

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.

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.
