

# 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 292  
 SPONSOR: Senator Lynn  
 SUBJECT: Charter Technical Career Centers  
 DATE: February 26, 2004      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Woodruff	O'Farrell	ED	Favorable
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3.	_____	_____	AED	_____
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**I. Summary:**

The bill authorizes continuation of a provision in the 2003 General Appropriations Act which assured that the Volusia/Flagler Advanced Technology Center calculations for funding dual enrolled students would result in the same amount of funding as if the students were taught in the school district.

This bill addresses the issue of how to account for a high school student dually enrolled full-time in courses offered by a community college and on a community college academic year calendar.

This bill substantially amends section 1002.34 of the Florida Statutes.

**II. Present Situation:**

For the 2003-2004 fiscal year, proviso language was included in the General Appropriations Act which required funding calculations for dual enrolled students at the Volusia/Flagler Advanced Technology Center to result in the same amount of funding being received by the counties as if the students were taught in the school district. This proviso will expire on June 30, 2004.

Approximately 260 students from Volusia County and 50 students from Flagler County are enrolled full-time at the Advanced Technology Center. Volusia County currently pays about \$1.3 million and Flagler pays about \$300,000 to support the educational costs of their respective students attending the Center.

Students enrolled in college credit programs do not meet for as many class hours per semester as do students enrolled in a public school course for a semester class. The calculations to determine a full-time-equivalent student in the two systems use different numbers of contact hours as the

basis for such full-time equivalent calculations. The bill's language would require that funding for the high school students at the Volusia/Flagler Advanced Technology Center who are dually enrolled in college level courses would be calculated to earn funds for Volusia and Flagler Counties as though they are in a public school district.

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill amends section 1002.34 (11) to continue indefinitely a provision currently limited to the 2003-2004 school year. The change would require that funding calculations for full-time dual enrolled students at the Volusia/Flagler Advanced Technology Center must result in the same amount of funding to Volusia and Flagler counties as if the calculations were based on students taught full-time in high school courses by the school district.

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2004.

### **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:**

The bill would continue indefinitely the funding calculations used in Fiscal Year 2003-2004 for dual enrolled students at the Volusia/Flagler Advanced Technology Center utilized in the current year.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

None.

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