

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS
FINAL BILL ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 525 Renaming Of Florida College System Institutions

SPONSOR(S): Raschein and others

TIED BILLS: None **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 720

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Higher Education & Career Readiness Subcommittee	12 Y, 0 N	McAlarney	Bishop
2) Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee	12 Y, 0 N	Butler	Lloyd
3) Education Committee	17 Y, 0 N	McAlarney	Hassell
FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION: 112 Y's 0 N's			
GOVERNOR'S ACTION: Approved			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

HB 525 passed the House on March 27, 2019, and subsequently passed the Senate on May 2, 2019.

The bill changes the name of "Florida Keys Community College" to "College of the Florida Keys" and the name of "North Florida Community College" to "North Florida College." The institutions have met all statutory requirements for the name changes.

The bill may have nominal costs that can be absorbed by the colleges.

The bill was approved by the Governor on June 7, 2019, ch. 2019-78, L.O.F., and will become effective on July 1, 2019.

I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

Present Situation

With the approval of its district board of trustees, a Florida College System (FCS) institution may change the name of the institution as listed in s. 1000.21(3), F.S., and use the designation “college” or “state college” if it has been authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees and has been accredited as a baccalaureate-degree-granting institution by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).¹ A district board of trustees that approves the use of the designation “college” or “state college” must seek statutory codification of the name change during the next regular legislative session.²

Florida Keys Community College has met the statutory requirements for a name change.³ On January 6, 2016, the State Board of Education (SBE) unanimously approved Florida Keys Community College’s proposal to offer its first baccalaureate degree.⁴ On December 4, 2016, the SACSCOC accredited the college to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management effective January 2017.⁵

North Florida Community College has met the statutory requirements for a name change.⁶ On September 23, 2016, the SBE unanimously approved North Florida Community College’s proposal to offer its first baccalaureate degree.⁷ On June 15, 2017, the SACSCOC accredited the college to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing effective August 2017.⁸

As required by statute, both colleges sought statutory codification of the name change during the 2018 Legislative Session. The proposed legislation unanimously passed the House, but died in the Senate Education Committee.

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill changes the name of “Florida Keys Community College” to “College of the Florida Keys” and changes the name of “North Florida Community College” to “North Florida College.” The colleges have complied with the statutory requirements for name changes.

¹ Section 1001.60(2)(b)1., F.S.

² Section 1001.60(2)(c), F.S.

³ Section 1001.60(2)(b)1., F.S.

⁴ State Board of Education, *Agenda* (Jan. 6, 2016), available at <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/13170/urlt/agenda.pdf>; Florida Keys Community College, *Bachelor’s Degree Approval*, <https://www.fkcc.edu/2016/01/bachelors-degree-approved-by-state-board/> (last visited Feb. 26, 2019).

⁵ Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, *Accreditation Actions Taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees* (Dec. 4, 2016), available at https://www.usg.edu/assets/academic_programs/documents/SACS_December_2016_Actions_Disclosure_Statement.pdf.

⁶ Section 1001.60(2)(b)1., F.S.

⁷ Florida Board of Education, State Board of Education *Agenda*, *Action Item* (Sept. 23, 2016) available at <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/18330/urlt/bacc.pdf>; Florida Board of Education, State Board of Education *Agenda*, *Action Item* (Oct. 26, 2016), available at <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/18349/urlt/minutes.pdf>.

⁸ Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, *Accreditation Actions Taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees* (Jun. 15, 2017), available at https://www.usg.edu/assets/academic_programs/documents/sacs_june_2017_accreditation_actions.pdf.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

The colleges may incur costs related to the name change. Such costs may be associated with signage, publications, documentation, and other related items. Payment of such costs shall be the responsibility of the institutions.