shall calculate an allocation fraction to be used for  
25 distributing funds to participating cancer centers. On or before  
26 the final business day of each quarter of the state fiscal year,  
27 the department shall distribute to each participating cancer  
28 center one-fourth of that cancer center's annual allocation  
29 calculated under subsection (6). The allocation fraction for

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30 each participating cancer center is based on the cancer center's  
31 tier-designated weight under subsection (4) multiplied by each  
32 of the following allocation factors: number of reportable cases,  
33 peer-review costs, and biomedical education and training. As  
34 used in this section, the term:

35 (a) "Biomedical education and training" means instruction  
36 that is offered to a student who is enrolled in a biomedical  
37 research program at an affiliated university as a medical  
38 student or a student in a master's or doctoral degree program,  
39 or who is a resident physician trainee or postdoctoral trainee  
40 in such program. An affiliated university biomedical research  
41 program must be accredited or approved by a nationally  
42 recognized agency and offered through an institution accredited  
43 by an accrediting agency or association recognized by the  
44 database created and maintained by the United States Department  
45 of Education ~~the Commission on Colleges of the Southern~~  
46 ~~Association of Colleges and Schools~~. Full-time equivalency for  
47 trainees shall be prorated for training received in oncologic  
48 sciences and oncologic medicine.

49 (4) Tier designations and corresponding weights within the  
50 Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program are as follows:

51 (c) Tier 3: Florida-based cancer centers seeking  
52 designation as either a NCI-designated cancer center or NCI-  
53 designated comprehensive cancer center, which shall be weighted  
54 at 1.0.

55 1. A cancer center shall meet the following minimum  
56 criteria to be considered eligible for Tier 3 designation in any  
57 given fiscal year:

58 a. Conducting cancer-related basic scientific research and

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59 cancer-related population scientific research;

60 b. Offering and providing the full range of diagnostic and  
61 treatment services on site, as determined by the Commission on  
62 Cancer of the American College of Surgeons;

63 c. Hosting or conducting cancer-related interventional  
64 clinical trials that are registered with the NCI's Clinical  
65 Trials Reporting Program;

66 d. Offering degree-granting programs or affiliating with  
67 universities through degree-granting programs accredited or  
68 approved by a nationally recognized agency and offered through  
69 the center or through the center in conjunction with another  
70 institution accredited by an accrediting agency or association  
71 recognized by the database created and maintained by the United  
72 States Department of Education ~~the Commission on Colleges of the~~  
73 ~~Southern Association of Colleges and Schools~~;

74 e. Providing training to clinical trainees, medical  
75 trainees accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate  
76 Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association, and  
77 postdoctoral fellows recently awarded a doctorate degree; and

78 f. Having more than \$5 million in annual direct costs  
79 associated with their total NCI peer-reviewed grant funding.

80 2. The General Appropriations Act or accompanying  
81 legislation may limit the number of cancer centers which shall  
82 receive Tier 3 designations or provide additional criteria for  
83 such designation.

84 3. A cancer center's participation in Tier 3 may not extend  
85 beyond June 30, 2024.

86 4. A cancer center that qualifies as a designated Tier 3  
87 center under the criteria provided in subparagraph 1. by July 1,

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88 2014, is authorized to pursue NCI designation as a cancer center  
89 or a comprehensive cancer center until June 30, 2024.

90 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
91 402.7305, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

92 402.7305 Department of Children and Families; procurement  
93 of contractual services; contract management.—

94 (2) PROCUREMENT OF COMMODITIES AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.—

95 (a) Notwithstanding s. 287.057(3)(e)12., if the department  
96 intends to contract with a public postsecondary institution to  
97 provide a service, the department must allow all public  
98 postsecondary institutions in this state that are accredited by  
99 an accrediting agency or association recognized by the database  
100 created and maintained by the United States Department of  
101 Education ~~the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools~~ to  
102 bid on the contract. Thereafter, notwithstanding any other  
103 provision of law, if a public postsecondary institution intends  
104 to subcontract for any service awarded in the contract, the  
105 subcontracted service must be procured by competitive  
106 procedures.

107 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
108 1001.60, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

109 1001.60 Florida College System.—

110 (2) FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM.—There shall be a single Florida  
111 College System comprised of the Florida College System  
112 institutions identified in s. 1000.21(3). A Florida College  
113 System institution may not offer graduate degree programs.

114 (b)1. With the approval of its district board of trustees,  
115 a Florida College System institution may change the  
116 institution's name set forth in s. 1000.21(3) and use the

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117 designation "college" or "state college" if it has been  
118 authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees pursuant to s. 1007.33  
119 and has been accredited as a baccalaureate-degree-granting  
120 institution by an accrediting agency or association recognized  
121 by the database created and maintained by the United States  
122 Department of Education ~~the Commission on Colleges of the~~  
123 ~~Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.~~

124 2. With the approval of its district board of trustees, a  
125 Florida College System institution that does not meet the  
126 criteria in subparagraph 1. may request approval from the State  
127 Board of Education to change the institution's name set forth in  
128 s. 1000.21(3) and use the designation "college." The State Board  
129 of Education may approve the request if the Florida College  
130 System institution enters into an agreement with the State Board  
131 of Education to do the following:

132 a. Maintain as its primary mission responsibility for  
133 responding to community needs for postsecondary academic  
134 education and career degree education as prescribed in s.  
135 1004.65(5).

136 b. Maintain an open-door admissions policy for associate-  
137 level degree programs and workforce education programs.

138 c. Continue to provide outreach to underserved populations.

139 d. Continue to provide remedial education.

140 e. Comply with all provisions of the statewide articulation  
141 agreement that relate to 2-year and 4-year public degree-  
142 granting institutions as adopted by the State Board of Education  
143 pursuant to s. 1007.23.

144 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
145 1003.491, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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146 1003.491 Florida Career and Professional Education Act.—The  
147 Florida Career and Professional Education Act is created to  
148 provide a statewide planning partnership between the business  
149 and education communities in order to attract, expand, and  
150 retain targeted, high-value industry and to sustain a strong,  
151 knowledge-based economy.

152 (4) The State Board of Education shall establish a process  
153 for the continual and uninterrupted review of newly proposed  
154 core secondary courses and existing courses requested to be  
155 considered as core courses to ensure that sufficient rigor and  
156 relevance is provided for workforce skills and postsecondary  
157 education and aligned to state curriculum standards.

158 (a) The review of newly proposed core secondary courses  
159 shall be the responsibility of a curriculum review committee  
160 whose membership is approved by CareerSource Florida, Inc. The  
161 membership of the committee shall include:

162 1. Three certified high school counselors recommended by  
163 the Florida Association of Student Services Administrators.

164 2. Three assistant superintendents for curriculum and  
165 instruction, recommended by the Florida Association of District  
166 School Superintendents, who serve in districts that operate  
167 successful career and professional academies pursuant to s.  
168 1003.492 or a successful series of courses that lead to industry  
169 certification. Committee members in this category shall employ  
170 the expertise of appropriate subject area specialists in the  
171 review of proposed courses.

172 3. Three workforce representatives recommended by the  
173 Department of Economic Opportunity.

174 4. Three admissions directors of postsecondary institutions

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175 accredited by an accrediting agency or association recognized by  
176 the database created and maintained by the United States  
177 Department of Education ~~the Southern Association of Colleges and~~  
178 ~~Schools~~, representing both public and private institutions.

179 5. The Commissioner of Education, or his or her designee,  
180 who is responsible for K-12 curriculum and instruction and shall  
181 employ the expertise of appropriate subject area specialists in  
182 the review of proposed courses.

183 Section 5. Paragraphs (f), (g), and (h) of subsection (5)  
184 of section 1007.33, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

185 1007.33 Site-determined baccalaureate degree access.—

186 (5) The approval process for baccalaureate degree programs  
187 shall require:

188 (f) The Florida College System institution to obtain from  
189 an accrediting agency or association recognized by the database  
190 created and maintained by the United States Department of  
191 Education ~~the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association~~  
192 ~~of Colleges and Schools~~ accreditation as a baccalaureate-degree-  
193 granting institution if approved by the State Board of Education  
194 to offer its first baccalaureate degree program.

195 (g) The Florida College System institution to notify an  
196 accrediting agency or association recognized by the database  
197 created and maintained by the United States Department of  
198 Education ~~the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association~~  
199 ~~of Colleges and Schools~~ of subsequent degree programs that are  
200 approved by the State Board of Education and to comply with the  
201 association's required substantive change protocols for  
202 accreditation purposes.

203 (h) The Florida College System institution to annually, and

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204 upon request of the State Board of Education, the Commissioner  
205 of Education, the Chancellor of the Florida College System, or  
206 the Legislature, report its status using the following  
207 performance and compliance indicators:

208 1. Obtaining and maintaining appropriate ~~Southern~~  
209 ~~Association of Colleges and Schools~~ accreditation from an  
210 accrediting agency or association recognized by the database  
211 created and maintained by the United States Department of  
212 Education;

213 2. Maintaining qualified faculty and institutional  
214 resources;

215 3. Maintaining enrollment in previously approved programs;

216 4. Managing fiscal resources appropriately;

217 5. Complying with the primary mission and responsibility  
218 requirements in subsections (2) and (3); and

219 6. Other indicators of success, including program  
220 completions, placements, and surveys of graduates and employers.

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222 The State Board of Education, upon review of the performance and  
223 compliance indicators, may require a Florida College System  
224 institution's board of trustees to modify or terminate a  
225 baccalaureate degree program authorized under this section.

226 Section 6. Paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of section  
227 1008.45, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

228 1008.45 Florida College System institution accountability  
229 process.—

230 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that a management  
231 and accountability process be implemented which provides for the  
232 systematic, ongoing improvement and assessment of the



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233 improvement of the quality and efficiency of the Florida College  
234 System institutions. Accordingly, the State Board of Education  
235 and the Florida College System institution boards of trustees  
236 shall develop and implement an accountability plan to improve  
237 and evaluate the instructional and administrative efficiency and  
238 effectiveness of the Florida College System. This plan shall be  
239 designed in consultation with staff of the Governor and the  
240 Legislature and must address the following issues:

241 (g) Institutional assessment efforts related to the  
242 requirements of an accrediting agency or association recognized  
243 by the database created and maintained by the United States  
244 Department of Education s. III in the Criteria for Accreditation  
245 of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of  
246 Colleges and Schools.

247 Reviser's note.—Amended pursuant to the directive of the  
248 Legislature in s. 7, ch. 2022-70, Laws of Florida, to the  
249 Division of Law Revision to prepare a reviser's bill for  
250 the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature to replace  
251 references to the phrases "the Southern Association of  
252 Colleges and Schools," "the Commission on Colleges of the  
253 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools," and "the  
254 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on  
255 Colleges," wherever they occur in the Florida Statutes,  
256 with the phrase "an accrediting agency or association  
257 recognized by the database created and maintained by the  
258 United States Department of Education."

259 Section 7. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after  
260 adjournment sine die of the session of the Legislature in which  
261 enacted.