

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senate

House

Senator Legg moved the following:
Senate Amendment (with title amendment)
Delete lines 449 - 818
and insert:
Section 8. Section 1006.72, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
Section 9. Section 1006.73, Florida Statutes, is amended to
read:
(Substantial rewording of section. See
s. 1006.73, F.S., for present text.)
1006.73 Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative
(1) The Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative is

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12	established to provide a single library automation system and
13	associated resources and services that all public postsecondary
14	institutions shall use to support learning, teaching, and
15	research needs.
16	(2) The Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative
17	shall:
18	(a) Develop and manage a library information portal and
19	automated library management tools for use by Florida College
20	System institutions and state universities. The library
21	information portal and automated library management tools shall
22	include, but are not limited to, the following services and
23	functions:
24	1. A shared Internet-based catalog and discovery tool that
25	allows a user to search and, if authorized, access the aggregate
26	library holdings of the state's public postsecondary education
27	institutions. The catalog and discovery tool shall allow a user
28	to search the library holdings of one institution, selected
29	institutions, or all institutions and, to the extent feasible,
30	shall include an interlibrary loan function that ensures that an
31	authorized user can access the required library holding.
32	2. An Internet-based searchable collection of electronic
33	resources which shall include, but not be limited to, full-text
34	journals, articles, databases, and electronic books licensed
35	pursuant to paragraph (b).
36	3. An integrated library management system and its
37	associated services that all public postsecondary education
38	institution academic libraries shall use for purposes of
39	acquiring, cataloging, circulating, and tracking library
40	material.

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41 4. A statewide searchable database that includes an 42 inventory of digital archives and collections held by public 43 postsecondary education institutions. 44 (b) In collaboration with library staff from Florida 45 College System institutions and state universities, coordinate 46 the negotiation of statewide licensing of electronic library 47 resources and preferred pricing agreements, issue purchase 48 orders, and enter into contracts for the acquisition of library 49 support services, electronic resources, and other goods and 50 services necessary to carry out its duties under this section. For purposes of licensing electronic library resources from 51 52 funds appropriated to the Complete Florida Plus Program, those 53 resources licensed for 4-year-degree-seeking students shall be 54 made available to all 4-year-degree-seeking students in the 55 Florida College System and the State University System. 56 (c) Promote and provide recommendations concerning the use 57 and distribution of open-access textbooks and education 58 resources as a method for reducing costs, and work with public 59 postsecondary education institutions in developing a 60 standardized process for the review and approval of open-access 61 textbooks. 62 (d) Provide appropriate help desk support and training and 63 consultation services to institutions and students using the 64 services of the Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative. 65 (e) Receive all data center services from the Northwest 66 Regional Data Center established pursuant to s. 1004.649. 67 (3) The University of West Florida shall hire a director 68 for the Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative, who shall 69 report to and is under the supervision and direction of the

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70	director of the Complete Florida Plus Program established
71	pursuant to s. 1006.735. The director of the Florida Academic
72	Library Services Cooperative shall:
73	(a) Exercise all powers, duties, and functions of the
74	cooperative prescribed by law.
75	(b) Administer the operational requirements of the
76	cooperative.
77	(c) Hire professional and administrative staff necessary to
78	carry out the duties of the cooperative. The director shall hire
79	the minimum administrative staff necessary to administer the
80	duties of the cooperative.
81	(4) Beginning December 31, 2014, and each year thereafter,
82	the University of West Florida shall submit a report to the
83	President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
84	Representatives describing the implementation and operation of
85	the Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative to include,
86	but not be limited to, information and associated costs relating
87	to the services and functions identified in subsection (2).
88	Section 10. Section 1006.735, Florida Statutes, is amended
89	to read:
90	1006.735 Complete Florida <u>Plus</u> Degree Program.— <u>The Complete</u>
91	Florida Plus Program is created at the University of West
92	Florida.
93	(1) PURPOSEThe purpose of the Complete Florida Plus
94	Program is to:
95	(a) Facilitate degree completion for the state's adult
96	learners through the Complete Florida Degree Initiative.
97	(b) Provide information regarding and access to distance
98	learning courses and degree programs offered by public

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99 postsecondary education institutions within the state. 100 (c) Coordinate with the Florida College System and the 101 State University System to identify and provide online academic 102 support services and resources when the multi-institutional 103 provision of such services and resources is more cost-effective 104 or operationally effective.

(d) Administer the Florida Academic Library Services <u>Cooperative established in s. 1006.73 and consult with the</u> <u>chancellors of the Florida College System and State University</u> <u>System regarding the implementation and operations of the</u> <u>cooperative.</u>

110 (2) (1) COMPLETE FLORIDA DEGREE INITIATIVE.-The Complete 111 Florida Degree Initiative Program is established within the 112 Complete Florida Plus Program for the purpose of recruiting, 113 recovering, and retaining the state's adult learners and 114 assisting them in completing an associate degree or a 115 baccalaureate degree that is aligned to high-wage, high-skill 116 workforce needs. As used in this section, the term "adult 117 learner" means a student who has successfully completed college-118 level coursework in multiple semesters but has left an 119 institution in good standing before completing his or her degree. The initiative program shall give priority to adult 120 121 learners who are veterans or active duty members of the United 122 States Armed Forces.

123 <u>(a) (2)</u> The Complete Florida Degree <u>Initiative</u> Program shall 124 be implemented by the University of West Florida, acting as the 125 lead institution, in coordination with Florida College System 126 institutions, state universities, and private postsecondary 127 institutions, as appropriate. The <u>initiative</u> program shall

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128 include the associate, applied baccalaureate, and baccalaureate 129 degree programs that these institutions have selected. Other 130 partnering public postsecondary education institutions shall 131 provide areas of specialization or concentration.

132 (b) (3) In determining For purposes of selecting the degree 133 programs that will be given priority, in the Complete Florida 134 Degree Initiative Program, the institutions identified in 135 subsection (2) shall partner with public and private job 136 recruitment and placement agencies and shall use labor market 137 data and projections, including those identified in the Board of 138 Governors' gap analysis, to identify the specific workforce 139 needs and targeted occupations of the state.

<u>(c)</u>(4) The Complete Florida Degree <u>Initiative</u> Program shall provide adult learners with a single point of access to information and links to innovative online and accelerated distance learning courses, student and library support services, and electronic resources that will guide the adult learner toward the successful completion of a postsecondary degree.

(5) By the end of the 2013-2014 academic year, the Complete Florida Degree Program shall be implemented and must:

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

(b) Develop and implement an advising and student support system that includes the use of degree completion specialists, is based upon best practices and processes, and includes academic and career support services designed specifically for the adult learner. The program must identify proposed changes to the statewide computer-assisted student advising system

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157 established pursuant to s. 1006.73 to assist the adult learner 158 in using the system.

159 (c) Use the streamlined, automated, online admissions application process for transient students established pursuant to s. 1006.73. The program shall identify any additional admissions and registration policies and practices that could be further streamlined and automated for purposes of assisting the adult learner.

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(d) The Complete Florida Degree Initiative must:

166 1. Use existing and, if necessary, develop new competency-167 based instructional and evaluation tools to assess prior 168 performance, experience, and education for the award of college 169 credit in order to reduce the time required for adult learners 170 to complete their degrees. The tools may include the use of the 171 American Council on Education's collaborative link between the 172 United States Department of Defense and higher education through 173 the review of military training and experiences for the award of 174 equivalent college credit for members of the United States Armed 175 Forces.

176 2.(c) Develop and implement an evaluation process that 177 collects, analyzes, and provides to the chancellors of the 178 Florida College System and the State University System, the 179 participating postsecondary education institutions, the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees, and the Executive 180 181 Office of the Governor information on the effectiveness of the 182 initiative program and the attainment of its goals. Such a 183 process shall include a management information system that 184 collects the appropriate student, programmatic, and fiscal data necessary to complete the evaluation of the initiative program. 185

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186 Institutions involved in the <u>initiative</u> program shall also 187 collect job placement and employment data on the adult learners 188 who have completed their degrees as a result of the <u>initiative</u> 189 program.

190 <u>3.(f)</u> Develop and implement a statewide student recruitment 191 campaign targeted toward adult learners, particularly veterans 192 and active duty members of the United States Armed Forces, for 193 enrollment in the degree programs offered through the <u>initiative</u> 194 program.

(e) (6) For purposes of the Complete Florida Degree <u>Initiative</u> Program, each institution's current tuition and fee structure shall be used. However, all participating institutions shall collaboratively identify the applicable cost components involved in the development and delivery of distance learning courses, collect information on these cost components, and submit the information to the chancellors of the Florida College System and the State University System. The chancellors shall submit a report to the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees no later than December 31, 2014, on the need for a differentiated tuition and fee structure for the development and delivery of distance learning courses.

207 (3) STATEWIDE INTERNET-BASED CATALOG OF DISTANCE LEARNING 208 COURSES.-The Complete Florida Plus Program shall develop and 209 manage a statewide Internet-based catalog of distance learning 210 courses, degree programs, and resources offered by public 211 postsecondary education institutions which is intended to assist 212 in the coordination and collaboration of articulation and access 213 pursuant to parts II and III of chapter 1007. The program shall 214 establish operational procedures for the catalog which must:

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215	(a) Require participating institutions to provide specific
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217	program, including course number, classification of
218	instructional programs number, and information on the
219	availability of the course or degree program; any prerequisite
220	course or technology competency or skill; the availability of
221	academic support services and financial aid resources; and
222	course costs, fees, and payment policies.
223	(b) Require that distance learning courses and degree
224	programs meet applicable accreditation standards and criteria.
225	(c) Require that the catalog is reviewed and updated
226	frequently to ensure that distance learning courses and degree
227	programs comply with operational procedures.
228	(d) Define and describe the catalog's search and retrieval
229	options that, at a minimum, will allow users to search by
230	academic term or course start date; institution, multiple
231	institutions, or all institutions; and course or program
232	delivery methods, course type, course availability, subject or
233	discipline, and course number or classification of instructional
234	programs number.
235	(e) Use an Internet-based analytic tool that allows for the
236	collection and analysis of data, including, but not limited to:
237	1. The number and type of students who use the catalog to
238	search for distance learning courses and degree programs.
239	2. The number and type of requests for information about
240	distance learning courses and degree programs that are not
241	listed in the catalog.
242	3. A summary of specific requests by course type or course
243	number, delivery method, offering institution, and semester.

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244 (4) STATEWIDE ONLINE STUDENT ADVISING SERVICES AND 245 SUPPORT.-The Complete Florida Plus Program shall make available to all postsecondary students on a statewide basis online 246 247 services and support, and the program shall, at a minimum: 248 (a) Streamline online admissions application process, which 249 shall be used by all postsecondary institutions, for 250 undergraduate transient students currently enrolled and pursuing 251 a degree at a public postsecondary education institution who 2.52 enroll in a course offered by a public postsecondary education 253 institution that is not the student's degree-granting 254 institution. The University of West Florida shall work with 255 Florida College System institutions and state universities to: 256 1. Use the transient student admissions application 257 available through the statewide computer-assisted student 258 advising system established pursuant to paragraph (b). This 259 admissions application is the only application required for 260 enrollment of a transient student as described in this 261 paragraph. 262 2. Implement the financial aid procedures required by the 263 transient student admissions application process. 264 3. Transfer credit awarded by the institution offering the 265 course to the transient student's degree-granting institution. 266 4. Provide an interface between the institutional advising 2.67 system and the statewide computer-assisted student advising 268 system established pursuant to paragraph (b) in order to 269 electronically send, receive, and process the transient student 270 admissions application. 271 (b) Manage a K-20 statewide computer-assisted student 272 advising system. The system shall support career and education

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273	planning for the K-12 system, and the process of advising,
274	registering, and certifying postsecondary students for
275	graduation and include a degree audit and an articulation
276	component. Florida College System institutions and state
277	universities shall interface institutional advising systems with
278	the statewide computer-assisted student advising system. At a
279	minimum, the statewide computer-assisted student advising system
280	shall:
281	1. Allow a student to access the system at any time.
282	2. Support K-12 career and education planning required by
283	<u>s. 1003.4156(1)(e).</u>
284	3. Allow a student to search public postsecondary education
285	institutions and identify course options that will meet the
286	requirements of a selected path toward a degree.
287	4. Audit transcripts of students enrolled in a public
288	postsecondary education institution to assess current academic
289	standing, the requirements for a student to transfer to another
290	institution, and all requirements necessary for graduation.
291	5. Serve as the official statewide repository for the
292	common prerequisite manual, admissions information for
293	transferring programs, foreign language requirements, residency
294	requirements, and statewide articulation agreements.
295	6. Provide information relating to career descriptions and
296	corresponding educational requirements, admissions requirements,
297	and available sources of student financial assistance.
298	7. Provide the admissions application for transient
299	students pursuant to paragraph (a) which must include the
300	electronic transfer and receipt of information and records for:
301	a. Admissions and readmissions.

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302	b. Financial aid.
303	c. Transfer of credit awarded by the institution offering
304	the course to the transient student's degree-granting
305	institution.
306	(c) Identify and evaluate new technologies and
307	instructional methods for improving distance learning
308	instruction and development for faculty, student learning
309	outcomes, student access, the efficient delivery of student
310	support services, the alignment of degrees to career needs, and
311	the overall quality of postsecondary distance learning courses
312	and degree programs.
313	(d) Provide appropriate help desk support and training and
314	consultation services to institutions and students using the
315	services and resources of the Complete Florida Plus Program.
316	(e) Coordinate the negotiation of statewide licensing
317	resources and preferred pricing agreements, issue purchase
318	orders, and enter into contracts for the acquisition of distance
319	learning resources, student and support services, electronic
320	resources, and other goods and services necessary to carry out
321	duties under this section.
322	(f) In consultation with public postsecondary education
323	institutions, develop and implement a plan that describes the
324	services and resources available through the Complete Florida
325	Plus Program to encourage current and prospective students' use
326	of such services and resources.
327	(5) REPORTBeginning December 31, 2014, and each year
328	thereafter, the University of West Florida shall submit a report
329	to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
330	Representatives regarding the implementation and operation of

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331 all components of the Complete Florida Plus Program, including, but not limited to, information and associated costs relating to 332 333 the services and functions of the program. 334 (6) DATA CENTER SERVICES.-The Northwest Regional Data 335 Center established pursuant to s. 1004.649 shall provide all 336 data center services necessary to support the statewide 337 Internet-based catalog established in subsection (3) and the 338 statewide online student advising services and support 339 established in subsection (4). 340 (7) The University of West Florida, in collaboration with 341 its partners, shall submit to the chairs of the Board of 342 Covernors, the State Board of Education, and the legislative 343 appropriations committees no later than September 1, 2013, a 344 detailed program plan that defines the major work activities, 345 student eligibility criteria, timeline, and cost for 346 implementing the Complete Florida Degree Program. 347 Section 11. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section 348 1007.01, Florida Statutes, is amended, and a new paragraph (i) is added to that subsection, to read: 349 350 1007.01 Articulation; legislative intent; purpose; role of 351 the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors; 352 Articulation Coordinating Committee.-353 (3) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the 354 Chancellor of the State University System, shall establish the 355 Articulation Coordinating Committee, which shall make 356 recommendations related to statewide articulation policies and

357 issues regarding access, quality, and reporting of data 358 maintained by the K-20 data warehouse, established pursuant to 359 ss. 1001.10 and 1008.31, to the Higher Education Coordination

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360 Council, the State Board of Education, and the Board of Governors. The committee shall consist of two members each 361 representing the State University System, the Florida College 362 363 System, public career and technical education, K-12 education, 364 and nonpublic postsecondary education and one member 365 representing students. The chair shall be elected from the 366 membership. The Office of K-20 Articulation shall provide 367 administrative support for the committee. The committee shall: 368 (h) Recommend roles and responsibilities of public 369 education entities in interfacing with the single, statewide 370 computer-assisted student advising system established pursuant 371 to s. 1006.735 1006.73. 372 (i) Make recommendations regarding the cost and 373 requirements to develop and implement an online system for 374 collecting and analyzing data regarding requests for transfer of 375 credit by postsecondary education students. The system, at a 376 minimum, must collect information regarding the total number of 377 credit transfer requests denied and the reason for each denial. 378 Recommendations shall be reported to the President of the Senate 379 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before 380 January 31, 2015. Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 1007.27, Florida 381 382 Statutes, is amended to read: 1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.-383 384 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that a variety of

385 articulated acceleration mechanisms be available for secondary 386 and postsecondary students attending public educational 387 institutions. It is intended that articulated acceleration serve 388 to shorten the time necessary for a student to complete the

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389 requirements associated with the conference of a high school 390 diploma and a postsecondary degree, broaden the scope of 391 curricular options available to students, or increase the depth 392 of study available for a particular subject. Articulated 393 acceleration mechanisms shall include, but are not limited to, 394 dual enrollment and early admission as provided for in s. 1007.271, advanced placement, credit by examination, the 395 396 International Baccalaureate Program, and the Advanced 397 International Certificate of Education Program. Credit earned 398 through the Florida Virtual School shall provide additional 399 opportunities for early graduation and acceleration. Students of 400 Florida public secondary schools enrolled pursuant to this 401 subsection shall be deemed authorized users of the state-funded 402 electronic library resources that are licensed for Florida 403 College System institutions and state universities by the 404 Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative Florida Virtual 405 Campus. Verification of eligibility shall be in accordance with 406 rules established by the State Board of Education and 407 regulations established by the Board of Governors and processes 408 implemented by Florida College System institutions and state 409 universities.

410 Section 13. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (16) and 411 subsection (17) of section 1009.23, Florida Statutes, are 412 amended to read:

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1009.23 Florida College System institution student fees.-(16)(a) Each Florida College System institution may assess a student who enrolls in a course listed in the distance

416 learning catalog, established pursuant to s. <u>1006.735</u> 1006.73, a 417 per-credit-hour distance learning course user fee. For purposes

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418 of assessing this fee, a distance learning course is a course in 419 which at least 80 percent of the direct instruction of the 420 course is delivered using some form of technology when the 421 student and instructor are separated by time or space, or both.

(c) If an institution assesses the distance learning fee, the institution must provide a The link to for the catalog must be prominently displayed within the advising and distance learning sections of the institution's website, using a graphic and description provided by the <u>Complete Florida Plus Program</u> Florida Virtual Campus, to inform students of the catalog.

(17) Each Florida College System institution that accepts transient students, pursuant to s. 1006.735 1006.73, may establish a transient student fee not to exceed \$5 per course for processing the transient student admissions application.

Section 14. Paragraph (t) of subsection (14) and paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (17) of section 1009.24, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1009.24 State university student fees.-

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

(t) A transient student fee that may not exceed \$5 per course for accepting a transient student and processing the transient student admissions application pursuant to s. <u>1006.735</u> <u>1006.73</u>.

With the exception of housing rental rates and except as
otherwise provided, fees assessed pursuant to paragraphs (h)-(s)
shall be based on reasonable costs of services. The Board of

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447 Governors shall adopt regulations and timetables necessary to 448 implement the fees and fines authorized under this subsection. 449 The fees assessed under this subsection may be used for debt 450 only as authorized under s. 1010.62.

451 (17) (a) A state university may assess a student who enrolls 452 in a course listed in the distance learning catalog, established pursuant to s. 1006.735 1006.73, a per-credit-hour distance 453 454 learning course fee. For purposes of assessing this fee, a 455 distance learning course is a course in which at least 80 456 percent of the direct instruction of the course is delivered 457 using some form of technology when the student and instructor 458 are separated by time or space, or both.

(c) <u>If an institution assesses the distance learning fee,</u>
the institution must provide a The link to for the catalog must
be prominently displayed within the advising and distance
learning sections of the institution's website, using a graphic
and description provided by the <u>Complete Florida Plus Program</u>
Florida Virtual Campus, to inform informing students of the
catalog.

Section 15. (1) All records, personnel, property, pending issues, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds of the Florida Virtual Campus are transferred to the University of West Florida.

470 (2) Except for the service agreement executed July 1, 2012,
471 between the University of Florida Board of Trustees and the
472 Florida Virtual Campus for the University of Florida to be the
473 administrative contract institution of the Florida Virtual
474 Campus, all other binding contracts or agreements entered into
475 and between the Florida Virtual Campus or an entity or agent of

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476	the campus and any other agency, entity, or person shall
477	continue as a binding contract or agreement with the University
478	of West Florida for the remainder of the term of such contract
479	or agreement.
480	(3) The service agreement executed July 1, 2012, between
481	the University of Florida Board of Trustees and the Florida
482	Virtual Campus for the University of Florida to be the
483	administrative contract institution for the Florida Virtual
484	Campus shall terminate December 31, 2014, or upon the transfer,
485	whichever occurs first.
486	(4) It is the intent of the Legislature that the changes
487	made by this act be accomplished with minimal disruption of
488	services provided to Florida College System institutions, state
489	universities, and their staffs and students. Therefore, the
490	Legislature finds that the transition period between July 1,
491	2014, and December 31, 2014, is appropriate and warranted.
492	(5) The Board of Governors, on behalf of the University of
493	West Florida, shall develop and submit to the Legislative Budget
494	Commission a budget amendment that includes a transition plan
495	for absorbing the transfer of the Florida Virtual Campus
496	resources to the University of West Florida.
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498	=========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ==============
499	And the title is amended as follows:
500	Delete lines 69 - 97
501	and insert:
502	amending s. 1006.73, F.S.; deleting provisions
503	establishing the Florida Virtual Campus; establishing
504	the Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative;

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505 providing duties of the cooperative; providing that 506 the University of West Florida shall hire a director 507 for the cooperative, who shall report to the executive 508 director of the Complete Florida Plus Program; 509 providing duties of the cooperative's director; 510 providing reporting requirements for the University of 511 West Florida; amending s. 1006.735, F.S.; creating the 512 Complete Florida Plus Program within the Innovation 513 Institute at the University of West Florida; providing 514 purpose; establishing the Complete Florida Degree 515 Initiative; providing implementation and requirements 516 for the initiative; authorizing the program to develop 517 and manage a catalog of distance learning courses; 518 providing catalog requirements; authorizing the 519 program to make online support and services available 520 to postsecondary students; providing requirements for 521 such support and services; providing that the program 522 shall make a statewide advising service available to 523 all postsecondary students; providing requirements for 524 the advising service; providing that the program shall 525 support a K-12 career and education planning system 526 and interface the statewide advising service with 527 state university advising systems; requiring the 528 University of West Florida to submit an annual report 529 to the Legislature regarding the program; providing 530 that the Northwest Regional Data Center shall provide 531 data center services to support the catalog and the 532 statewide advising service; amending s. 1007.01, F.S.; requiring that the Articulation Coordinating Committee 533

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534 provide certain recommendations to the Legislature by 535 a specified date; conforming a cross-reference; amending ss. 1007.27, 1009.23, and 1009.24, F.S.; 536 537 conforming provisions; transferring the Florida 538 Virtual Campus to the University of West Florida; 539 providing for termination of a service agreement 540 between the University of Florida Board of Trustees 541 and the Florida Virtual Campus; providing that other 542 contracts and agreements of the Florida Virtual Campus 543 are binding on the University of West Florida; providing legislative findings and intent; directing 544 545 the Board of Governors to develop and submit to the 546 Legislative Budget Commission a transition plan for 547 transferring Florida Virtual Campus resources to the 548 University of West Florida; amending s. 1011.71, F.S.; 549 conforming