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1  
2 An act relating to postsecondary education funding;  
3 amending s. 11.45, F.S.; requiring that the Auditor  
4 General notify the Legislative Auditing Committee of  
5 any financial or operational audit report indicating  
6 that a state university or Florida College System  
7 institution has failed to take full corrective action  
8 in response to recommendations in previous audit  
9 reports; amending s. 282.201, F.S.; conforming  
10 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.  
11 1000.21, F.S.; revising the name of South Florida  
12 Community College; providing for contingent effect;  
13 amending s. 1001.64, F.S.; requiring that each  
14 contract or employment agreement, or renewal or  
15 renegotiation of an existing contract or employment  
16 agreement, containing a provision for severance pay  
17 include certain provisions; requiring each board of  
18 trustees to use certain agreements and contracts or  
19 enter into certain consortia and cooperative  
20 agreements to achieve the lowest cost; amending s.  
21 1001.706, F.S.; requiring that the Board of Governors  
22 adopt regulations requiring universities to enter into  
23 consortia and cooperative agreements; authorizing the  
24 Board of Governors to transfer certain funds between  
25 state universities; revising provisions relating to  
26 employment contracts with the Board of Governors;  
27 amending s. 1001.73, F.S.; providing a restriction on  
28 the transfer of certain funds by a state university

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29 board of trustees; providing procedures for additional  
30 transfer of funds; amending s. 1003.4156, F.S.;  
31 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
32 repealing s. 1004.09, F.S., relating to the Florida  
33 Higher Education Distance Learning Catalog; repealing  
34 s. 1004.091, F.S., relating to the Florida Distance  
35 Learning Consortium; amending ss. 1004.39 and 1004.40,  
36 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the  
37 act; creating s. 1004.935, F.S.; establishing the  
38 Adults with Disabilities Workforce Education Pilot  
39 Program for a specified period in certain counties;  
40 providing a purpose; providing eligibility  
41 requirements for participation in the program;  
42 defining the term "student with a disability" for  
43 purposes of the pilot program; providing requirements  
44 for providers of supported employment services and  
45 private schools to participate in the pilot program;  
46 providing notice requirements for students who are  
47 accepted into the pilot program; providing for  
48 funding; requiring that the Chief Financial Officer  
49 make scholarship payments; requiring that the  
50 Department of Education request from the Department of  
51 Financial Services a sample of endorsed warrants after  
52 each scholarship payment; amending s. 1006.72, F.S.;  
53 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
54 creating s. 1006.73, F.S.; establishing the Florida  
55 Virtual Campus to provide access to online student and  
56 library support services and to serve as a statewide

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57 resource and clearinghouse for technology-based public  
 58 postsecondary education distance learning courses and  
 59 degree programs; requiring the Florida Virtual Campus  
 60 to develop and manage a library information portal and  
 61 automated library management tools, to develop and  
 62 manage an Internet-based catalog of distance learning  
 63 courses, to implement an online admissions application  
 64 process for transient students, to develop and manage  
 65 a computer-assisted student advising system, to  
 66 license and acquire electronic library resources, to  
 67 promote and provide recommendations concerning the use  
 68 and distribution of open-access textbooks, to provide  
 69 help desk support to institutions and students, and to  
 70 identify and evaluate new technologies and  
 71 instructional methods; providing for the transfer of  
 72 assets and liabilities of the Florida Distance  
 73 Learning Consortium, the Florida Center for Library  
 74 Automation, the College Center for Library Automation,  
 75 and FACTS.org to the Florida Virtual Campus; requiring  
 76 recommendations to the Legislature; creating s.  
 77 1006.735, F.S.; establishing the Degree Completion  
 78 Pilot Project to recruit, recover, and retain adult  
 79 learners and assist them in completing degrees aligned  
 80 to high-wage, high-skill workforce needs; specifying  
 81 components of the pilot project and the tuition and  
 82 fee structure to be used; requiring submission of a  
 83 project plan to the Legislature; amending s. 1007.01,  
 84 F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s.

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85 | 1007.27, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made  
 86 | by the act; repealing s. 1007.28, F.S., relating to a  
 87 | computer-assisted student advising system; amending s.  
 88 | 1007.33, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to  
 89 | exemption from State Board of Education approval of  
 90 | certain baccalaureate degree programs at a Florida  
 91 | College System institution; amending s. 1009.215,  
 92 | F.S.; revising provisions relating to scholarship  
 93 | awards under a student enrollment pilot program for  
 94 | the spring and summer terms; amending s. 1009.23,  
 95 | F.S.; revising provisions relating to the capital  
 96 | improvement fee for Florida College System  
 97 | institutions; amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; revising  
 98 | provisions relating to the Capital Improvement Trust  
 99 | Fund fee for state universities; amending s. 1009.25,  
 100 | F.S.; revising terminology; amending s. 1009.286,  
 101 | F.S., relating to additional student payment for  
 102 | credit hours exceeding baccalaureate degree program  
 103 | completion requirements; revising criteria for the  
 104 | excess credit hour surcharge; amending ss. 1009.531  
 105 | and 1009.532, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements  
 106 | for initial and renewal awards under the Florida  
 107 | Bright Futures Scholarship Program; amending ss.  
 108 | 1009.534, 1009.535, and 1009.536, F.S.; revising  
 109 | provisions relating to the amount of a Florida  
 110 | Academic Scholars award, a Florida Medallion Scholars  
 111 | award, and a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars  
 112 | award; revising student eligibility requirements for

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113 renewal awards; providing that a student may earn a  
114 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship for credit  
115 hours or equivalent clock hours to complete an applied  
116 technology diploma program, a technical degree  
117 education program, or a career certificate program;  
118 amending s. 1009.60, F.S.; providing a duty of the  
119 Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc., relating to  
120 collections under the minority teacher education  
121 scholars program; amending s. 1009.605, F.S.;  
122 providing a duty of the Florida Fund for Minority  
123 Teachers, Inc., relating to reporting; amending s.  
124 1009.70, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the  
125 Florida Education Fund; authorizing the Legislature to  
126 appropriate funds and providing the basis for matched  
127 funding and expenditures; requiring the fund to  
128 provide the Department of Education with its financial  
129 statement and annual report; revising the names of  
130 certain fellowship programs; providing requirements  
131 for the award of scholarships; deleting the legal  
132 education component of the fund which includes a law  
133 and pre-law program; amending ss. 1009.72 and 1009.73,  
134 F.S.; revising requirements for matching funds under  
135 the Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant Program and  
136 the Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship Program; amending  
137 s. 1010.30, F.S.; requiring that the district school  
138 board, the Florida College System institution board of  
139 trustees, or the university board of trustees conduct  
140 an audit overview during a public meeting if an audit

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141 contains significant findings; amending s. 1011.80,  
 142 F.S.; revising provisions relating to the reporting  
 143 for funding purposes of certain students who are  
 144 coenrolled in a K-12 education program and an adult  
 145 education program; amending s. 1012.83, F.S.; revising  
 146 provisions relating to employment contracts with  
 147 Florida College System institutions; requiring that  
 148 each contract or employment agreement, or renewal or  
 149 renegotiation of an existing contract or employment  
 150 agreement, containing a provision for severance pay  
 151 include certain provisions; amending s. 1012.885,  
 152 F.S.; extending provisions relating to remuneration of  
 153 Florida College System institution presidents;  
 154 reenacting and amending s. 1012.886, F.S.; delaying  
 155 the expiration of provisions relating to the  
 156 remuneration of Florida College System institution  
 157 administrative employees; amending s. 1012.975, F.S.;  
 158 extending provisions relating to remuneration of state  
 159 university presidents; reenacting and amending s.  
 160 1012.976, F.S.; delaying the expiration of provisions  
 161 relating to the remuneration of state university  
 162 administrative employees; authorizing the University  
 163 of Florida to use revenues from the activity and  
 164 service fee to finance the renovation and expansion of  
 165 the university's J. Wayne Reitz Union; authorizing  
 166 state universities to make certain fund transfers  
 167 between program categories for the 2011-2012 fiscal  
 168 year; authorizing a state university to enter into a

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169 local development agreement with a host local  
 170 government for certain purposes relating to the campus  
 171 master plan for the 2012-2013 fiscal year; providing  
 172 effective dates.

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 174 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 176 Section 1. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (7) of  
 177 section 11.45, Florida Statutes, to read:

178 11.45 Definitions; duties; authorities; reports; rules.—

179 (7) AUDITOR GENERAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

180 (j) The Auditor General shall notify the Legislative  
 181 Auditing Committee of any financial or operational audit report  
 182 prepared pursuant to this section which indicates that a state  
 183 university or Florida College System institution has failed to  
 184 take full corrective action in response to a recommendation that  
 185 was included in the two preceding financial or operational audit  
 186 reports.

187 1. The committee may direct the governing body of the  
 188 state university or Florida College System institution to  
 189 provide a written statement to the committee explaining why full  
 190 corrective action has not been taken or, if the governing body  
 191 intends to take full corrective action, describing the  
 192 corrective action to be taken and when it will occur.

193 2. If the committee determines that the written statement  
 194 is not sufficient, the committee may require the chair of the  
 195 governing body of the state university or Florida College System

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196 institution, or the chair's designee, to appear before the  
 197 committee.

198 3. If the committee determines that the state university  
 199 or Florida College System institution has failed to take full  
 200 corrective action for which there is no justifiable reason or  
 201 has failed to comply with committee requests made pursuant to  
 202 this section, the committee may proceed in accordance with s.  
 203 11.40(2).

204 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
 205 282.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206 282.201 State data center system; agency duties and  
 207 limitations.—A state data center system that includes all  
 208 primary data centers, other nonprimary data centers, and  
 209 computing facilities, and that provides an enterprise  
 210 information technology service as defined in s. 282.0041, is  
 211 established.

212 (4) SCHEDULE FOR CONSOLIDATIONS OF AGENCY DATA CENTERS.—

213 (b) By December 31, 2011, the following shall be  
 214 consolidated into the Northwest Regional Data Center:

215 1. The Department of Education's Knott Data Center in the  
 216 Turlington Building.

217 2. The Department of Education's Division of Vocational  
 218 Rehabilitation.

219 3. The Department of Education's Division of Blind  
 220 Services, except for the division's disaster recovery site in  
 221 Daytona Beach.

222 4. The FCAT Explorer.

223 ~~5. FACTS.org.~~



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224 Section 3. Effective upon the South Florida Community  
 225 College receiving accreditation of its baccalaureate degree  
 226 programs by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern  
 227 Association of Colleges and Schools, paragraph (z) of subsection  
 228 (3) of section 1000.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

229 1000.21 Systemwide definitions.—As used in the Florida K-  
 230 20 Education Code:

231 (3) "Florida College System institution" except as  
 232 otherwise specifically provided, includes all of the following  
 233 public postsecondary educational institutions in the Florida  
 234 College System and any branch campuses, centers, or other  
 235 affiliates of the institution:

236 (z) South Florida State Community College, which serves  
 237 DeSoto, Hardee, and Highlands Counties.

238 Section 4. Subsection (47) of section 1001.64, Florida  
 239 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (48) is added to that  
 240 section, to read:

241 1001.64 Florida College System institution boards of  
 242 trustees; powers and duties.—

243 (47) Each contract or employment agreement, or renewal or  
 244 renegotiation of an existing contract or employment agreement,  
 245 containing a provision for severance pay with an officer, agent,  
 246 employee, or contractor must include the provisions required in  
 247 s. 215.425. A board of trustees may not enter into an employment  
 248 contract that requires the Florida College System institution to  
 249 pay a Florida College System institution president an amount  
 250 from state funds in excess of 1 year of the president's annual  
 251 salary for termination, buyout, or any other type of contract

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252 ~~settlement. This subsection does not prohibit the payment of~~  
 253 ~~leave and benefits accrued by the president in accordance with~~  
 254 ~~the Florida College System institution's leave and benefits~~  
 255 ~~policies before the contract terminates.~~

256 (48) Each board of trustees shall use purchasing  
 257 agreements and state term contracts pursuant to s. 287.056 or  
 258 enter into consortia and cooperative agreements to maximize the  
 259 purchasing power for goods and services. A consortium or  
 260 cooperative agreement may be statewide, regional, or a  
 261 combination of institutions, as appropriate to achieve the  
 262 lowest cost, with the goal of achieving a 5-percent savings on  
 263 existing contract prices through the use of new cooperative  
 264 arrangements or new consortium contracts.

265 Section 5. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (3) and  
 266 paragraph (e) is added to subsection (4) of section 1001.706,  
 267 Florida Statutes, and paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of that  
 268 section is amended, to read:

269 1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.—

270 (3) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO ORGANIZATION AND  
 271 OPERATION OF STATE UNIVERSITIES.—

272 (i) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations  
 273 requiring universities to use purchasing agreements or state  
 274 term contracts pursuant to s. 287.056 or enter into consortia  
 275 and cooperative agreements to maximize the purchasing power for  
 276 goods and services. A consortium or cooperative agreement may be  
 277 statewide, regional, or a combination of institutions, as  
 278 appropriate to achieve the lowest cost, with the goal of  
 279 achieving a 5-percent savings on existing contract prices

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280 through the use of new cooperative arrangements or new  
 281 consortium contracts.

282 (4) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO FINANCE.—

283 (e) The Board of Governors may transfer unused  
 284 appropriations from the Education/General Student and Other Fees  
 285 Trust Fund, pursuant to s. 1011.4106(2), between institutions.

286 (6) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO PERSONNEL.—

287 (d) Each contract or employment agreement, or renewal or  
 288 renegotiation of an existing contract or employment agreement,  
 289 containing a provision for severance pay with an officer, agent,  
 290 employee, or contractor must include the provisions required in  
 291 s. 215.425. The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, may  
 292 not enter into an employment contract that requires it to pay an  
 293 employee an amount from state funds in excess of 1 year of the  
 294 employee's annual salary for termination, buyout, or any other  
 295 type of contract settlement. This paragraph does not prohibit  
 296 the payment of leave and benefits accrued by the employee in  
 297 accordance with the board's or designee's leave and benefits  
 298 policies before the contract terminates.

299 Section 6. Subsection (5) is added to section 1001.73,  
 300 Florida Statutes, to read:

301 1001.73 University board empowered to act as trustee.—

302 (5) A board of trustees of a state university may not  
 303 transfer in excess of \$1 million in funds that are appropriated  
 304 to the state university in the General Revenue Fund, the  
 305 Educational Enhancement Trust Fund, and the Education/General  
 306 Student and Other Fees Trust Fund between the Education and  
 307 General Activities category and other program categories. A

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308 board of trustees may request additional transfer authority from  
 309 the Board of Governors. Upon approval of the additional transfer  
 310 authority by the Board of Governors, the Board of Governors may  
 311 request a budget amendment to transfer appropriations for a  
 312 state university between categories in excess of \$1 million.  
 313 Such transfers are subject to review and approval by the  
 314 Legislative Budget Commission.

315 Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
 316 1003.4156, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

317 1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades  
 318 promotion.—

319 (1) Promotion from a school composed of middle grades 6,  
 320 7, and 8 requires that:

321 (a) The student must successfully complete academic  
 322 courses as follows:

323 1. Three middle school or higher courses in English. These  
 324 courses shall emphasize literature, composition, and technical  
 325 text.

326 2. Three middle school or higher courses in mathematics.  
 327 Each middle school must offer at least one high school level  
 328 mathematics course for which students may earn high school  
 329 credit. Successful completion of a high school level Algebra I  
 330 or geometry course is not contingent upon the student's  
 331 performance on the end-of-course assessment required under s.  
 332 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I). However, beginning with the 2011-2012  
 333 school year, to earn high school credit for an Algebra I course,  
 334 a middle school student must pass the Algebra I end-of-course  
 335 assessment, and beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, to

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336 | earn high school credit for a geometry course, a middle school  
 337 | student must pass the geometry end-of-course assessment.

338 |         3. Three middle school or higher courses in social  
 339 | studies, one semester of which must include the study of state  
 340 | and federal government and civics education. Beginning with  
 341 | students entering grade 6 in the 2012-2013 school year, one of  
 342 | these courses must be at least a one-semester civics education  
 343 | course that a student successfully completes in accordance with  
 344 | s. 1008.22(3)(c) and that includes the roles and  
 345 | responsibilities of federal, state, and local governments; the  
 346 | structures and functions of the legislative, executive, and  
 347 | judicial branches of government; and the meaning and  
 348 | significance of historic documents, such as the Articles of  
 349 | Confederation, the Declaration of Independence, and the  
 350 | Constitution of the United States.

351 |         4. Three middle school or higher courses in science.  
 352 | Successful completion of a high school level Biology I course is  
 353 | not contingent upon the student's performance on the end-of-  
 354 | course assessment required under s. 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(II).  
 355 | However, beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, to earn high  
 356 | school credit for a Biology I course, a middle school student  
 357 | must pass the Biology I end-of-course assessment.

358 |         5. One course in career and education planning to be  
 359 | completed in 7th or 8th grade. The course may be taught by any  
 360 | member of the instructional staff; ~~must include career~~  
 361 | ~~exploration using Florida CHOICES or a comparable cost-effective~~  
 362 | ~~program; must include educational planning using the online~~  
 363 | ~~student advising system known as Florida Academic Counseling and~~

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364 ~~Tracking for Students at the Internet website FACTS.org; and~~  
365 ~~shall result in the completion of a personalized academic and~~  
366 ~~career plan.~~ The required personalized academic and career plan  
367 must inform students of high school graduation requirements,  
368 high school assessment and college entrance test requirements,  
369 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program requirements, state  
370 university and Florida College System institution admission  
371 requirements, and programs through which a high school student  
372 can earn college credit, including Advanced Placement,  
373 International Baccalaureate, Advanced International Certificate  
374 of Education, dual enrollment, career academy opportunities, and  
375 courses that lead to national industry certification.

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377 A student with a disability, as defined in s. 1007.02(2), for  
378 whom the individual education plan team determines that an end-  
379 of-course assessment cannot accurately measure the student's  
380 abilities, taking into consideration all allowable  
381 accommodations, shall have the end-of-course assessment results  
382 waived for purposes of determining the student's course grade  
383 and completing the requirements for middle grades promotion.  
384 Each school must hold a parent meeting either in the evening or  
385 on a weekend to inform parents about the course curriculum and  
386 activities. Each student shall complete an electronic personal  
387 education plan that must be signed by the student; the student's  
388 instructor, guidance counselor, or academic advisor; and the  
389 student's parent. The Department of Education shall develop  
390 course frameworks and professional development materials for the  
391 career exploration and education planning course. The course may

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392 be implemented as a stand-alone course or integrated into  
 393 another course or courses. The Commissioner of Education shall  
 394 collect longitudinal high school course enrollment data by  
 395 student ethnicity in order to analyze course-taking patterns.

396 Section 8. Section 1004.09, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

397 Section 9. Section 1004.091, Florida Statutes, is  
 398 repealed.

399 Section 10. Subsection (5) of section 1004.39, Florida  
 400 Statutes, is amended to read:

401 1004.39 College of law at Florida International  
 402 University.—

403 (5) The Florida International University Board of Trustees  
 404 and the Board of Governors may accept grants, donations, gifts,  
 405 and moneys available for this purpose, including moneys for  
 406 planning and constructing the college. The Florida International  
 407 University Board of Trustees may procure and accept any federal  
 408 funds that are available for the planning, creation, and  
 409 establishment of the college of law. If the American Bar  
 410 Association or any other nationally recognized association for  
 411 the accreditation of colleges of law issues a third disapproval  
 412 of an application for provisional approval or for full approval  
 413 or fails to grant, within 5 years following the graduation of  
 414 the first class, a provisional approval, to the college of law  
 415 at Florida International University, the Board of Governors  
 416 shall make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature  
 417 as to whether the college of law will cease operations at the  
 418 end of the full academic year subsequent to the receipt by the  
 419 college of law of any such third disapproval, or whether the

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420 college of law will continue operations and any conditions for  
 421 continued operations. If the college of law ceases operations  
 422 pursuant to this section, the following conditions apply:

423 (a) The authority for the college of law at Florida  
 424 International University and the authority of the Florida  
 425 International University Board of Trustees and the Board of  
 426 Governors provided in this section shall terminate upon the  
 427 cessation of operations of the college of law at Florida  
 428 International University. The college of law at Florida  
 429 International University shall receive no moneys allocated for  
 430 the planning, construction, or operation of the college of law  
 431 after its cessation of operations other than moneys to be  
 432 expended for the cessation of operations of the college of law.  
 433 Any moneys allocated to the college of law at Florida  
 434 International University not expended prior to or scheduled to  
 435 be expended after the date of the cessation of the college of  
 436 law shall be appropriated for other use by the Legislature of  
 437 the State of Florida.

438 (b) Any buildings of the college of law at Florida  
 439 International University constructed from the expenditure of  
 440 capital outlay funds appropriated by the Legislature shall be  
 441 owned by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust  
 442 Fund and managed by the Florida International University Board  
 443 of Trustees upon the cessation of the college of law.

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 445 ~~Nothing in this section shall undermine commitments to current~~  
 446 ~~students receiving support as of the date of the enactment of~~  
 447 ~~this section from the law school scholarship program of the~~



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448 ~~Florida Education Fund as provided in s. 1009.70(8). Students~~  
 449 ~~attending the college of law at Florida International University~~  
 450 ~~shall be eligible for financial, academic, or other support from~~  
 451 ~~the Florida Education Fund as provided in s. 1009.70(8) without~~  
 452 ~~the college's obtaining accreditation by the American Bar~~  
 453 ~~Association.~~

454 Section 11. Subsection (5) of section 1004.40, Florida  
 455 Statutes, is amended to read:

456 1004.40 College of law at Florida Agricultural and  
 457 Mechanical University.—

458 (5) The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
 459 Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors may accept grants,  
 460 donations, gifts, and moneys available for this purpose,  
 461 including moneys for planning and constructing the college. The  
 462 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees  
 463 may procure and accept any federal funds that are available for  
 464 the planning, creation, and establishment of the college of law.  
 465 If the American Bar Association or any other nationally  
 466 recognized association for the accreditation of colleges of law  
 467 issues a third disapproval of an application for provisional  
 468 approval or for full approval or fails to grant, within 5 years  
 469 following the graduation of the first class, a provisional  
 470 approval, to the college of law at Florida Agricultural and  
 471 Mechanical University, the Board of Governors shall make  
 472 recommendations to the Governor and Legislature as to whether  
 473 the college of law will cease operations at the end of the full  
 474 academic year subsequent to the receipt by the college of law of  
 475 any such third disapproval, or whether the college of law will

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476 | continue operations and any conditions for continued operations.  
 477 | If the college of law ceases operations of the college of law  
 478 | pursuant to this section, the following conditions apply:

479 |       (a) The authority for the college of law at Florida  
 480 | Agricultural and Mechanical University and the authority of the  
 481 | Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees  
 482 | and the Board of Governors provided in this section shall  
 483 | terminate upon the cessation of operations of the college of law  
 484 | at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. The college  
 485 | of law at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University shall  
 486 | receive no moneys allocated for the planning, construction, or  
 487 | operation of the college of law after its cessation of  
 488 | operations other than moneys to be expended for the cessation of  
 489 | operations of the college of law. Any moneys allocated to the  
 490 | college of law at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
 491 | not expended prior to or scheduled to be expended after the date  
 492 | of the cessation of the college of law shall be appropriated for  
 493 | other use by the Legislature of the State of Florida.

494 |       (b) Any buildings of the college of law at Florida  
 495 | Agricultural and Mechanical University constructed from the  
 496 | expenditure of capital outlay funds appropriated by the  
 497 | Legislature shall be owned by the Board of Trustees of the  
 498 | Internal Improvement Trust Fund and managed by the Florida  
 499 | Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees upon  
 500 | the cessation of the college of law.

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 502 | ~~Nothing in this section shall undermine commitments to current~~  
 503 | ~~students receiving support as of the date of the enactment of~~

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504 ~~this section from the law school scholarship program of the~~  
505 ~~Florida Education Fund as provided in s. 1009.70(8). Students~~  
506 ~~attending the college of law at Florida Agricultural and~~  
507 ~~Mechanical University shall be eligible for financial, academic,~~  
508 ~~or other support from the Florida Education Fund as provided in~~  
509 ~~s. 1009.70(8) without the college's obtaining accreditation by~~  
510 ~~the American Bar Association.~~

511 Section 12. Section 1004.935, Florida Statutes, is created  
512 to read:

513 1004.935 Adults with Disabilities Workforce Education  
514 Pilot Program.—

515 (1) The Adults with Disabilities Workforce Education Pilot  
516 Program is established in the Department of Education for 2  
517 years in Hardee, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota Counties to  
518 provide the option of receiving a scholarship for instruction at  
519 private schools for up to 30 students who:

520 (a) Have a disability;

521 (b) Are 22 years of age;

522 (c) Are receiving instruction from an instructor in a  
523 private school to meet the high school graduation requirements  
524 in s. 1003.428;

525 (d) Do not have a standard high school diploma or a  
526 special high school diploma; and

527 (e) Receive "supported employment services," which means  
528 employment that is located or provided in an integrated work  
529 setting with earnings paid on a commensurate wage basis and for  
530 which continued support is needed for job maintenance.

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532 As used in this section, the term "student with a disability"  
 533 includes a student who is documented as having an intellectual  
 534 disability; a speech impairment; a language impairment; a  
 535 hearing impairment, including deafness; a visual impairment,  
 536 including blindness; a dual sensory impairment; an orthopedic  
 537 impairment; another health impairment; an emotional or  
 538 behavioral disability; a specific learning disability,  
 539 including, but not limited to, dyslexia, dyscalculia, or  
 540 developmental aphasia; a traumatic brain injury; a developmental  
 541 delay; or autism spectrum disorder.

542 (2) A student participating in the pilot program may  
 543 continue to participate in the program until the student  
 544 graduates from high school or reaches the age of 30 years,  
 545 whichever occurs first.

546 (3) Supported employment services may be provided at more  
 547 than one site.

548 (4) The provider of supported employment services must be  
 549 a nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
 550 Revenue Code which serves Hardee County, DeSoto County, Manatee  
 551 County, or Sarasota County and must contract with a private  
 552 school in this state which meets the requirements in subsection

553 (5).

554 (5) A private school that participates in the pilot  
 555 program may be sectarian or nonsectarian and must:

556 (a) Be academically accountable for meeting the  
 557 educational needs of the student by annually providing to the  
 558 provider of supported employment services a written explanation  
 559 of the student's progress.

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560           (b) Comply with the antidiscrimination provisions of 42  
 561 U.S.C. s. 2000d.

562           (c) Meet state and local health and safety laws and codes.

563           (d) Provide to the provider of supported employment  
 564 services all documentation required for a student's  
 565 participation, including the private school's and student's fee  
 566 schedules, at least 30 days before any quarterly scholarship  
 567 payment is made for the student. A student is not eligible to  
 568 receive a quarterly scholarship payment if the private school  
 569 fails to meet this deadline.

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571 The inability of a private school to meet the requirements of  
 572 this subsection constitutes a basis for the ineligibility of the  
 573 private school to participate in the pilot program.

574           (6) (a) If the student chooses to participate in the pilot  
 575 program and is accepted by the provider of supported employment  
 576 services, the student must notify the Department of Education of  
 577 his or her acceptance into the program 60 days before the first  
 578 scholarship payment and before participating in the pilot  
 579 program in order to be eligible for the scholarship.

580           (b) Upon receipt of a scholarship warrant, the student or  
 581 parent to whom the warrant is made must restrictively endorse  
 582 the warrant to the provider of supported employment services for  
 583 deposit into the account of the provider. The student or parent  
 584 may not designate any entity or individual associated with the  
 585 participating provider of supported employment services as the  
 586 student's or parent's attorney in fact to endorse a scholarship

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587 warrant. A participant who fails to comply with this paragraph  
588 forfeits the scholarship.

589 (7) Funds for the scholarship shall be provided from the  
590 appropriation from the school district's Workforce Development  
591 Fund in the General Appropriations Act for students who reside  
592 in the Hardee County School District, the DeSoto County School  
593 District, the Manatee County School District, or the Sarasota  
594 County School District. During the 2-year pilot program, the  
595 scholarship amount granted for an eligible student with a  
596 disability shall be equal to the cost per unit of a full-time  
597 equivalent adult general education student, multiplied by the  
598 adult general education funding factor, and multiplied by the  
599 district cost differential pursuant to the formula required by  
600 s. 1011.80(6)(a) for the district in which the student resides.

601 (8) Upon notification by the Department of Education that  
602 it has received the required documentation, the Chief Financial  
603 Officer shall make scholarship payments in four equal amounts no  
604 later than September 1, November 1, February 1, and April 1 of  
605 each academic year in which the scholarship is in force. The  
606 initial payment shall be made after the Department of Education  
607 verifies that the student was accepted into the pilot program,  
608 and subsequent payments shall be made upon verification of  
609 continued participation in the pilot program. Payment must be by  
610 individual warrant made payable to the student or parent and  
611 mailed by the Department of Education to the provider of  
612 supported employment services, and the student or parent shall  
613 restrictively endorse the warrant to the provider of supported

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614 employment services for deposit into the account of that  
 615 provider.

616 (9) Subsequent to each scholarship payment, the Department  
 617 of Education shall request from the Department of Financial  
 618 Services a sample of endorsed warrants to review and confirm  
 619 compliance with endorsement requirements.

620 Section 13. Subsections (2), (4), (5), and (6) of section  
 621 1006.72, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

622 1006.72 Licensing electronic library resources.—

623 (2) PROCESS TO IDENTIFY RESOURCES.—Library staff from  
 624 Florida College System institutions, state universities, school  
 625 districts, and public libraries shall implement a process that  
 626 annually identifies the electronic library resources for each of  
 627 the core categories established in this section. To the extent  
 628 possible, the Florida Virtual Campus Center for Library  
 629 ~~Automation, the College Center for Library Automation,~~ and the  
 630 Division of Library and Information Services within the  
 631 Department of State shall jointly coordinate this annual  
 632 process.

633 (4) POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION CORE RESOURCES.—For purposes  
 634 of licensing electronic library resources ~~required by both the~~  
 635 ~~Florida Center for Library Automation and the College Center for~~  
 636 ~~Library Automation~~ from funds appropriated to the Florida  
 637 Virtual Campus centers, Florida College System institution and  
 638 state university library staff shall identify the postsecondary  
 639 education core resources that will be available to all public  
 640 postsecondary education students.

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641 (5) FOUR-YEAR DEGREE CORE RESOURCES.—For purposes of  
 642 licensing electronic library resources beyond the postsecondary  
 643 education core resources by the Florida Virtual Campus Center  
 644 ~~for Library Automation~~ from funds appropriated to the campus  
 645 ~~center~~, state university library staff, in consultation with  
 646 Florida College System institution library staff, shall identify  
 647 the 4-year degree core resources that will be available to all  
 648 4-year degree-seeking students in the State University System  
 649 and the Florida College System. The Florida Virtual Campus  
 650 ~~Center for Library Automation~~ shall include in the negotiated  
 651 pricing model any Florida College System institution interested  
 652 in licensing a resource.

653 (6) TWO-YEAR DEGREE CORE RESOURCES.—For purposes of  
 654 licensing electronic library resources beyond the postsecondary  
 655 education core resources by the Florida Virtual Campus College  
 656 ~~Center for Library Automation~~ from funds appropriated to the  
 657 campus center, Florida College System institution library staff  
 658 shall identify the 2-year degree core resources that will be  
 659 available to all Florida College System institution students.  
 660 The Florida Virtual Campus College Center for Library Automation  
 661 shall include in the negotiated pricing model any state  
 662 university interested in licensing a resource.

663 Section 14. Section 1006.73, Florida Statutes, is created  
 664 to read:

665 1006.73 Florida Virtual Campus.—

666 (1) The Florida Virtual Campus is established to provide  
 667 access to online student and library support services and to  
 668 serve as a statewide resource and clearinghouse for public



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669 postsecondary education distance learning courses and degree  
 670 programs. The primary purposes of the Florida Virtual Campus are  
 671 to:

672 (a) Establish a single library automation system and  
 673 associated resources and services that all public postsecondary  
 674 education institutions will use to support their learning,  
 675 teaching, and research needs.

676 (b) Enhance and expand educational access and increase  
 677 public postsecondary education degree attainment across the  
 678 state.

679 (c) Address the educational needs of traditional students,  
 680 place-bound students, time-bound students, and adult learners.

681 (d) Increase workforce skills and expand professional  
 682 development opportunities.

683 (2) The chancellors of the Florida College System and the  
 684 State University System shall exercise joint oversight of the  
 685 Florida Virtual Campus and shall establish its governance and  
 686 reporting structure, administrative and operational guidelines  
 687 and processes, staffing requirements, and operational budget.  
 688 All data center services needed by the Florida Virtual Campus  
 689 shall be provided by a primary data center established pursuant  
 690 to ss. 282.201 and 1004.649.

691 (a) In carrying out the purposes of this section:

692 1. The campus is not an "agency" as defined in s.  
 693 20.03(11) and is not subject to chapter 287.

694 2. The campus shall be deemed to be acting as an  
 695 instrumentality of the state for purposes of sovereign immunity  
 696 pursuant to s. 768.28(2).

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697 3. All records of the campus are public records unless  
 698 made confidential or exempt from law.

699 (b) The campus shall maintain an unencumbered balance of  
 700 not less than 5 percent of its approved operating budget.

701 (c) The campus may secure comprehensive general liability  
 702 coverage, professional liability coverage, property and casualty  
 703 coverage, and any other insurance coverage deemed appropriate by  
 704 the chancellors.

705 (d) The campus may contract for administrative services  
 706 with a public postsecondary education institution. The  
 707 administrative overhead costs charged by the institution may not  
 708 exceed the actual cost of providing the services and shall  
 709 require a specific appropriation in the General Appropriations  
 710 Act.

711 (3) The Florida Virtual Campus, upon approval of the  
 712 chancellors of the Florida College System and the State  
 713 University System, shall have authority to apply for and accept  
 714 funds, grants, gifts, and services from local, state, or federal  
 715 governments or any of their agencies or from any other public or  
 716 private source and is authorized to use funds derived from these  
 717 sources to defray administrative costs and implement programs as  
 718 may be necessary to support the services and resources provided  
 719 by the campus.

720 (4) The Florida Virtual Campus shall be subject to the  
 721 audit requirements of s. 11.45 for Florida College System  
 722 institutions and state universities. The chancellors of the  
 723 Florida College System and the State University System shall

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724 jointly serve as the governing body of the campus for purposes  
 725 of the audit and all related activities.

726 (5) The Florida Virtual Campus shall:

727 (a) Develop and manage a library information portal and  
 728 automated library management tools for use by the Florida  
 729 College System institutions and state universities. The library  
 730 information portal and automated library management tools shall  
 731 include, but are not limited to, the following services and  
 732 functions:

733 1. A shared Internet-based catalog and a discovery tool  
 734 that allow a user to search and, if authorized, access the  
 735 aggregate library holdings of the state's public postsecondary  
 736 education institutions. The catalog and discovery tool shall  
 737 allow the user to search the library holdings of one  
 738 institution, selected institutions, or all institutions and, to  
 739 the extent feasible, shall include an interlibrary loan function  
 740 that ensures the authorized user can access the required library  
 741 holding.

742 2. An Internet-based searchable collection of electronic  
 743 resources which shall include, but not be limited to, full-text  
 744 journals, articles, databases, and electronic books that the  
 745 Florida Virtual Campus licenses pursuant to s. 1006.72.

746 3. An integrated library management system and its  
 747 associated services which all public postsecondary education  
 748 institution academic libraries must use for purposes of  
 749 acquiring, cataloging, circulating, and tracking library  
 750 material.

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751           4. A statewide searchable database that includes an  
752 inventory of digital archives and collections held by public  
753 postsecondary education institutions.

754           (b) Develop and manage a statewide Internet-based catalog  
755 of distance learning courses, degree programs, and resources  
756 offered by public postsecondary education institutions which is  
757 intended to assist in the coordination and collaboration of  
758 articulation and access pursuant to parts II and III of chapter  
759 1007. The campus shall establish operational guidelines and  
760 procedures for the catalog which must:

761           1. Require participating institutions to provide  
762 information concerning the distance learning course to include  
763 information on the availability of the course; the type of  
764 required technology; any prerequisite course or technology  
765 competency or skill; the availability of academic support  
766 services and financial aid resources; and course costs, fees,  
767 and payment policies.

768           2. Require that distance learning courses and degree  
769 programs meet applicable accreditation standards and criteria.

770           3. Require that, at a minimum, the catalog is reviewed at  
771 the start of each academic semester to ensure that distance  
772 learning courses and degree programs comply with all operational  
773 guidelines and procedures.

774           4. Use an Internet-based analytic tool that allows for the  
775 collection and analysis of data, including, but not limited to:

776           a. The number and type of students who use the catalog to  
777 search for distance learning courses and degree programs.

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778           b. The number and type of requests for information on  
 779 distance learning courses and degree programs that are not  
 780 listed in the catalog.

781           c. A summary of specific requests by course type or course  
 782 number, delivery method, offering institution, and semester.

783           5. Periodically obtain and analyze data from the Florida  
 784 College System and the State University System concerning:

785           a. Costs of distance learning courses and degree programs.

786           b. Graduation and retention rates of students enrolled in  
 787 distance learning programs.

788           c. Distance learning course completion.

789           (c) Implement a streamlined, automated, online admissions  
 790 application process for undergraduate transient students who are  
 791 currently enrolled and pursuing a degree at a public  
 792 postsecondary education institution and who enroll in a course  
 793 offered by a public postsecondary education institution that is  
 794 not the student's degree-granting institution. The Florida  
 795 Virtual Campus shall work with the Florida College System and  
 796 the State University System to implement this process which  
 797 requires all Florida College System institutions and state  
 798 universities to:

799           1. Use the transient student admissions application  
 800 available through the statewide computer-assisted student  
 801 advising system established pursuant to paragraph (d). This  
 802 admissions application is the only application required for the  
 803 enrollment of a transient student as described in this  
 804 paragraph.

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805 2. Implement the financial aid procedures required by the  
806 transient student admissions application process.

807 3. Transfer credit awarded by the institutions offering  
808 the course to the transient student's degree-granting  
809 institution.

810 4. By December 1, 2012, provide for an interface between  
811 the institutional advising system and the statewide computer-  
812 assisted student advising system established pursuant to  
813 paragraph (d) in order to electronically send, receive, and  
814 process the transient student admissions application.

815 (d) Develop and manage a statewide computer-assisted  
816 student advising system which shall support the process of  
817 advising, registering, and certifying students for graduation  
818 and include a degree audit and an articulation component. The  
819 Florida College System institutions and state universities shall  
820 interface institutional advising systems with the statewide  
821 computer-assisted student advising system. At a minimum, the  
822 statewide computer-assisted student advising system shall:

823 1. Allow a student to access the system at any time,  
824 search public postsecondary education institutions, and identify  
825 course options that will meet the requirements of a selected  
826 path toward a degree.

827 2. Audit transcripts of students enrolled in a public  
828 postsecondary education institution to assess current academic  
829 standing, the impact of changing majors or institutions, the  
830 requirements for a student to transfer to another institution,  
831 and all requirements necessary for graduation.

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832           3. Serve as the official statewide repository for the  
 833 common prerequisite manual, admissions information for  
 834 transferring programs, foreign language requirements, residency  
 835 requirements, and statewide articulation agreements.

836           4. Provide information relating to career descriptions and  
 837 corresponding educational requirements, admissions requirements,  
 838 and available sources of student financial assistance.

839           5. Provide the admissions application for transient  
 840 students pursuant to paragraph (c) which must include the  
 841 electronic transfer and receipt of information and records for:

842           a. Admissions and readmissions.

843           b. Financial aid.

844           c. Transfer of credit awarded by the institution offering  
 845 the course to the transient student's degree-granting  
 846 institution.

847           (e) Coordinate the negotiation of statewide licensing of  
 848 electronic library resources and preferred pricing agreements,  
 849 issue purchase orders, and enter into contracts for the  
 850 acquisition of distance learning resources, student and library  
 851 support services, electronic resources, and other goods and  
 852 services necessary to carry out its duties under this section.

853           (f) Promote and provide recommendations concerning the use  
 854 and distribution of open-access textbooks and education  
 855 resources as a method for reducing costs and work with public  
 856 postsecondary education institutions in developing a  
 857 standardized process for the review and approval of open-access  
 858 textbooks.

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859 (g) Provide appropriate help desk support and training and  
860 consultation services to institutions and students using the  
861 services and resources of the Florida Virtual Campus.

862 (h) Identify and evaluate new technologies and  
863 instructional methods that can be used for improving distance  
864 learning instruction, student learning, the efficient delivery  
865 of student support services, and the overall quality of  
866 undergraduate distance learning courses and degree programs.

867 (6) Beginning September 30, 2013, and annually thereafter,  
868 the chancellors of the Florida College System and the State  
869 University System shall jointly publish a report regarding the  
870 activities of the Florida Virtual Campus in the prior fiscal  
871 year. The report shall include, but not be limited to,  
872 information related to the provision of library services and  
873 electronic resources, to include those resources licensed  
874 pursuant to s. 1006.72; distance learning resources; the  
875 computer-assisted student advising system; and other provided  
876 programs, activities, and services.

877 (7) All records, personnel, property, existing contracts,  
878 and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, grants,  
879 and other funds of the Florida Distance Learning Consortium, the  
880 Florida Center for Library Automation, the College Center for  
881 Library Automation, and FACTS.org shall be transferred to the  
882 Florida Virtual Campus. The campus shall be the successor in  
883 interest to these organizations and shall be responsible for the  
884 provision of all services as authorized by this section.

885 Section 15. Effective upon this act becoming a law,  
886 section 1006.735, Florida Statutes, is created to read:



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887 1006.735 Degree Completion Pilot Project.-

888 (1) The Degree Completion Pilot Project is established for  
 889 the purpose of recruiting, recovering, and retaining the state's  
 890 adult learners and assisting them in completing an associate  
 891 degree or a baccalaureate degree that is aligned to high-wage,  
 892 high-skill workforce needs. As used in this section, the term  
 893 "adult learner" means a student who has successfully completed  
 894 college-level coursework in multiple semesters but has left an  
 895 institution in good standing before completing his or her  
 896 degree. The pilot project shall give priority to adult learners  
 897 who are veterans or active duty members of the United States  
 898 Armed Forces.

899 (2) The pilot project shall be implemented by the  
 900 University of West Florida, acting as the lead institution, the  
 901 University of South Florida, Florida State College at  
 902 Jacksonville, and St. Petersburg College and shall include the  
 903 associate, applied baccalaureate, and baccalaureate degree  
 904 programs that these institutions have selected. Other partnering  
 905 public postsecondary education institutions shall provide areas  
 906 of specialization or concentration.

907 (3) For purposes of selecting the degree programs that  
 908 will be given priority in the pilot project, the institutions  
 909 identified in subsection (2) shall partner with public and  
 910 private job recruitment and placement agencies and use labor  
 911 market data and projections to identify the specific workforce  
 912 needs and targeted occupations of the state.

913 (4) The pilot project shall provide adult learners with a  
 914 single point of access to information and links to innovative

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915 online and accelerated distance learning courses, student and  
 916 library support services, and electronic resources that will  
 917 guide the adult learner toward the successful completion of a  
 918 postsecondary degree.

919 (5) Beginning with the 2012-2013 academic year, the pilot  
 920 project shall be implemented and must:

921 (a) Use the distance learning course catalog established  
 922 pursuant to s. 1006.73 to communicate course availability to the  
 923 adult learner.

924 (b) Develop and implement an advising and student support  
 925 system that includes the use of degree completion specialists,  
 926 is based upon best practices and processes, and includes  
 927 academic and career support services designed specifically for  
 928 the adult learner.

929 (c) Use the streamlined, automated, online admissions  
 930 application process for transient students established pursuant  
 931 to s. 1006.73. The pilot project shall identify any additional  
 932 admissions and registration policies and practices that could be  
 933 further streamlined and automated for purposes of assisting the  
 934 adult learner.

935 (d) Use existing and, if necessary, develop new  
 936 competency-based instructional and evaluation tools to assess  
 937 prior performance, experience, and education for the award of  
 938 college credit in order to reduce the time required for adult  
 939 learners to complete their degrees. The tools may include the  
 940 use of the American Council on Education's collaborative link  
 941 between the United States Department of Defense and higher  
 942 education through the review of military training and

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943 experiences for the award of equivalent college credit for  
944 members of the United States Armed Forces.

945 (e) Develop and implement an evaluation process that  
946 collects, analyzes, and provides to the participating  
947 postsecondary education institutions, the chairs of the  
948 legislative appropriations committees, and the Executive Office  
949 of the Governor information on the effectiveness of the pilot  
950 project and the attainment of its goals. Such a process shall  
951 include a management information system that collects the  
952 appropriate student, programmatic, and fiscal data necessary to  
953 complete the evaluation of the pilot project. Institutions  
954 involved in the pilot project shall also collect job placement  
955 and employment data on the adult learners who have completed  
956 their degrees as a result of the pilot project.

957 (f) Develop and implement a statewide marketing campaign  
958 targeted toward recruiting adult learners, particularly veterans  
959 and active duty members of the United States Armed Forces, for  
960 enrollment in the degree programs offered through the pilot  
961 project.

962 (6) For purposes of the pilot project, each institution's  
963 current tuition and fee structure shall be used. However, all  
964 participating institutions shall collaboratively identify the  
965 applicable cost components involved in the development and  
966 delivery of distance learning courses, collect information on  
967 these cost components, and submit the information to the Florida  
968 Virtual Campus. The chancellors of the Florida College System  
969 and the State University System shall submit a report to the  
970 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees no later

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971 than December 31, 2013, on the need for a differentiated tuition  
 972 and fee structure for the development and delivery of distance  
 973 learning courses.

974 (7) The University of West Florida, in collaboration with  
 975 the University of South Florida, Florida State College at  
 976 Jacksonville, and St. Petersburg College, shall submit to the  
 977 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees no later  
 978 than June 1, 2012, a detailed project plan that defines the  
 979 major work activities, student eligibility criteria, timeline,  
 980 and cost for implementing the pilot project.

981 (8) The University of West Florida, in collaboration with  
 982 the University of South Florida, Florida State College at  
 983 Jacksonville, and St. Petersburg College, shall develop and  
 984 implement a transition plan that transfers the administration of  
 985 the pilot project to the Florida Virtual Campus no later than  
 986 June 30, 2013.

987 Section 16. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section  
 988 1007.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

989 1007.01 Articulation; legislative intent; purpose; role of  
 990 the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors;  
 991 Articulation Coordinating Committee.—

992 (3) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with  
 993 the Chancellor of the State University System, shall establish  
 994 the Articulation Coordinating Committee which shall make  
 995 recommendations related to statewide articulation policies to  
 996 the Higher Education Coordination Council, the State Board of  
 997 Education, and the Board of Governors. The committee shall  
 998 consist of two members each representing the State University

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999 System, the Florida College System, public career and technical  
 1000 education, public K-12 education, and nonpublic education and  
 1001 one member representing students. The chair shall be elected  
 1002 from the membership. The committee shall:

1003 (h) Recommend roles and responsibilities of public  
 1004 education entities in interfacing with the single, statewide  
 1005 computer-assisted student advising system established pursuant  
 1006 to s. 1006.73 ~~1007.28~~.

1007 Section 17. Subsection (1) of section 1007.27, Florida  
 1008 Statutes, is amended to read:

1009 1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.—

1010 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that a variety of  
 1011 articulated acceleration mechanisms be available for secondary  
 1012 and postsecondary students attending public educational  
 1013 institutions. It is intended that articulated acceleration serve  
 1014 to shorten the time necessary for a student to complete the  
 1015 requirements associated with the conference of a high school  
 1016 diploma and a postsecondary degree, broaden the scope of  
 1017 curricular options available to students, or increase the depth  
 1018 of study available for a particular subject. Articulated  
 1019 acceleration mechanisms shall include, but not be limited to,  
 1020 dual enrollment as provided for in s. 1007.271, early admission,  
 1021 advanced placement, credit by examination, the International  
 1022 Baccalaureate Program, and the Advanced International  
 1023 Certificate of Education Program. Credit earned through the  
 1024 Florida Virtual School shall provide additional opportunities  
 1025 for early graduation and acceleration. Students of Florida  
 1026 public secondary schools enrolled pursuant to this subsection

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1027 shall be deemed authorized users of the state-funded electronic  
 1028 library resources that are licensed for Florida College System  
 1029 institutions and state universities by the Florida Virtual  
 1030 Campus ~~Florida Center for Library Automation and the College~~  
 1031 ~~Center for Library Automation~~. Verification of eligibility shall  
 1032 be in accordance with rules established by the State Board of  
 1033 Education and regulations established by the Board of Governors  
 1034 and processes implemented by Florida College System institutions  
 1035 and state universities.

1036 Section 18. Section 1007.28, Florida Statutes, is  
 1037 repealed.

1038 Section 19. Subsection (7) of section 1007.33, Florida  
 1039 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (6), and present  
 1040 subsection (6) of that section is amended to read:

1041 1007.33 Site-determined baccalaureate degree access.—

1042 ~~(6) (a) Beginning July 1, 2010, and each subsequent July 1,~~  
 1043 ~~the Division of Florida Colleges may accept and review~~  
 1044 ~~applications from a Florida College System institution to obtain~~  
 1045 ~~an exemption from the State Board of Education's approval for~~  
 1046 ~~subsequent degrees as required in subsection (5), if the Florida~~  
 1047 ~~College System institution is accredited by the Commission on~~  
 1048 ~~Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as~~  
 1049 ~~a baccalaureate degree-granting institution and has been~~  
 1050 ~~offering baccalaureate degree programs for 3 or more years. The~~  
 1051 ~~division shall develop criteria for determining eligibility for~~  
 1052 ~~an exemption based upon demonstrated compliance with the~~  
 1053 ~~requirements for baccalaureate degrees, primary mission, and~~  
 1054 ~~fiscal, including, but not limited to:~~

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1055           ~~1. Obtaining and maintaining appropriate SACS~~  
 1056 ~~accreditation;~~  
 1057           ~~2. The maintenance of qualified faculty and institutional~~  
 1058 ~~resources;~~  
 1059           ~~3. The maintenance of enrollment projections in previously~~  
 1060 ~~approved programs;~~  
 1061           ~~4. The appropriate management of fiscal resources;~~  
 1062           ~~5. Compliance with the primary mission and responsibility~~  
 1063 ~~requirements in subsections (2) and (3);~~  
 1064           ~~6. The timely submission of the institution's annual~~  
 1065 ~~performance accountability report; and~~  
 1066           ~~7. Other indicators of success such as program completers,~~  
 1067 ~~placements, and surveys of students and employers.~~  
 1068           ~~(b) If the Florida College System institution has~~  
 1069 ~~demonstrated satisfactory progress in fulfilling the eligibility~~  
 1070 ~~criteria in this subsection, the Division of Florida Colleges~~  
 1071 ~~may recommend to the State Board of Education that the~~  
 1072 ~~institution be exempt from the requirement in subsection (5) for~~  
 1073 ~~approval of future baccalaureate degree programs. The State~~  
 1074 ~~Board of Education shall review the division's recommendation~~  
 1075 ~~and determine if an exemption is warranted. If the State Board~~  
 1076 ~~of Education approves the application, the Florida College~~  
 1077 ~~System institution is exempt from subsequent program approval~~  
 1078 ~~under subsection (5) and such authority is delegated to the~~  
 1079 ~~Florida College System institution board of trustees. If the~~  
 1080 ~~State Board of Education disapproves of the Florida College~~  
 1081 ~~System institution's request for an exemption, the college shall~~

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1082 ~~continue to be subject to the State Board of Education's~~  
 1083 ~~approval of subsequent baccalaureate degree programs.~~  
 1084 ~~(c) Prior to developing or proposing a new baccalaureate~~  
 1085 ~~degree program, all Florida College System institutions,~~  
 1086 ~~regardless of an exemption from subsection (5), shall:~~  
 1087 ~~1. Engage in need, demand, and impact discussions with the~~  
 1088 ~~state university in their service district and other local and~~  
 1089 ~~regional, accredited postsecondary providers in their region.~~  
 1090 ~~2. Send documentation, data, and other information from~~  
 1091 ~~the inter-institutional discussions regarding program need,~~  
 1092 ~~demand, and impact required in subparagraph 1. to the college's~~  
 1093 ~~board of trustees, the Division of Florida Colleges, and the~~  
 1094 ~~Chancellor of the State University System.~~  
 1095 ~~3. Base board of trustees approval of the new program upon~~  
 1096 ~~the documentation, data, and other information required in this~~  
 1097 ~~paragraph and the factors in subsection (5) (d).~~  
 1098  
 1099 ~~The Division of Florida Colleges shall use the documentation,~~  
 1100 ~~data, and other information required in this subsection,~~  
 1101 ~~including information from the Chancellor of the State~~  
 1102 ~~University System, in its compliance review.~~  
 1103 ~~(d) The board of trustees of a Florida College System~~  
 1104 ~~institution that is exempt from subsection (5) must submit newly~~  
 1105 ~~approved programs to the Division of Florida Colleges and SACS~~  
 1106 ~~within 30 days after approval.~~  
 1107 ~~(e) Within 30 days after receiving the approved~~  
 1108 ~~baccalaureate degree program, the Division of Florida Colleges~~  
 1109 ~~shall conduct a compliance review and notify the college if the~~



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1110 ~~proposal meets the criteria for implementation based upon the~~  
 1111 ~~criteria in paragraphs (5) (d) and (6) (c). If the program fails~~  
 1112 ~~to meet the criteria for implementation as determined by the~~  
 1113 ~~Division of Florida Colleges, the college may not proceed with~~  
 1114 ~~implementation of the program until the State Board of Education~~  
 1115 ~~reviews the proposal and the compliance materials and gives its~~  
 1116 ~~final approval of the program.~~

1117 Section 20. Subsection (3) of section 1009.215, Florida  
 1118 Statutes, is amended to read:

1119 1009.215 Student enrollment pilot program for the spring  
 1120 and summer terms.—

1121 (3) Students who are enrolled in the pilot program and who  
 1122 are eligible to receive Bright Futures Scholarships under ss.  
 1123 1009.53-1009.536 shall be eligible to receive the scholarship  
 1124 award for attendance during no more than 2 semesters or the  
 1125 equivalent in any fiscal year, including the summer term ~~in the~~  
 1126 ~~spring and summer terms but are not eligible to receive the~~  
 1127 ~~scholarship for attendance during the fall term.~~

1128 Section 21. Paragraph (a) of subsection (11), paragraphs  
 1129 (a) and (c) of subsection (16), and subsection (17) of section  
 1130 1009.23, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1131 1009.23 Florida College System institution student fees.—

1132 (11) (a) Each Florida College System institution board of  
 1133 trustees may establish a separate fee for capital improvements,  
 1134 technology enhancements, equipping student buildings, or the  
 1135 acquisition of improved real property which may not exceed 20 ~~10~~  
 1136 percent of tuition for resident students or 20 ~~10~~ percent of the  
 1137 sum of tuition and out-of-state fees for nonresident students.

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1138 The fee for resident students shall be limited to an increase of  
 1139 \$2 per credit hour over the prior year. Funds collected by  
 1140 Florida College System institutions through the fee may be  
 1141 bonded only as provided in this subsection for the purpose of  
 1142 financing or refinancing new construction and equipment,  
 1143 renovation, remodeling of educational facilities, or the  
 1144 acquisition and renovation or remodeling of improved real  
 1145 property for use as educational facilities. The fee shall be  
 1146 collected as a component part of the tuition and fees, paid into  
 1147 a separate account, and expended only to acquire improved real  
 1148 property or construct and equip, maintain, improve, or enhance  
 1149 the educational facilities of the Florida College System  
 1150 institution. Projects and acquisitions of improved real property  
 1151 funded through the use of the capital improvement fee shall meet  
 1152 the survey and construction requirements of chapter 1013.  
 1153 Pursuant to s. 216.0158, each Florida College System institution  
 1154 shall identify each project, including maintenance projects,  
 1155 proposed to be funded in whole or in part by such fee.

1156 (16) (a) Each Florida College System institution may assess  
 1157 a student who enrolls in a course listed in the ~~Florida Higher~~  
 1158 ~~Education~~ distance learning catalog, established pursuant to s.  
 1159 1006.73 ~~1004.09~~, a per-credit-hour distance learning course user  
 1160 fee. For purposes of assessing this fee, a distance learning  
 1161 course is a course in which at least 80 percent of the direct  
 1162 instruction of the course is delivered using some form of  
 1163 technology when the student and instructor are separated by time  
 1164 or space, or both.

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1165 (c) The link for the catalog must be prominently displayed  
 1166 within the advising and distance learning sections of the  
 1167 institution's website, using a graphic and description provided  
 1168 by the Florida Virtual Campus ~~Distance Learning Consortium~~, to  
 1169 inform students of the catalog.

1170 (17) Each Florida College System institution that accepts  
 1171 transient students, pursuant to s. 1006.73 ~~1004.091~~, may  
 1172 establish a transient student fee not to exceed \$5 per ~~distance~~  
 1173 ~~learning~~ course for processing the transient student admissions  
 1174 application.

1175 Section 22. Subsection (8), paragraph (t) of subsection  
 1176 (14), and paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (17) of section  
 1177 1009.24, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1178 1009.24 State university student fees.—

1179 (8)(a) The Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee is  
 1180 established as \$4.76 ~~\$2.44~~ per credit hour per semester. ~~The~~  
 1181 ~~building fee is established as \$2.32 per credit hour per~~  
 1182 ~~semester.~~

1183 (b) Beginning with the 2012 fall term, each university  
 1184 board of trustees may increase the Capital Improvement Trust  
 1185 Fund fee. Any increase in the fee must be recommended by a  
 1186 Capital Improvement Trust Fund committee, at least half of whom  
 1187 are students appointed by the student body president. The  
 1188 remainder of the committee shall be appointed by the university  
 1189 president. A chair, appointed jointly by the university  
 1190 president and the student body president, shall vote only in the  
 1191 case of a tie. The recommendations of the committee shall take  
 1192 effect only after approval by the university president, after

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1193 consultation with the student body president, with final  
 1194 approval by the university board of trustees. An increase in the  
 1195 fee may occur only once each fiscal year and must be implemented  
 1196 beginning with the fall term. The Board of Governors shall adopt  
 1197 regulations and timetables to implement the fee.

1198 (c) The fee may not exceed 10 percent of the tuition for  
 1199 resident students or 10 percent of the sum of tuition and out-  
 1200 of-state fees for nonresident students. The fee for resident  
 1201 students shall be limited to an increase of \$2 per credit hour  
 1202 over the prior year. The Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee may  
 1203 be used to fund any project or real property acquisition that  
 1204 meets the requirements of chapter 1013. The Division of Bond  
 1205 Finance of the State Board of Administration shall analyze any  
 1206 proposed reductions to the Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee to  
 1207 ensure consistency with prudent financial management of the bond  
 1208 program associated with the revenues from the fee. The Board of  
 1209 Governors shall approve any proposed fee reductions provided  
 1210 that no such reduction reduces the fee below the level  
 1211 established in paragraph (a).

1212 (14) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (15), each  
 1213 university board of trustees is authorized to establish the  
 1214 following fees:

1215 (t) A transient student fee that may not exceed \$5 per  
 1216 ~~distance learning~~ course for accepting a transient student and  
 1217 processing the transient student admissions application pursuant  
 1218 to s. 1006.73 ~~1004.091~~.

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1220 With the exception of housing rental rates and except as  
 1221 otherwise provided, fees assessed pursuant to paragraphs (h)-(s)  
 1222 shall be based on reasonable costs of services. The Board of  
 1223 Governors shall adopt regulations and timetables necessary to  
 1224 implement the fees and fines authorized under this subsection.  
 1225 The fees assessed under this subsection may be used for debt  
 1226 only as authorized under s. 1010.62.

1227 (17) (a) A state university may assess a student who  
 1228 enrolls in a course listed in the ~~Florida Higher Education~~  
 1229 distance learning catalog, established pursuant to s. 1006.73  
 1230 ~~1004.09~~, a per-credit-hour distance learning course fee. For  
 1231 purposes of assessing this fee, a distance learning course is a  
 1232 course in which at least 80 percent of the direct instruction of  
 1233 the course is delivered using some form of technology when the  
 1234 student and instructor are separated by time or space, or both.

1235 (c) The link for the catalog must be prominently displayed  
 1236 within the advising and distance learning sections of the  
 1237 institution's website, using a graphic and description provided  
 1238 by the Florida Virtual Campus ~~Distance Learning Consortium~~,  
 1239 informing students of the catalog.

1240 Section 23. Subsection (1) of section 1009.25, Florida  
 1241 Statutes, is amended to read:

1242 1009.25 Fee exemptions.—

1243 (1) The following students are exempt from the payment of  
 1244 tuition and fees, including lab fees, at a school district that  
 1245 provides workforce education ~~postsecondary career~~ programs,  
 1246 Florida College System institution, or state university:

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1247 (a) A student enrolled in a dual enrollment or early  
 1248 admission program pursuant to s. 1007.27 or s. 1007.271.

1249 (b) A student enrolled in an approved apprenticeship  
 1250 program, as defined in s. 446.021.

1251 (c) A student who is or was at the time he or she reached  
 1252 18 years of age in the custody of the Department of Children and  
 1253 Family Services or who, after spending at least 6 months in the  
 1254 custody of the department after reaching 16 years of age, was  
 1255 placed in a guardianship by the court. Such exemption includes  
 1256 fees associated with enrollment in career-preparatory  
 1257 instruction. The exemption remains valid until the student  
 1258 reaches 28 years of age.

1259 (d) A student who is or was at the time he or she reached  
 1260 18 years of age in the custody of a relative under s. 39.5085 or  
 1261 who was adopted from the Department of Children and Family  
 1262 Services after May 5, 1997. Such exemption includes fees  
 1263 associated with enrollment in career-preparatory instruction.  
 1264 The exemption remains valid until the student reaches 28 years  
 1265 of age.

1266 (e) A student enrolled in an employment and training  
 1267 program under the welfare transition program. The regional  
 1268 workforce board shall pay the state university, Florida College  
 1269 System institution, or school district for costs incurred for  
 1270 welfare transition program participants.

1271 (f) A student who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate  
 1272 nighttime residence or whose primary nighttime residence is a  
 1273 public or private shelter designed to provide temporary  
 1274 residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or a

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1275 public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as,  
 1276 a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

1277 (g) A student who is a proprietor, owner, or worker of a  
 1278 company whose business has been at least 50 percent negatively  
 1279 financially impacted by the buyout of property around Lake  
 1280 Apopka by the State of Florida. Such student may receive a fee  
 1281 exemption only if the student has not received compensation  
 1282 because of the buyout, the student is designated a Florida  
 1283 resident for tuition purposes, pursuant to s. 1009.21, and the  
 1284 student has applied for and been denied financial aid, pursuant  
 1285 to s. 1009.40, which would have provided, at a minimum, payment  
 1286 of all student fees. The student is responsible for providing  
 1287 evidence to the postsecondary education institution verifying  
 1288 that the conditions of this paragraph have been met, including  
 1289 supporting documentation provided by the Department of Revenue.  
 1290 The student must be currently enrolled in, or begin coursework  
 1291 within, a program area by fall semester 2000. The exemption is  
 1292 valid for a period of 4 years after the date that the  
 1293 postsecondary education institution confirms that the conditions  
 1294 of this paragraph have been met.

1295 Section 24. Subsections (2) and (7) of section 1009.286,  
 1296 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1297 1009.286 Additional student payment for hours exceeding  
 1298 baccalaureate degree program completion requirements at state  
 1299 universities.—

1300 (2) State universities shall require a student to pay an  
 1301 excess hour surcharge ~~equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate~~  
 1302 for each credit hour in excess of ~~115 percent~~ of the number of

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1303 credit hours required to complete the baccalaureate degree  
 1304 program in which the student is enrolled. The excess hour  
 1305 surchage shall become effective for students who enter a state  
 1306 university for the first time and maintain continuous enrollment  
 1307 as follows:

1308 (a) For the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 academic years, an  
 1309 excess hour surcharge equal to 50 percent of the tuition rate  
 1310 for each credit hour in excess of 120 percent.

1311 (b) For the 2011-2012 academic year, an excess hour  
 1312 surchage equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate for each  
 1313 credit hour in excess of 115 percent.

1314 (c) For the 2012-2013 academic year and thereafter, an  
 1315 excess hour surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate  
 1316 for each credit hour in excess of 110 percent.

1317 ~~(7) The provisions of this section become effective for~~  
 1318 ~~students who enter a Florida College System institution or a~~  
 1319 ~~state university for the first time in the 2011-2012 academic~~  
 1320 ~~year and thereafter.~~

1321 Section 25. Subsections (2) and (7) of section 1009.531,  
 1322 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1323 1009.531 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
 1324 student eligibility requirements for initial awards.—

1325 (2) (a) A student ~~For students~~ graduating from high school  
 1326 prior to the 2010-2011 academic year, ~~a student~~ is eligible to  
 1327 accept an initial award for 3 years following high school  
 1328 graduation and to accept a renewal award for 7 years following  
 1329 high school graduation. A student who applies for an award by  
 1330 high school graduation and who meets all other eligibility



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1331 requirements, but who does not accept his or her award, may  
 1332 reapply during subsequent application periods up to 3 years  
 1333 after high school graduation. For a student who enlists in the  
 1334 United States Armed Forces immediately after completion of high  
 1335 school, the 3-year eligibility period for his or her initial  
 1336 award shall begin upon the date of separation from active duty.  
 1337 For a student who is receiving a Florida Bright Futures  
 1338 Scholarship and discontinues his or her education to enlist in  
 1339 the United States Armed Forces, the remainder of his or her 7-  
 1340 year renewal period shall commence upon the date of separation  
 1341 from active duty.

1342 (b) ~~For~~ Students graduating from high school in the 2010-  
 1343 2011 and 2011-2012 academic years are ~~year and thereafter, a~~  
 1344 ~~student is~~ eligible to accept an initial award for 3 years  
 1345 following high school graduation and to accept a renewal award  
 1346 for 5 years following high school graduation. A student who  
 1347 applies for an award by high school graduation and who meets all  
 1348 other eligibility requirements, but who does not accept his or  
 1349 her award, may reapply during subsequent application periods up  
 1350 to 3 years after high school graduation. For a student who  
 1351 enlists in the United States Armed Forces immediately after  
 1352 completion of high school, the 3-year eligibility period for his  
 1353 or her initial award and the 5-year renewal period shall begin  
 1354 upon the date of separation from active duty. For a student who  
 1355 is receiving a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship award and  
 1356 discontinues his or her education to enlist in the United States  
 1357 Armed Forces, the remainder of his or her 5-year renewal period  
 1358 shall commence upon the date of separation from active duty. If

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1359 a course of study is not completed after 5 academic years, an  
1360 exception of 1 year to the renewal timeframe may be granted due  
1361 to a verifiable illness or other documented emergency pursuant  
1362 to s. 1009.40(1)(b)4.

1363 (c) A student graduating from high school in the 2012-2013  
1364 academic year and thereafter is eligible to accept an initial  
1365 award for 2 years following high school graduation and to accept  
1366 a renewal award for 5 years following high school graduation. A  
1367 student who applies for an award by high school graduation and  
1368 who meets all other eligibility requirements, but who does not  
1369 accept his or her award, may reapply during subsequent  
1370 application periods up to 2 years after high school graduation.  
1371 For a student who enlists in the United States Armed Forces  
1372 immediately after completion of high school, the 2-year  
1373 eligibility period for his or her initial award and the 5-year  
1374 renewal period shall begin upon the date of separation from  
1375 active duty. For a student who is receiving a Florida Bright  
1376 Futures Scholarship award and discontinues his or her education  
1377 to enlist in the United States Armed Forces, the remainder of  
1378 his or her 5-year renewal period shall commence upon the date of  
1379 separation from active duty. If a course of study is not  
1380 completed after 5 academic years, an exception of 1 year to the  
1381 renewal timeframe may be granted due to a verifiable illness or  
1382 other documented emergency pursuant to s. 1009.40(1)(b)4.

1383 (7) To be eligible for an initial award and each renewal  
1384 award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, a  
1385 student must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
1386 which is complete and error free prior to disbursement.

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1387 Section 26. Subsection (3) of section 1009.532, Florida  
 1388 Statutes, is amended to read:

1389 1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
 1390 student eligibility requirements for renewal awards.—

1391 (3) (a) A student who is initially eligible prior to the  
 1392 2010-2011 academic year and is enrolled in a program that  
 1393 terminates in an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree may  
 1394 receive an award for a maximum of 110 percent of the number of  
 1395 credit hours required to complete the program. A student who is  
 1396 enrolled in a program that terminates in a career certificate  
 1397 may receive an award for a maximum of 110 percent of the credit  
 1398 hours or clock hours required to complete the program up to 90  
 1399 credit hours.

1400 (b) ~~Students~~ ~~For a student~~ who are ~~is~~ initially eligible  
 1401 in the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 academic years ~~term~~ ~~and~~  
 1402 ~~thereafter, the student~~ may receive an award for a maximum of  
 1403 100 percent of the number of credit hours required to complete  
 1404 an associate degree program or a baccalaureate degree program,  
 1405 ~~or the student may~~ receive an award for a maximum of 100 percent  
 1406 of the credit hours or clock hours required to complete up to 90  
 1407 credit hours of a program that terminates in a career  
 1408 certificate.

1409 (c) A student who is initially eligible in the 2012-2013  
 1410 academic year and thereafter may receive an award for a maximum  
 1411 of 100 percent of the number of credit hours required to  
 1412 complete an associate degree program, a baccalaureate degree  
 1413 program, or a postsecondary career certificate program or, for a  
 1414 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, may receive an

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1415 award for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours  
 1416 or equivalent clock hours required to complete one of the  
 1417 following at a Florida public or nonpublic education institution  
 1418 that offers these specific programs: for an applied technology  
 1419 diploma program as defined in s. 1004.02(8), up to 60 credit  
 1420 hours or equivalent clock hours; for a technical degree  
 1421 education program as defined in s. 1004.02(14), up to the number  
 1422 of hours required for a specific degree not to exceed 72 credit  
 1423 hours or equivalent clock hours; or for a career certificate  
 1424 program as defined in s. 1004.02(21), up to the number of hours  
 1425 required for a specific certificate not to exceed 72 credit  
 1426 hours or equivalent clock hours. A student who transfers from  
 1427 one of these program levels to another program level becomes  
 1428 eligible for the higher of the two credit hour limits.

1429 Section 27. Subsections (2), (4), and (5) of section  
 1430 1009.534, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1431 1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award.—

1432 (2) ~~Effective January 1, 2008,~~ A Florida Academic Scholar  
 1433 who is enrolled in a certificate, diploma, associate, or  
 1434 baccalaureate degree program at a public or nonpublic  
 1435 postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award  
 1436 equal to the amount specified in the General Appropriations Act  
 1437 to assist with the payment of educational expenses ~~required to~~  
 1438 ~~pay tuition and fees.~~ A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic  
 1439 postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award  
 1440 equal to the amount that would be required to pay for the  
 1441 average tuition and fees of a public postsecondary education  
 1442 institution at the comparable level.

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1443           (4) In each school district, the Florida Academic Scholar  
 1444 with the highest academic ranking shall receive an additional  
 1445 award equal to the amount specified in the General  
 1446 Appropriations Act of \$1,500 for college-related expenses. This  
 1447 award must be funded from the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship  
 1448 Program.

1449           ~~(5) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (4), a Florida~~  
 1450 ~~Academic Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount~~  
 1451 ~~specified in the General Appropriations Act.~~

1452           Section 28. Subsections (1), (2), and (4) of section  
 1453 1009.535, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1454           1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholars award.—

1455           (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Medallion Scholars  
 1456 award if the student meets the general eligibility requirements  
 1457 for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and the  
 1458 student:

1459           (a) Has achieved a weighted grade point average of 3.0 as  
 1460 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or the equivalent, in high  
 1461 school courses that are designated by the State Board of  
 1462 Education as college-preparatory academic courses; and has  
 1463 attained at least the score pursuant to s. 1009.531(6)(b) on the  
 1464 combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic  
 1465 Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered  
 1466 Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,  
 1467 or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;

1468           (b) Has completed the International Baccalaureate  
 1469 curriculum but failed to earn the International Baccalaureate  
 1470 Diploma or has completed the Advanced International Certificate

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1471 of Education curriculum but failed to earn the Advanced  
 1472 International Certificate of Education Diploma, and has attained  
 1473 at least the score pursuant to s. 1009.531(6) (b) on the combined  
 1474 verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic Aptitude Test,  
 1475 the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic  
 1476 Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an  
 1477 equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;

1478 (c) Has attended a home education program according to s.  
 1479 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12 and has attained at least the  
 1480 score pursuant to s. 1009.531(6) (b) on the combined verbal and  
 1481 quantitative parts of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the  
 1482 Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic  
 1483 Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an  
 1484 equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program, if the student's  
 1485 parent cannot document a college-preparatory curriculum as  
 1486 described in paragraph (a);

1487 (d) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement  
 1488 program of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a  
 1489 scholar or finalist but has not completed a program of community  
 1490 service as provided in s. 1009.534; or

1491 (e) Has been recognized by the National Hispanic  
 1492 Recognition Program as a scholar, but has not completed a  
 1493 program of community service as provided in s. 1009.534.

1494  
 1495 A high school student graduating in the 2011-2012 academic year  
 1496 and thereafter must complete a program of community service work  
 1497 approved by the district school board, ~~or~~ the administrators of  
 1498 a nonpublic school, or the Department of Education for home

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1499 education program students, which shall include a minimum of 75  
 1500 hours of service work, and must identify a social problem that  
 1501 interests him or her, develop a plan for his or her personal  
 1502 involvement in addressing the problem, and, through papers or  
 1503 other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her  
 1504 experience.

1505 (2) A Florida Medallion Scholar who is enrolled in a  
 1506 certificate, diploma, associate, or baccalaureate degree program  
 1507 at a public or nonpublic postsecondary education institution is  
 1508 eligible for an award equal to the amount specified in the  
 1509 General Appropriations Act to assist with the payment of  
 1510 educational expenses ~~required to pay 75 percent of tuition and~~  
 1511 ~~fees if the student is enrolled in a state university or a~~  
 1512 ~~baccalaureate degree program authorized pursuant to s. 1007.33.~~  
 1513 ~~A Florida Medallion Scholar is eligible for an award equal to~~  
 1514 ~~the amount required to pay 100 percent of tuition and fees for~~  
 1515 ~~college credit courses leading to an associate degree if the~~  
 1516 ~~student is enrolled in a Florida College System institution. A~~  
 1517 ~~student who is enrolled in a nonpublic postsecondary education~~  
 1518 ~~institution is eligible for an award equal to the amount that~~  
 1519 ~~would be required to pay 75 percent of the tuition and fees of a~~  
 1520 ~~public postsecondary education institution at the comparable~~  
 1521 ~~level.~~

1522 ~~(4) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a Florida Medallion~~  
 1523 ~~Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount specified~~  
 1524 ~~in the General Appropriations Act.~~

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1525 Section 29. Paragraphs (a) and (e) of subsection (1) and  
1526 subsections (2), (4), and (5) of section 1009.536, Florida  
1527 Statutes, are amended to read:

1528 1009.536 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award.—The  
1529 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award is created within  
1530 the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to recognize and  
1531 reward academic achievement and career preparation by high  
1532 school students who wish to continue their education.

1533 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Gold Seal  
1534 Vocational Scholars award if the student meets the general  
1535 eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures  
1536 Scholarship Program and the student:

1537 (a) Completes the secondary school portion of a sequential  
1538 program of studies that requires at least three secondary school  
1539 career credits ~~taken over at least 2 academic years, and is~~  
1540 ~~continued in a planned, related postsecondary education program.~~  
1541 ~~If the student's school does not offer such a two plus two or~~  
1542 ~~tech-prep program, the student must complete a job-preparatory~~  
1543 ~~career education program selected by Workforce Florida, Inc.,~~  
1544 ~~for its ability to provide high-wage employment in an occupation~~  
1545 ~~with high potential for employment opportunities.~~ On-the-job  
1546 training may not be substituted for any of the three required  
1547 career credits.

1548 (e) Beginning with high school students graduating in the  
1549 2011-2012 academic year and thereafter, completes a program of  
1550 community service work approved by the district school board, ~~or~~  
1551 the administrators of a nonpublic school, or the Department of  
1552 Education for home education program students, which shall



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1553 include a minimum of 30 hours of service work, and identifies a  
 1554 social problem that interests him or her, develops a plan for  
 1555 his or her personal involvement in addressing the problem, and,  
 1556 through papers or other presentations, evaluates and reflects  
 1557 upon his or her experience.

1558 (2) A Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar who is enrolled  
 1559 in a public or nonpublic postsecondary education institution is  
 1560 eligible for an award equal to the amount specified in the  
 1561 General Appropriations Act to assist with the payment of  
 1562 educational expenses required to pay 75 percent of tuition and  
 1563 fees, if the student is enrolled in a public postsecondary  
 1564 education institution. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic  
 1565 postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award  
 1566 equal to the amount that would be required to pay 75 percent of  
 1567 the tuition and mandatory fees of a public postsecondary  
 1568 education institution at the comparable level.

1569 (4) (a) A student who is initially eligible prior to the  
 1570 2010-2011 academic year may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational  
 1571 Scholarship for 110 percent of the number of credit hours  
 1572 required to complete the program, up to 90 credit hours or the  
 1573 equivalent.

1574 (b) Students ~~For a student~~ who are ~~is~~ initially eligible  
 1575 in the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 academic years ~~term and~~  
 1576 ~~thereafter, the student~~ may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational  
 1577 Scholarship for 100 percent of the number of credit hours  
 1578 required to complete the program, up to 90 credit hours or the  
 1579 equivalent.

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1580           (c) A student who is initially eligible in the 2012-2013  
1581 academic year and thereafter may earn a Florida Gold Seal  
1582 Vocational Scholarship for a maximum of 100 percent of the  
1583 number of credit hours or equivalent clock hours required to  
1584 complete one of the following at a Florida public or nonpublic  
1585 education institution that offers these specific programs: for  
1586 an applied technology diploma program as defined in s.  
1587 1004.02(8), up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; for  
1588 a technical degree education program as defined in s.  
1589 1004.02(14), up to the number of hours required for a specific  
1590 degree not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours;  
1591 or for a career certificate program as defined in s.  
1592 1004.02(21), up to the number of hours required for a specific  
1593 certificate not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock  
1594 hours.

1595           ~~(5) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a Florida Gold Seal~~  
1596 ~~Vocational Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount~~  
1597 ~~specified in the General Appropriations Act.~~

1598           Section 30. Subsection (7) of section 1009.60, Florida  
1599 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (8), and a new subsection  
1600 (7) is added to that section to read:

1601           1009.60 Minority teacher education scholars program.—There  
1602 is created the minority teacher education scholars program,  
1603 which is a collaborative performance-based scholarship program  
1604 for African-American, Hispanic-American, Asian-American, and  
1605 Native American students. The participants in the program  
1606 include Florida's Florida College System institutions and its

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1607 public and private universities that have teacher education  
 1608 programs.

1609 (7) The Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc., shall  
 1610 use a contingency collections agency to collect repayments of  
 1611 defaulted scholarships.

1612 Section 31. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
 1613 1009.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1614 1009.605 Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.—

1615 (2)

1616 (b) The corporation shall report to the Department of  
 1617 Education, by the date established by the department, the  
 1618 eligible students to whom scholarship moneys are disbursed each  
 1619 academic term, the annual balance of the corporation's assets  
 1620 and cash reserves, and any other information requested by the  
 1621 department in accordance with s. 1009.94. By June 30 of each  
 1622 fiscal year, the corporation shall remit to the department any  
 1623 appropriated funds that were not distributed for scholarships,  
 1624 less the 5 percent for administration, including administration  
 1625 of the required training program, authorized pursuant to  
 1626 subsection (3).

1627 Section 32. Subsections (2), (5), (7), and (8) of section  
 1628 1009.70, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1629 1009.70 Florida Education Fund.—

1630 (2) (a) The Florida Education Fund, a not-for-profit  
 1631 statutory corporation, is created from a challenge endowment  
 1632 grant from the McKnight Foundation and operates on income  
 1633 derived from the investment of endowment gifts and other gifts

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1634 as provided by state statute and appropriate matching funds as  
 1635 provided by the state.

1636 (b) The Legislature may appropriate funds to the Florida  
 1637 Education Fund to be used for scholarships under subsection (5).  
 1638 Funds ~~The amount~~ appropriated to the Florida Education Fund  
 1639 shall be matched on a dollar-for-dollar ~~the basis by funds of \$1~~  
 1640 ~~for each \$2~~ contributed from ~~by~~ private sources, including, but  
 1641 not limited to, income earned from investment returns on the  
 1642 Florida Education Fund Endowment, the value of monetary and in-  
 1643 kind contributions to the McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program,  
 1644 the value of services provided by McKnight Doctoral Fellows to  
 1645 Florida not-for-profit corporations and public and nonpublic  
 1646 colleges and universities, and the value of tuition and fees  
 1647 paid on behalf of McKnight Doctoral Fellows from funds not  
 1648 appropriated to the Florida Education Fund. The Florida  
 1649 Education Fund shall certify to the Department of Education's  
 1650 Office of Student Financial Assistance ~~Legislature~~ the estimated  
 1651 value of such matching amounts prior to the disbursement of the  
 1652 appropriation and shall certify to the Legislature the actual  
 1653 value of such matching amounts as of June 30 each year ~~amount of~~  
 1654 ~~donations contributed between July 1, 1990, and June 30, 1991.~~  
 1655 ~~Only the new donations above the certified base shall be~~  
 1656 ~~calculated for state matching funds during the first year of the~~  
 1657 ~~program. In subsequent years, only the new donations above the~~  
 1658 ~~certified prior year base shall be calculated for state matching~~  
 1659 ~~funds. The department shall provide the format for which the~~  
 1660 Florida Education Fund shall comply with the reporting  
 1661 requirements of this paragraph.

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1662           (c) The corporation shall provide to the department a copy  
 1663 of its certified financial statement and annual report,  
 1664 including the corporation's assets and cash reserve balances.  
 1665 The corporation shall also provide the department documentation  
 1666 which includes the name of each scholarship recipient, the  
 1667 postsecondary education institution attended, the discipline of  
 1668 study, and the amount awarded to each recipient. The corporation  
 1669 shall post a copy of its certified financial statement and  
 1670 annual report on its website.

1671           (5) The Board of Directors of the Florida Education Fund  
 1672 shall review and evaluate initial programs created by the  
 1673 McKnight Foundation and continue funding the McKnight Doctoral  
 1674 ~~Black Doctorate~~ Fellowship Program and the McKnight Junior  
 1675 Faculty Fellowship Program if the evaluations are ~~evaluation is~~  
 1676 positive, and the board shall identify, initiate, and fund new  
 1677 and creative programs and monitor, review, and evaluate those  
 1678 programs. The purpose of this commitment is to broaden the  
 1679 participation and funding potential for further significant  
 1680 support of higher education in this state. In addition, the  
 1681 board shall:

1682           (a) Hold such meetings as are necessary to implement ~~the~~  
 1683 ~~provisions of~~ this section.

1684           (b) Select a chairperson annually.

1685           (c) Adopt and use an official seal in the authentication  
 1686 of its acts.

1687           (d) Make rules for its own government.

1688           (e) Administer this section.

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1689 (f) Appoint an executive director to serve at its pleasure  
 1690 and perform all duties assigned by the board. The executive  
 1691 director shall be the chief administrative officer and agent of  
 1692 the board.

1693 (g) Maintain a record of its proceedings.

1694 (h) Delegate to the chairperson of the board the  
 1695 responsibility for signing final orders.

1696 (i) Utilize existing higher education organizations,  
 1697 associations, and agencies to carry out its educational programs  
 1698 and purposes with minimal staff employment.

1699 (j) Be empowered to enter into contracts with the Federal  
 1700 Government, state agencies, or individuals.

1701 (k) Receive bequests, gifts, grants, donations, and other  
 1702 valued goods and services. Such bequests and gifts shall be used  
 1703 only for the purpose or purposes stated by the donor.

1704 (7) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Board of  
 1705 Directors of the Florida Education Fund recruit eligible  
 1706 residents of the state before it extends its search to eligible  
 1707 nonresidents. ~~However, for the purposes of subsection (8), the~~  
 1708 ~~board of directors shall recruit eligible residents only.~~ It is  
 1709 further the intent of the Legislature that the board of  
 1710 directors establish service terms, if any, that accompany the  
 1711 award of moneys from the fund.

1712 ~~(8) There is created a legal education component of the~~  
 1713 ~~Florida Education Fund to provide the opportunity for minorities~~  
 1714 ~~to attain representation within the legal profession~~  
 1715 ~~proportionate to their representation within the general~~  
 1716 ~~population. The legal education component of the Florida~~

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1717 ~~Education Fund includes a law school program and a pre-law~~  
 1718 ~~program.~~

1719 ~~(a) The law school scholarship program of the Florida~~  
 1720 ~~Education Fund is to be administered by the Board of Directors~~  
 1721 ~~of the Florida Education Fund for the purpose of increasing the~~  
 1722 ~~number of minority students enrolled in law schools in this~~  
 1723 ~~state by 200. Implementation of this program is to be phased in~~  
 1724 ~~over a 3-year period.~~

1725 ~~1. The board of directors shall provide financial,~~  
 1726 ~~academic, and other support to students selected for~~  
 1727 ~~participation in this program from funds appropriated by the~~  
 1728 ~~Legislature.~~

1729 ~~2. Student selection must be made in accordance with rules~~  
 1730 ~~adopted by the board of directors for that purpose and must be~~  
 1731 ~~based, at least in part, on an assessment of potential for~~  
 1732 ~~success, merit, and financial need.~~

1733 ~~3. Support must be made available to students who enroll~~  
 1734 ~~in private, as well as public, law schools in this state which~~  
 1735 ~~are accredited by the American Bar Association.~~

1736 ~~4. Scholarships must be paid directly to the participating~~  
 1737 ~~students.~~

1738 ~~5. Students who participate in this program must agree in~~  
 1739 ~~writing to sit for The Florida Bar examination and, upon~~  
 1740 ~~successful admission to The Florida Bar, to practice law in the~~  
 1741 ~~state for a period equal to the amount of time for which the~~  
 1742 ~~student received aid, up to 3 years, or repay the amount of aid~~  
 1743 ~~received.~~

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1744           ~~(b) The minority pre-law scholarship loan program of the~~  
 1745 ~~Florida Education Fund is to be administered by the Board of~~  
 1746 ~~Directors of the Florida Education Fund for the purpose of~~  
 1747 ~~increasing the opportunity of minority students to prepare for~~  
 1748 ~~law school.~~

1749           ~~1. From funds appropriated by the Legislature, the board~~  
 1750 ~~of directors shall provide for student fees, room, board, books,~~  
 1751 ~~supplies, and academic and other support to selected minority~~  
 1752 ~~undergraduate students matriculating at eligible public and~~  
 1753 ~~independent colleges and universities in Florida.~~

1754           ~~2. Student selection must be made in accordance with rules~~  
 1755 ~~adopted by the board of directors for that purpose and must be~~  
 1756 ~~based, at least in part, on an assessment of potential for~~  
 1757 ~~success, merit, and financial need.~~

1758           ~~3. To be eligible, a student must make a written agreement~~  
 1759 ~~to enter or be accepted to enter a law school in this state~~  
 1760 ~~within 2 years after graduation or repay the scholarship loan~~  
 1761 ~~amount plus interest at the prevailing rate.~~

1762           ~~4. Recipients who fail to gain admission to a law school~~  
 1763 ~~within the specified period, may, upon admission to law school,~~  
 1764 ~~be eligible to have their loans canceled.~~

1765           ~~5. Minority pre-law scholarship loans shall be provided to~~  
 1766 ~~34 minority students per year for up to 4 years each, for a~~  
 1767 ~~total of 136 scholarship loans. To continue receiving~~  
 1768 ~~scholarship loans, recipients must maintain a 2.75 grade point~~  
 1769 ~~average for the freshman year and a 3.25 grade point average~~  
 1770 ~~thereafter. Participants must also take specialized courses to~~  
 1771 ~~enhance competencies in English and logic.~~



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1772           ~~6. The board of directors shall maintain records on all~~  
 1773 ~~scholarship loan recipients. Participating institutions shall~~  
 1774 ~~submit academic progress reports to the board of directors~~  
 1775 ~~following each academic term.~~

1776           Section 33. Subsection (4) of section 1009.72, Florida  
 1777 Statutes, is amended to read:

1778           1009.72 Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant Program.—

1779           (4) The amounts appropriated for the program shall be  
 1780 allocated by the department on the basis of one \$5,000 challenge  
 1781 grant for each \$5,000 ~~\$2,500~~ raised from private sources.  
 1782 Matching funds shall be generated through contributions made  
 1783 after July 1, 1986, and pledged for the purposes of this  
 1784 section. Pledged contributions shall not be eligible for  
 1785 matching prior to the actual collection of the total funds.

1786           Section 34. Subsection (4) of section 1009.73, Florida  
 1787 Statutes, is amended to read:

1788           1009.73 Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship Program.—

1789           (4) The moneys for the program shall be allocated by the  
 1790 department among the institutions of higher education listed in  
 1791 subsection (1) on the basis of one \$2,000 challenge grant for  
 1792 each \$2,000 ~~\$1,000~~ raised from private sources. Matching funds  
 1793 shall be generated through contributions made after July 1,  
 1794 1990, and pledged for the purposes of this section. Pledged  
 1795 contributions shall not be eligible for matching prior to the  
 1796 actual collection of the total funds. The department shall  
 1797 allocate to each of those institutions a proportionate share of  
 1798 the contributions received on behalf of those institutions and a

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1799 share of the appropriations and matching funds generated by such  
 1800 institution.

1801 Section 35. Section 1010.30, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 1802 to read:

1803 1010.30 Audits required.—

1804 (1) School districts, Florida College System institutions,  
 1805 and other institutions and agencies under the supervision of the  
 1806 State Board of Education and state universities under the  
 1807 supervision of the Board of Governors are subject to the audit  
 1808 provisions of ~~under~~ ss. 11.45 and 218.39.

1809 (2) If an audit contains a significant finding, the  
 1810 district school board, the Florida College System institution  
 1811 board of trustees, or the university board of trustees shall  
 1812 conduct an audit overview during a public meeting.

1813 Section 36. Subsection (10) of section 1011.80, Florida  
 1814 Statutes, is amended to read:

1815 1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education  
 1816 programs.—

1817 (10) A high school student dually enrolled under s.  
 1818 1007.271 in a workforce education program operated by a Florida  
 1819 College System institution or school district career center  
 1820 generates the amount calculated for workforce education funding,  
 1821 including any payment of performance funding, and the  
 1822 proportional share of full-time equivalent enrollment generated  
 1823 through the Florida Education Finance Program for the student's  
 1824 enrollment in a high school. If a high school student is dually  
 1825 enrolled in a Florida College System institution program,  
 1826 including a program conducted at a high school, the Florida

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1827 College System institution earns the funds generated for  
 1828 workforce education funding, and the school district earns the  
 1829 proportional share of full-time equivalent funding from the  
 1830 Florida Education Finance Program. If a student is dually  
 1831 enrolled in a career center operated by the same district as the  
 1832 district in which the student attends high school, that district  
 1833 earns the funds generated for workforce education funding and  
 1834 also earns the proportional share of full-time equivalent  
 1835 funding from the Florida Education Finance Program. If a student  
 1836 is dually enrolled in a workforce education program provided by  
 1837 a career center operated by a different school district, the  
 1838 funds must be divided between the two school districts  
 1839 proportionally from the two funding sources. A student may not  
 1840 be reported for funding in a dual enrollment workforce education  
 1841 program unless the student has completed the basic skills  
 1842 assessment pursuant to s. 1004.91. A student who is coenrolled  
 1843 in a K-12 education program and an adult education program may  
 1844 not be reported for purposes of funding in an adult education  
 1845 program, except that for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 fiscal  
 1846 years ~~year only~~, students who are coenrolled in core curricula  
 1847 courses for credit recovery or dropout prevention purposes and  
 1848 do not have a pattern of excessive absenteeism or habitual  
 1849 truancy or a history of disruptive behavior in school may be  
 1850 reported for funding for up to two courses per student. Such  
 1851 students are exempt from the payment of the block tuition for  
 1852 adult general education programs provided in s. 1009.22(3)(c).  
 1853 Section 37. Subsection (2) of section 1012.83, Florida  
 1854 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1855 1012.83 Contracts with administrative and instructional  
 1856 staff.—

1857 (2) Each contract or employment agreement, or renewal or  
 1858 renegotiation of an existing contract or employment agreement,  
 1859 containing a provision for severance pay with an officer, agent,  
 1860 employee, or contractor must include the provisions required in  
 1861 s. 215.425. A Florida College System institution board of  
 1862 ~~trustees may not enter into an employment contract that requires~~  
 1863 ~~the Florida College System institution to pay an employee an~~  
 1864 ~~amount from appropriated state funds in excess of 1 year of the~~  
 1865 ~~employee's annual salary for termination, buyout, or any other~~  
 1866 ~~type of contract settlement. This subsection does not prohibit~~  
 1867 ~~the payment of leave and benefits accrued by the employee in~~  
 1868 ~~accordance with the Florida College System institution's leave~~  
 1869 ~~and benefits policies before the contract terminates.~~

1870 Section 38. Subsection (4) of section 1012.885, Florida  
 1871 Statutes, is amended to read:

1872 1012.885 Remuneration of Florida College System  
 1873 institution presidents; limitations.—

1874 (4) LIMITATION ON REMUNERATION.—Notwithstanding the  
 1875 provisions of this section, for the 2012-2013 ~~2011-2012~~ fiscal  
 1876 year, a Florida College System institution president may not  
 1877 receive more than \$200,000 in remuneration from appropriated  
 1878 state funds. Only compensation, as defined in s. 121.021(22),  
 1879 provided to a Florida College System institution president may  
 1880 be used in calculating benefits under chapter 121.

1881 Section 39. Section 1012.886, Florida Statutes, is  
 1882 reenacted and amended to read:

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1883           1012.886 Remuneration of Florida College System  
 1884 institution administrative employees; limitations.—  
 1885           (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:  
 1886           (a) "Appropriated state funds" means funds appropriated  
 1887 from the General Revenue Fund or funds appropriated from state  
 1888 trust funds.  
 1889           (b) "Cash-equivalent compensation" means any benefit that  
 1890 may be assigned an equivalent cash value.  
 1891           (c) "Remuneration" means salary, bonuses, and cash-  
 1892 equivalent compensation paid to a Florida College System  
 1893 institution administrative employee by his or her employer for  
 1894 work performed, excluding health insurance benefits and  
 1895 retirement benefits.  
 1896           (2) LIMITATION ON COMPENSATION.—Notwithstanding any other  
 1897 law, resolution, or rule to the contrary, a Florida College  
 1898 System institution administrative employee may not receive more  
 1899 than \$200,000 in remuneration annually from appropriated state  
 1900 funds. Only compensation, as such term is defined in s.  
 1901 121.021(22), provided to a Florida College System institution  
 1902 administrative employee may be used in calculating benefits  
 1903 under chapter 121.  
 1904           (3) EXCEPTIONS.—This section does not prohibit any party  
 1905 from providing cash or cash-equivalent compensation from funds  
 1906 that are not appropriated state funds to a Florida College  
 1907 System institution administrative employee in excess of the  
 1908 limit in subsection (2). If a party is unable or unwilling to  
 1909 fulfill an obligation to provide cash or cash-equivalent  
 1910 compensation to a Florida College System institution

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1911 administrative employee as permitted under this subsection,  
 1912 appropriated state funds may not be used to fulfill such  
 1913 obligation. This section does not apply to Florida College  
 1914 System institution teaching faculty.

1915 (4) EXPIRATION.—This section expires June 30, 2013 ~~2012~~.

1916 Section 40. Subsection (4) of section 1012.975, Florida  
 1917 Statutes, is amended to read:

1918 1012.975 Remuneration of state university presidents;  
 1919 limitations.—

1920 (4) LIMITATION ON REMUNERATION.—Notwithstanding the  
 1921 provisions of this section, for the 2012-2013 ~~2011-2012~~ fiscal  
 1922 year, a state university president may not receive more than  
 1923 \$200,000 in remuneration from public funds. Only compensation,  
 1924 as defined in s. 121.021(22), provided to a state university  
 1925 president may be used in calculating benefits under chapter 121.

1926 Section 41. Section 1012.976, Florida Statutes, is  
 1927 reenacted and amended to read:

1928 1012.976 Remuneration of state university administrative  
 1929 employees; limitations.—

1930 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

1931 (a) "Appropriated state funds" means funds appropriated  
 1932 from the General Revenue Fund or funds appropriated from state  
 1933 trust funds.

1934 (b) "Cash-equivalent compensation" means any benefit that  
 1935 may be assigned an equivalent cash value.

1936 (c) "Remuneration" means salary, bonuses, and cash-  
 1937 equivalent compensation paid to a state university  
 1938 administrative employee by his or her employer for work

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1939 performed, excluding health insurance benefits and retirement  
 1940 benefits.

1941 (2) LIMITATION ON COMPENSATION.—Notwithstanding any other  
 1942 law, resolution, or rule to the contrary, a state university  
 1943 administrative employee may not receive more than \$200,000 in  
 1944 remuneration annually from appropriated state funds. Only  
 1945 compensation, as such term is defined in s. 121.021(22),  
 1946 provided to a state university administrative employee may be  
 1947 used in calculating benefits under chapter 121.

1948 (3) EXCEPTIONS.—This section does not prohibit any party  
 1949 from providing cash or cash-equivalent compensation from funds  
 1950 that are not appropriated state funds to a state university  
 1951 administrative employee in excess of the limit in subsection  
 1952 (2). If a party is unable or unwilling to fulfill an obligation  
 1953 to provide cash or cash-equivalent compensation to a state  
 1954 university administrative employee as permitted under this  
 1955 subsection, appropriated state funds may not be used to fulfill  
 1956 such obligation. This section does not apply to university  
 1957 teaching faculty or medical school faculty or staff.

1958 (4) EXPIRATION.—This section expires June 30, 2013 ~~2012~~.

1959 Section 42. Notwithstanding the 5-percent limitation  
 1960 provided in s. 1010.62(2)(a), Florida Statutes, the University  
 1961 of Florida may use revenues derived from the activity and  
 1962 service fee to pay and secure debt with annual debt service in  
 1963 an amount not to exceed \$3.5 million to finance or refinance the  
 1964 renovation and expansion of the university's J. Wayne Reitz  
 1965 Union.

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1966           Section 43. Effective upon this act becoming a law and  
 1967 notwithstanding s. 1001.73(5), Florida Statutes, as created by  
 1968 this act, or section 32 of the 2012 regular legislative session  
 1969 Conference Report for House Bill 5001, for the 2011-2012 fiscal  
 1970 year, state universities may make transfers between the  
 1971 Educational and General Activities category and other program  
 1972 categories up to \$2 million to make necessary adjustments.

1973           Section 44. Notwithstanding ss. 1013.30(10), (11), (12),  
 1974 and (13) and 1013.51(4), Florida Statutes, for the 2012-2013  
 1975 fiscal year, a state university may enter into a local  
 1976 development agreement with an affected host local government to  
 1977 identify specific projects in the university's campus master  
 1978 plan to be constructed by the university for purposes of  
 1979 negotiating mitigation of the impact of such projects on the  
 1980 host local government.

1981           Section 45. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
 1982 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2012.