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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
3/19/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Higher Education (Oelrich) recommended the
 2 following **amendment**:

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 4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Between line(s) 26 and 27,
 6 insert:

7 Section 1. Section 1001.60, Florida Statutes, is created to
 8 read:

9 1001.60 Florida College System.--

10 (1) PURPOSES. In order to maximize open access for
 11 students, respond to community needs for postsecondary academic
 12 education and career degree education, and provide associate and
 13 baccalaureate degrees that will best meet the state's employment
 14 needs, the Legislature hereby establishes a system of governance
 15 for the Florida college system.

16 (2) FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM. There shall be a single
 17 Florida college system comprised of two-year and four-year public



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18 postsecondary educational institutions that grant academic
19 degrees at the undergraduate level as provided by law. An
20 institution within the Florida college system may not offer
21 graduate degree programs.

22 (a) The programs and services offered by institutions in
23 the Florida college system in providing associate and
24 baccalaureate degrees shall be delivered in a cost-effective
25 manner that demonstrates substantial savings to the student and
26 to the state over the cost of providing the degree at a state
27 university.

28 (b)1. An institution in the Florida college system may drop
29 the term "community" from the name of the institution if it has
30 been authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees pursuant to ss.
31 1004.73 or 1007.33 or if it has received approval from the State
32 Board of Education pursuant to this paragraph.

33 2. With the approval of an institution's local board of
34 trustees, any institution in the Florida college system may
35 request approval from the State Board of Education to drop the
36 term "community" from the institution's name. The State Board of
37 Education may approve the request if the institution enters into
38 an agreement with the State Board of Education to do the
39 following:

40 a. Maintain as the institution's primary mission
41 responsibility for responding to community needs for
42 postsecondary academic education and career degree education as
43 prescribed in s. 1004.65(6).

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

46 c. Continue to provide outreach to underserved populations.

47 d. Continue to provide remedial education.



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

52 (3) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each institution within the
 53 Florida college system shall be governed by a local board of
 54 trustees as provided in s. 1001.64. The membership of each local
 55 board of trustees shall be as provided in s. 1001.61.

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

59 And the title is amended as follows:

60 On line 4, after the semicolon,
 61 insert:

62 creating s. 1001.60, F.S., relating to the Florida College
 63 System; providing system purposes; defining the system as
 64 comprised of 2-year and 4-year public postsecondary
 65 institutions that grant academic degrees at the
 66 undergraduate level; providing limitations; authorizing a
 67 name change under certain conditions; providing for local
 68 boards of trustees; providing membership for the boards;