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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Senator Alexander, Dockery, and Geller moved the following
2 **substitute for amendment (041312):**

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

5 Delete line(s) 37-182

6 and insert:

7 (b) Broward ~~Community~~ College.

8 (e) Daytona Beach ~~Community~~ College.

9 (k) Indian River ~~Community~~ College.

10 (u) Polk ~~Community~~ College.

11 Section 2. Section 1001.60, Florida Statutes, is created to
12 read:

13 1001.60 Florida College System.--

14 (1) PURPOSES.--In order to maximize open access for
15 students, respond to community needs for postsecondary academic
16 education and career degree education, and provide associate and
17 baccalaureate degrees that will best meet the state's employment



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18 needs, the Legislature establishes a system of governance for the
19 Florida College System.

20 (2) FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM.--There shall be a single
21 Florida College System comprised of the public postsecondary
22 educational institutions identified in s. 1000.21(3) which grant
23 2-year and 4-year academic degrees as provided by law. An
24 institution within the Florida College System may not offer
25 graduate degree programs.

26 (a) The programs and services offered by institutions in
27 the Florida College System in providing associate and
28 baccalaureate degrees shall be delivered in a cost-effective
29 manner that demonstrates substantial savings to the student and
30 to the state over the cost of providing the degree at a state
31 university.

32 (b)1. With the approval of the institution's local board of
33 trustees, an institution in the Florida College System may change
34 the institution's name and use the designation "college" if it
35 has been authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees pursuant to s.
36 1004.73 or s. 1007.33 or if it has received approval from the
37 State Board of Education pursuant to this paragraph.

38 2. With the approval of an institution's local board of
39 trustees, any institution in the Florida College System may
40 request approval from the State Board of Education to change the
41 institution's name and use the designation "college." The State
42 Board of Education may approve the request if the institution
43 enters into an agreement with the State Board of Education to do
44 the following:

45 a. Maintain as the institution's primary mission
46 responsibility for responding to community needs for



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47 postsecondary academic education and career degree education as
48 prescribed in s. 1004.65(6).

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

51 c. Continue to provide outreach to underserved populations.

52 d. Continue to provide remedial education.

53 e. Comply with all provisions of the statewide articulation
54 agreement which relate to 2-year and 4-year public degree-
55 granting institutions as adopted by the State Board of Education
56 pursuant to s. 1007.23.

57 (3) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES.--Each institution within the
58 Florida College System shall be governed by a local board of
59 trustees as provided in s. 1001.64. The membership of each local
60 board of trustees shall be as provided in s. 1001.61.

61 Section 3. Section 1004.87, Florida Statutes, is created to
62 read:

63 1004.87 Florida College System Task Force.--

64 (1) The Florida College System Task Force is established
65 within the Division of Community Colleges of the Department of
66 Education for the purpose of developing findings and issuing
67 recommendations regarding the transition of community colleges to
68 baccalaureate-degree-granting colleges and the criteria for
69 establishing and funding state colleges.

70 (2) (a) All members of the task force must be appointed on
71 or before August 31, 2008, and the task force shall hold its
72 first meeting on or before September 15, 2008.

73 (b) The task force shall be comprised of 11 members
74 appointed by the Commissioner of Education. The appointees shall
75 include eight community college presidents, one state university
76 president, the president of an institution that is eligible to



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77 participate in the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access
78 Grant Program, and one member at large. The community college
79 presidents appointed to the task force may not include the
80 presidents of the institutions named to participate in the State
81 College Pilot Project. The community college presidents appointed
82 to the task force must reflect the diversity of program offerings
83 and service areas of the 28 community colleges and include
84 representatives of community colleges that are authorized to
85 grant baccalaureate degrees, community colleges that are not
86 authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees, community colleges
87 that have urban service areas, community colleges that have rural
88 service areas, community colleges the service areas of which have
89 populations of 500,000 or more, and community colleges the
90 service areas of which have populations of fewer than 500,000.
91 The Commissioner of Education shall be a voting member of the
92 task force and the chair of the task force.

93 (3) The task force shall:

94 (a) Recommend a program-approval process for new
95 baccalaureate degree programs that are designed to meet the
96 employment needs of Florida, including approval as a
97 baccalaureate-degree-granting community college and as a state
98 college.

99 (b) Recommend a funding model that considers projected
100 enrollment, adjustments for actual enrollment, program mix, and
101 comparable support for similar programs across all institutions,
102 including community colleges authorized by the State Board of
103 Education to award baccalaureate degrees pursuant to s. 1007.33
104 and state colleges. The funding model must ensure that the
105 programs and services offered by institutions in the Florida
106 College System in providing associate and baccalaureate degrees



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107 are delivered in a cost-effective manner that demonstrates
108 substantial savings to the student and to the state over the cost
109 of providing the degree at a state university.

110 (c) Identify the areas, both geographic and academic, in
111 which an increased number of graduates who have baccalaureate
112 degrees are necessary in order to meet regional and statewide
113 workforce needs.

114 (d) Monitor implementation of the State College Pilot
115 Project.

116 (e) Recommend priorities and criteria for baccalaureate
117 programs that may be offered without specific approval by the
118 State Board of Education.

119 (4) Any recommendation from the task force to the
120 Legislature requires approval by two-thirds of the membership of
121 the task force.

122 (5) (a) Community colleges, state universities, the
123 Commission for Independent Education, and the Agency for
124 Workforce Innovation shall provide information and assistance to
125 the task force.

126 (b) Independent postsecondary educational institutions,
127 representatives of the business community, and other stakeholders
128 are encouraged to provide the task force with information to
129 assist the task force in its deliberations.

130 (6) The task force shall submit a report and
131 recommendations to the Governor, the State Board of Education,
132 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
133 Representatives by March 2, 2009. The report must include any
134 comments from the task force regarding the final report resulting
135 from the State College Pilot Project and any specific



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136 recommendations of the task force for legislative action during
137 the 2009 Regular Session of the Legislature.

138 (7) The task force shall be dissolved effective June 30,
139 2010, prior to which time it shall issue its final report with
140 recommended detailed criteria for establishing the Florida
141 College System as a permanent part of the state system of higher
142 education.

143 Section 4. Section 1004.875, Florida Statutes, is created
144 to read:

145 1004.875 State College Pilot Project.--

146 (1) The Legislature finds it is in the best interest of the
147 state to provide the residents of the state affordable access to
148 baccalaureate degree programs that are designed to meet regional
149 and statewide employment needs.

150 (2) (a) Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year, the State
151 College Pilot Project is created which shall be conducted as a
152 pilot project by St. Petersburg College, Okaloosa-Walton College,
153 Daytona Beach College, Miami-Dade College, Indian River College,
154 and Polk College in collaboration with the Florida College System
155 Task Force. The purpose of the

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

157 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

158 Delete line 30

159 and insert:

160 Section 1. Paragraphs (b), (e), (k), and (u) of subsection (3)
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