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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to postsecondary education funding;
3	amending s. 295.02, F.S.; revising provisions relating to
4	the use of funds to pay postsecondary education expenses
5	for children and spouses of certain members of the
6	military; amending s. 295.04, F.S.; providing a
7	definition; providing educational benefit award amounts
8	for students at public and nonpublic eligible
9	postsecondary education institutions; creating s. 1006.72,
10	F.S.; providing requirements for the licensing of
11	electronic library resources; requiring a process to
12	annually identify electronic library resources for
13	specified core categories; providing requirements for
14	statewide, postsecondary, 4-year degree, and 2-year degree
15	core resources; amending s. 1009.22, F.S.; requiring
16	students in workforce education programs to be classified
17	as residents or nonresidents for tuition purposes;
18	authorizing, rather than requiring, the State Board of
19	Education to adopt rules for use by district school boards
20	and community college boards of trustees in the
21	calculation of workforce education costs borne by
22	students; amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; authorizing certain
23	calculations for expenditures for need-based financial
24	aid; providing that a student who is awarded a prepaid
25	postsecondary tuition scholarship is exempt from payment
26	of the tuition differential while the scholarship is in
27	effect; requiring certain reporting; amending ss.
28	1009.534, 1009.535, and 1009.536, F.S.; providing that the
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29 award amount for a Florida Academic Scholar, Florida 30 Medallion Scholar, and Florida Gold Seal Vocational 31 Scholar shall be specified in the General Appropriations 32 Act for the 2010-2011 academic year; amending s. 1009.984, F.S.; providing that a student who is awarded a prepaid 33 34 postsecondary tuition scholarship is exempt from payment 35 of the tuition differential while the scholarship is in 36 effect; amending s. 1010.87, F.S.; providing that certain 37 funds transferred to the Workers' Compensation 38 Administration Trust Fund in the Department of Education 39 shall revert to the Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund in the Department of Financial Services; 40 amending s. 1011.32, F.S.; revising the date for 41 42 transmittal to the Legislature of information relating to 43 the Community College Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant 44 Program; amending s. 1011.80, F.S.; requiring students in workforce education programs to be classified as residents 45 or nonresidents for tuition purposes; amending s. 1011.83, 46 47 F.S.; deleting certain provisions relating to funds 48 appropriated for baccalaureate degree programs conducted 49 by community colleges; amending s. 1011.84, F.S.; 50 requiring the Department of Education to estimate certain 51 community college enrollments separately; reducing the 52 number of fiscal years to be covered in each annual 53 estimation; requiring a community college that grants 54 baccalaureate degrees to report certain expenditures 55 separately; amending s. 1013.79, F.S.; revising the date 56 for transmittal to the Legislature of information relating Page 2 of 18

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57 to the University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program; repealing s. 1009.5385, F.S., relating to the use 58 59 of certain scholarship funds by children of deceased or 60 disabled veterans; providing an effective date. 61 62 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 63 64 Section 295.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to Section 1. 65 read: 66 295.02 Use of funds; age, etc.-67 Sums appropriated and expended to carry out the (1)provisions of s. 295.01(1) may shall be used to pay tuition and 68 69 registration fees, board, and room rent and to buy books and 70 supplies for the children of deceased or disabled veterans or 71 servicemembers, as defined and limited in s. 295.01, s. 295.016, 72 s. 295.017, s. 295.018, s. 295.0185, s. 295.019, or s. 295.0195, 73 or of parents classified as prisoners of war or missing in 74 action, as defined and limited in s. 295.015, who are between 75 the ages of 16 and 22 years and who are in attendance at an 76 eligible postsecondary education a state-supported institution 77 as defined in s. 295.04 of higher learning, including a 78 community college or career center. Any child having entered 79 upon a course of training or education under the provisions of 80 this chapter, consisting of a course of not more than 4 years, and arriving at the age of 22 years before the completion of 81 82 such course may continue the course and receive all benefits of 83 the provisions of this chapter until the course is completed. 84 Sums appropriated and expended to carry out the (2) Page 3 of 18

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85	provisions of s. 295.01(2) <u>may</u> shall be used to pay tuition and
86	registration fees, board, and room rent and to buy books and
87	supplies for the spouses of deceased or disabled veterans or
88	servicemembers, as defined and limited in s. 295.01, who are
89	enrolled at an eligible postsecondary education a state-
90	supported institution as defined in s. 295.04 of higher
91	learning, including a community college or career center.
92	(3) Notwithstanding the benefits-disbursement provision in
93	s. 295.04, such funds shall be applicable for up to 110 percent
94	of the number of required credit hours of an initial
95	baccalaureate degree or certificate program for which the
96	student spouse is enrolled.
97	(4)-(3) The Department of Education shall administer this
98	educational program subject to regulations of the department.
99	Section 2. Section 295.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to
100	read:
101	295.04 Appropriation; benefits
102	(1) The sum necessary for the purposes of this chapter
103	shall be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act for each
104	fiscal year, provided that no student shall receive an amount in
105	excess of tuition and registration fees.
106	(2) As used in this section, an "eligible postsecondary
107	education institution" means an institution described in s.
108	1009.533.
109	(3)(a) A student who is enrolled in a public eligible
110	postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award
111	equal to the amount required to pay tuition and registration
112	fees or the amount specified in the General Appropriations Act.
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113 (b) A student enrolled in a nonpublic eligible 114 postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award 115 equal to the amount that would be required to pay for the 116 average tuition and registration fees of a public postsecondary 117 education institution at the comparable level or the amount 118 specified in the General Appropriations Act. 119 (4) Only students in good standing in their respective institutions shall receive the benefits under this section 120 thereof, and no student shall receive such benefits for more 121 122 than 12 quarters, 8 semesters, or 8 trimesters. Section 3. Section 1006.72, Florida Statutes, is created 123 124 to read: 125 1006.72 Licensing electronic library resources.-126 (1) FINDINGS.-The Legislature finds that the most cost efficient and effective means of licensing electronic library 127 128 resources requires that Florida colleges and state universities 129 collaborate with school districts and public libraries in the 130 identification and acquisition of such resources needed by more 131 than one sector. 132 PROCESS TO IDENTIFY RESOURCES.-Library staff from (2) 133 Florida colleges, state universities, school districts, and public libraries shall implement a process that annually 134 135 identifies the electronic library resources for each of the core categories established in this section. To the extent possible, 136 137 the Florida Electronic Library, the Florida Center for Library 138 Automation, and the College Center for Library Automation shall 139 jointly coordinate this annual process. 140 (3) STATEWIDE CORE RESOURCES.-For purposes of the Florida

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141	Electronic Library's licensing of electronic library resources
142	with funds allocated by the Federal Government, library
143	representatives from public libraries, school districts, Florida
144	colleges, and state universities shall identify the statewide
145	core resources that will be available to all students, teachers,
146	and citizens of the state.
147	(4) POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION CORE RESOURCESFor purposes
148	of the licensing of electronic library resources required by
149	both the Florida Center for Library Automation and the College
150	Center for Library Automation from funds appropriated to the
151	centers, Florida college and state university library staff
152	shall identify the postsecondary education core resources that
153	will be available to all postsecondary education students.
154	(5) FOUR-YEAR DEGREE CORE RESOURCESFor purposes of the
155	licensing of electronic library resources beyond the
156	postsecondary education core resources by the Florida Center for
157	Library Automation from funds appropriated to the center, state
158	university library staff, in consultation with Florida college
159	library staff, shall identify the 4-year degree core resources
160	that will be available to all 4-year degree seeking students in
161	the State University System and the Florida College System. The
162	Florida Center for Library Automation shall include in the
163	negotiated pricing model any Florida college interested in
164	licensing a resource.
165	(6) TWO-YEAR DEGREE CORE RESOURCESFor purposes of the
166	licensing of electronic library resources beyond the
167	postsecondary education core resources by the College Center for
168	Library Automation from funds appropriated to the center,
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169 Florida college library staff shall identify the 2-year degree 170 core resources that will be available to all Florida college 171 students. The College Center for Library Automation shall 172 include in the negotiated pricing model any state university 173 interested in licensing a resource. 174 Section 4. Subsection (1), paragraph (g) of subsection 175 (3), and subsection (11) of section 1009.22, Florida Statutes, 176 are amended to read: 1009.22 Workforce education postsecondary student fees.-177 178 (1) (a) This section applies to students enrolled in 179 workforce education programs who are reported for funding, 180 except that college credit fees for the community colleges are governed by s. 1009.23. 181 182 (b) Students shall be classified by school districts and 183 community colleges as residents or nonresidents for the purpose 184 of assessing tuition in workforce education programs. Resident 185 status shall be determined in the same manner as resident status 186 for tuition purposes pursuant to s. 1009.21. 187 (3) The State Board of Education may shall adopt, by rule, 188 (q) 189 the definitions and procedures that district school boards and 190 community college boards of trustees shall use in the 191 calculation of cost borne by students. (11) Any school district or community college that reports 192 193 students who have not paid fees in an approved manner in calculations of full-time equivalent enrollments for state 194 195 funding purposes shall be penalized at a rate equal to 2 times 196 the value of such enrollments. Such penalty shall be charged Page 7 of 18

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197 against the following year's allocation from workforce education 198 funds or the Community College Program Fund and shall revert to 199 the General Revenue Fund. The State Board of Education shall 200 specify, <u>as necessary</u> in rule, approved methods of student fee 201 payment. Such methods must include, but need not be limited to, 202 student fee payment; payment through federal, state, or 203 institutional financial aid; and employer fee payments.

204 Section 5. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (e) of subsection (16) 205 of section 1009.24, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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1009.24 State university student fees.-

(16) Each university board of trustees may establish a tuition differential for undergraduate courses upon receipt of approval from the Board of Governors. The tuition differential shall promote improvements in the quality of undergraduate education and shall provide financial aid to undergraduate students who exhibit financial need.

213 Seventy percent of the revenues from the tuition (a) 214 differential shall be expended for purposes of undergraduate 215 education. Such expenditures may include, but are not limited 216 to, increasing course offerings, improving graduation rates, 217 increasing the percentage of undergraduate students who are 218 taught by faculty, decreasing student-faculty ratios, providing 219 salary increases for faculty who have a history of excellent teaching in undergraduate courses, improving the efficiency of 220 the delivery of undergraduate education through academic 221 advisement and counseling, and reducing the percentage of 222 students who graduate with excess hours. This expenditure for 223 undergraduate education may not be used to pay the salaries of 224

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graduate teaching assistants. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the remaining 30 percent of the revenues from the tuition differential, or the equivalent amount of revenue from private sources, shall be expended to provide financial aid to undergraduate students who exhibit financial need to meet the cost of university attendance. This expenditure for need-based financial aid shall not supplant the amount of need-based aid provided to undergraduate students in the preceding fiscal year

233 from financial aid fee revenues, the direct appropriation for 234 financial assistance provided to state universities in the 235 General Appropriations Act, or from private sources. The total 236 amount of tuition differential exempted under subparagraph (b)7. 237 and the total amount of tuition differential waived under 238 subparagraph (b)9. may be included in calculating the 239 expenditures for need-based financial aid to undergraduate students required by this subsection.

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241 Each tuition differential is subject to the following (b) 242 conditions:

243 1. The tuition differential may be assessed on one or more 244 undergraduate courses or on all undergraduate courses at a state 245 university.

246 2. The tuition differential may vary by course or courses, 247 campus or center location, and by institution. Each university 248 board of trustees shall strive to maintain and increase enrollment in degree programs related to math, science, high 249 technology, and other state or regional high-need fields when 250 251 establishing tuition differentials by course.

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3. For each state university that has total research and Page 9 of 18

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253 development expenditures for all fields of at least \$100 million 254 per year as reported annually to the National Science 255 Foundation, the aggregate sum of tuition and the tuition 256 differential may not be increased by more than 15 percent of the 257 total charged for the aggregate sum of these fees in the 258 preceding fiscal year. For each state university that has total 259 research and development expenditures for all fields of less 260 than \$100 million per year as reported annually to the National 261 Science Foundation, the aggregate sum of tuition and the tuition differential may not be increased by more than 15 percent of the 262 263 total charged for the aggregate sum of these fees in the 264 preceding fiscal year.

4. The aggregate sum of undergraduate tuition and fees per credit hour, including the tuition differential, may not exceed the national average of undergraduate tuition and fees at 4-year degree-granting public postsecondary educational institutions.

269 5. The tuition differential may not be calculated as a
270 part of the scholarship programs established in ss. 1009.53271 1009.538.

6. Beneficiaries having prepaid tuition contracts pursuant to s. 1009.98(2)(b) which were in effect on July 1, 2007, and which remain in effect, are exempt from the payment of the tuition differential.

276 7. A student who is awarded a prepaid postsecondary
277 tuition scholarship pursuant to s. 1009.984 is exempt from the
278 payment of the tuition differential while the scholarship
279 remains in effect.
280 8.7. The tuition differential may not be charged to any

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student who was in attendance at the university before July 1, 282 2007, and who maintains continuous enrollment.

283 <u>9.8.</u> The tuition differential may be waived by the 284 university for students who meet the eligibility requirements 285 for the Florida public student assistance grant established in 286 s. 1009.50.

287 <u>10.9.</u> Subject to approval by the Board of Governors, the 288 tuition differential authorized pursuant to this subsection may 289 take effect with the 2009 fall term.

(e) The Board of Governors shall submit a report to the 290 291 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of 292 Representatives, and the Governor describing the implementation of the provisions of this subsection no later than January 1, 293 294 2010, and no later than January 1 each year thereafter. The 295 report shall summarize proposals received by the board during 296 the preceding fiscal year and actions taken by the board in 297 response to such proposals. In addition, the report shall 298 provide the following information for each university that has 299 been approved by the board to assess a tuition differential:

300 1. The course or courses for which the tuition301 differential was assessed and the amount assessed.

302 2. The total revenues generated by the tuition303 differential.

304 3. With respect to waivers authorized under subparagraph 305 (b)<u>9.8.</u>, the number of students eligible for a waiver, the 306 number of students receiving a waiver, and the value of waivers 307 provided.

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309 tuition differential.

5. Changes in retention rates, graduation rates, the percentage of students graduating with more than 110 percent of the hours required for graduation, pass rates on licensure examinations, the number of undergraduate course offerings, the percentage of undergraduate students who are taught by faculty, student-faculty ratios, and the average salaries of faculty who teach undergraduate courses.

317 <u>6. With respect to the exemption provided under</u>
318 <u>subparagraph (b)7., the number of students eligible for the</u>
319 <u>exemption and the value of the exemptions provided.</u>

320 Section 6. Subsection (5) of section 1009.534, Florida 321 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award.-

(5) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (4), a Florida Academic Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount specified in the General Appropriations Act for the <u>2010-2011</u> <u>2009-2010</u> academic year. This subsection expires July 1, <u>2011</u> <u>2010</u>.

328 Section 7. Subsection (4) of section 1009.535, Florida 329 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholars award.-

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a Florida Medallion
Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount specified
in the General Appropriations Act for the <u>2010-2011</u> <del>2009-2010</del>
academic year. This subsection expires July 1, <u>2011</u> <del>2010</del>.

335 Section 8. Subsection (5) of section 1009.536, Florida 336 Statutes, is amended to read:

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337 1009.536 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award.—The 338 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award is created within 339 the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to recognize and 340 reward academic achievement and career preparation by high 341 school students who wish to continue their education.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a Florida Gold Seal
Vocational Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount
specified in the General Appropriations Act for the <u>2010-2011</u>
<del>2009-2010</del> academic year. This subsection expires July 1, <u>2011</u>
<del>2010</del>.

347 Section 9. Section 1009.984, Florida Statutes, is amended 348 to read:

349 1009.984 Florida Prepaid Tuition Scholarship Program.-The 350 Florida Prepaid Tuition Scholarship Program is established to 351 provide economically disadvantaged youth with prepaid 352 postsecondary tuition scholarships. A student who is awarded a 353 prepaid postsecondary tuition scholarship under this section is 354 exempt from the payment of the tuition differential assessed 355 pursuant to s. 1009.24(16) while the scholarship remains in 356 effect. The direct-support organization established pursuant to 357 s. 1009.983 shall administer the program with the assistance and 358 cooperation of the Department of Education to:

(1) Provide an incentive for economically disadvantaged
youth to improve school attendance and academic performance in
order to graduate and pursue a postsecondary education.

362 (2) Obtain the commitment and involvement of private
363 sector entities by virtue of funding matches with a ratio of 50
364 percent provided by the private sector and 50 percent provided

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365 by the state.

366 (3) Purchase prepaid tuition scholarships for students
367 certified by the Department of Education to the direct-support
368 organization who meet minimum economic and school requirements
369 and remain drug free and crime free.

(a) For the purpose of this subsection, "drug free" means
not being convicted of, or adjudicated delinquent for, any
violation of chapter 893 after being designated a recipient of a
Florida prepaid tuition scholarship.

(b) For the purpose of this subsection, "crime free" means not being convicted of, or adjudicated delinquent for, any felony or first degree misdemeanor as defined in ss. 775.08 and 775.081 after being designated a recipient of a Florida prepaid tuition scholarship.

379 Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 1010.87, Florida380 Statutes, is amended to read:

381 1010.87 Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund 382 within the Department of Education.-

383 (2) Funds appropriated by nonoperating transfer from the 384 Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund in the 385 Department of Financial Services that remain unencumbered as of 386 June 30 or undisbursed as of September 30 shall revert to the 387 Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund in the 388 Department of Financial Services. Notwithstanding the provisions 389 of s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the 390 trust fund at the end of any fiscal year shall remain in the 391 trust fund at the end of the year and shall be available for 392 carrying out the purposes of the trust fund. Page 14 of 18

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393 Section 11. Subsection (8) of section 1011.32, Florida 394 Statutes, is amended to read:

395 1011.32 Community College Facility Enhancement Challenge 396 Grant Program.—

(8) By <u>October 15 September 1</u> of each year, the State Board of Education shall transmit to the Legislature a list of projects which meet all eligibility requirements to participate in the Community College Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program and a budget request which includes the recommended schedule necessary to complete each project.

403 Section 12. Subsection (5) of section 1011.80, Florida 404 Statutes, is amended to read:

405 1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education 406 programs.-

407 (5) State funding and student fees for workforce education408 instruction shall be established as follows:

409 (a) For a continuing workforce education course, state
410 funding shall equal 50 percent of the cost of instruction, with
411 student fees, business support, quick-response training funds,
412 or other means making up the remaining 50 percent.

413 For all other workforce education programs, state (b) 414 funding shall equal 75 percent of the average cost of 415 instruction with the remaining 25 percent made up from student 416 fees. Fees for courses within a program shall not vary according 417 to the cost of the individual program, but instead shall be based on a uniform fee calculated and set at the state level, as 418 adopted by the State Board of Education, unless otherwise 419 420 specified in the General Appropriations Act.

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421 (c) For fee-exempt students pursuant to s. 1009.25, unless
422 otherwise provided for in law, state funding shall equal 100
423 percent of the average cost of instruction.

(d) For a public educational institution that has been
fully funded by an external agency for direct instructional
costs of any course or program, the FTE generated shall not be
reported for state funding.

429 <u>Students shall be classified by school districts and community</u>
430 <u>colleges as residents or nonresidents for the purpose of</u>
431 <u>assessing tuition in workforce education programs. Resident</u>
432 <u>status shall be determined in the same manner as resident status</u>
433 <u>for tuition purposes pursuant to s. 1009.21.</u>

434 Section 13. Section 1011.83, Florida Statutes, is amended 435 to read:

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1011.83 Financial support of community colleges.-

437 (1) Each community college that has been approved by the 438 Department of Education and meets the requirements of law and 439 rules of the State Board of Education shall participate in the 440 Community College Program Fund. However, funds to support 441 workforce education programs conducted by community colleges 442 shall be provided pursuant to s. 1011.80.

443 (2) Funding for baccalaureate degree programs approved
444 pursuant to s. 1007.33 shall be specified in the General
445 Appropriations Act. A student in a baccalaureate degree program
446 approved pursuant to s. 1007.33 who is not classified as a
447 resident for tuition purposes pursuant to s. 1009.21 may not be
448 included in calculations of full-time equivalent enrollments for

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449 state funding purposes.

450 (3) Funds specifically appropriated by the Legislature for 451 baccalaureate degree programs approved pursuant to s. 1007.33 452 may be used only for such programs. A community college shall 453 fund the nonrecurring costs related to the initiation of a new 454 baccalaureate degree program under s. 1007.33 without new state 455 appropriations unless special grant funds are appropriated in 456 the General Appropriations Act. A new baccalaureate degree 457 program may not accept students without a recurring legislative 458 appropriation for this purpose.

459 (4) State funding for baccalaureate degree programs
460 approved pursuant to s. 1007.33 shall be as provided in the
461 General Appropriations Act.

462 (5) A community college that grants baccalaureate degrees 463 shall maintain reporting and funding distinctions between any 464 baccalaureate degree program approved under s. 1007.33 and any 465 other baccalaureate degree programs involving traditional 466 concurrent-use partnerships.

467 Section 14. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
468 1011.84, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (g) is
469 added to that subsection, to read:

470 1011.84 Procedure for determining state financial support 471 and annual apportionment of state funds to each community 472 college district.—The procedure for determining state financial 473 support and the annual apportionment to each community college 474 district authorized to operate a community college under the 475 provisions of s. 1001.61 shall be as follows:

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477 By December 15 of each year, the Department of (a) 478 Education shall estimate the annual enrollment of each community 479 college for the current fiscal year and for the 3  $\frac{6}{5}$  subsequent 480 fiscal years. These estimates shall be based upon prior years' 481 enrollments, upon the initial fall term enrollments for the 482 current fiscal year for each college, and upon each college's 483 estimated current enrollment and demographic changes in the 484 respective community college districts. Upper-division 485 enrollment shall be estimated separately from lower-division 486 enrollment. 487 (g) Expenditures for upper-division enrollment in a 488 community college that grants baccalaureate degrees shall be 489 reported separately from expenditures for lower-division 490 enrollment, in accordance with law and State Board of Education 491 rule. 492 Section 15. Subsection (8) of section 1013.79, Florida 493 Statutes, is amended to read: 494 1013.79 University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant 495 Program.-496 By October 15  $\pm$  of each year, the Board of Governors (8) 497 shall transmit to the Legislature a list of projects that meet 498 all eligibility requirements to participate in the Alec P. 499 Courtelis University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant 500 Program and a budget request that includes the recommended schedule necessary to complete each project. 501 Section 16. Section 1009.5385, Florida Statutes, is 502 repealed. 503 504 Section 17. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010. Page 18 of 18

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