## SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL:	SB 2626			
SPONSOR:	Senator Villalobos			
SUBJECT: Colleges/Chip		ola and Miami-Dade		
DATE:	April 6, 2003	REVISED: 04/0	09/03	
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## I. Summary:

The bill renames Chipola Junior College as Chipola College. Miami-Dade Community College is renamed Miami-Dade College and other statutory references to the college are amended to reflect the new name. The requirement that the Florida Martin Luther King, Jr., Institute for Nonviolence is to be established at Miami-Dade Community College is deleted.

This bill amends sections 1000.21, 288.8175, 1002.35 and 1004.76 of the Florida Statutes.

### II. Present Situation:

Section 1000.21 names the public community colleges in the state. The present statutory names of two of the institutions are Chipola Junior College and Miami-Dade Community College. Other statutory references to the institutions use these same names.

# III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Chipola Junior College would be renamed Chipola College.

Miami-Dade Community College would be renamed Miami-Dade College and other statutory references to the institution would be amended to reflect the new name.

The specification that the Florida Martin Luther King, Jr., Institute for Nonviolence is to be established at Miami-Dade Community College is deleted.

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2003.

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## IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

# V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

#### VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

#### VII. Related Issues:

Chipola Junior College and Miami-Dade Community College have been authorized through statutory procedures to confer specific baccalaureate degrees. The college name changes are to reflect the institutions changed role in awarding the higher level degree. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the regional accrediting agency, does not require a community college to change its name in order to award the baccalaureate degree. SACS Criteria for Accreditation (6.1.1) states however, "The name of an institution...must be accurate, descriptive and appropriate," but leaves the naming decision to the institution.

The Legislature changed the name of St. Petersburg Junior College to St. Petersburg College when the Legislature authorized that institution to award baccalaureate degrees.

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## VIII. Amendments:

#1 by Education:

Amending references for Chipola Junior College to Chipola College and for Miami-Dade Community College to Miami-Dade College. Including Chipola College and Miami-Dade College with St. Petersburg College as having approval from the State Board of Education and the Legislature to offer specific baccalaureate degrees. Authorizing Chipola College and Miami-Dade College to request funding from the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund for facilities related to the baccalaureate programs of the college.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.