

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/HB 7147, 2nd Eng.

INTRODUCER: Policy & Budget Council, Schools & Learning Council and Representatives
Pickens and Ambler

SUBJECT: Postsecondary Education Enhancements

PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Higher Education

DATE: May 3, 2007

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1—212421 (to Senate amendment 452484) (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 revises requirements with regard to community college baccalaureate degree programs to:

- Specify that community colleges granting baccalaureate degrees will remain under the authority of the State Board of Education and the community college's board of trustees;
- Authorize a community college to develop proposals to deliver baccalaureate degree programs in math and science that would prepare graduates to enter a teaching position in math or science;
- Specify the elements that must be present in formal agreements to deliver baccalaureate degree programs by other institutions at community college sites;
- Require a community college to notify the State Board of Education (SBE) at least 90 days prior to its submission of a plan to offer a baccalaureate degree of its intention to do so;
- Require the SBE to notify each state university and each regionally accredited private college and university chartered in the state and that has its primary campus in Florida of the community college's intent;
- Provide state universities 60 days to submit an alternative plan to offer the baccalaureate degree on the community college's campus,
- In the absence of a state university proposal, provide regionally accredited private colleges and universities 30 days to submit an alternative proposal to the SBE;
- Delineate the powers and duties of community college boards of trustees to establish tuition and out-of-state fees for upper division courses in baccalaureate degree programs consistent with law and the General Appropriations Act;
- Prohibit the reporting of a non-resident student for tuition purposes in calculating enrollment in community college baccalaureate degree programs;
- Require funds appropriated for baccalaureate degree programs to be used only for such programs;

- Establish state policy that funding for a community college baccalaureate degree program will be no more than 85 percent of the cost of direct instruction in upper level university programs;
- Require community college faculty who teach in baccalaureate degree programs to teach a minimum of 15 classroom contact hours; and
- Require community colleges that grant baccalaureate degrees to maintain reporting and funding distinctions between site-determined baccalaureate degree programs and baccalaureate degree programs offered through concurrent-use partnerships.

The amendment also:

- Requires the Office of Program Policy and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) to study postsecondary enrollment forecasting models and report to Legislative leaders by February 1, 2008;
- Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to review courses in the statewide course numbering system and report to Legislative leaders by February 1, 2008;
- Requires a private postsecondary institution that participates in common course numbering to identify in its catalog specific courses that are included in the common course numbering system;
- Requires the DOE to develop and maintain on the department's website a list of courses in the statewide course numbering system and the institution that offers each course;
- Establishes the Florida Business and Education Collaborative as an advisory board to make recommendations annually for defining and attaining Florida's economic goals;
- Requires OPPAGA to study the implementation of articulation policies and recommend improvements to Legislative leaders by February 1, 2008; and
- Authorizes a state university to name a building, road, recreational complex or other similar facility for a living person if the university board of trustees designates the facility in accordance with rules adopted by the Board of Governors of the State University System.