

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 720

INTRODUCER: Senator Flores

SUBJECT: Renaming of Florida College System Institutions

DATE: April 3, 2019

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Olenick</u>	<u>Sikes</u>	<u>ED</u>	<b>Favorable</b>
2.	<u>Underhill</u>	<u>Elwell</u>	<u>AED</u>	<b>Pre-meeting</b>
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**I. Summary:**

SB 720 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 bill does not have an impact to state revenues or expenditures.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.

**II. Present Situation:**

Under Florida law, a Florida College System (FCS) institution, with the approval of its district board of trustees, may change its name 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).<sup>1</sup>
- A district board of trustees that approves the use of the designation “college” or “state college” seeks statutory codification of the name change during the next regular legislative session.<sup>2</sup>

Currently, 24 of the 28 FCS institutions use the designation “college” or “state college”:<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Section 1001.60(2)(b)1., F.S.

<sup>2</sup> Section 1001.60(2)(c), F.S.

<sup>3</sup> (Broward College, College of Central Florida, Chipola College, Daytona State College, Eastern Florida State College, Florida Gateway College, Florida SouthWestern State College, Florida State College at Jacksonville, Gulf Coast State College, Indian River State College, Lake-Sumter State College, Miami-Dade College, Northwest Florida State College, Palm Beach State College, Pasco-Hernando State College, Pensacola State College, Polk State College, Seminole State

On January 6, 2016, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved Florida Keys Community College's proposal to offer its first baccalaureate degree.<sup>4</sup> On December 4, 2016, the SACSCOC accredited the college to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management effective January 2017.<sup>5</sup>

On September 23, 2016, the SBE approved North Florida Community College's proposal to offer its first baccalaureate degree.<sup>6</sup> On June 15, 2017, the SACSCOC accredited the college to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing effective August 2017.<sup>7</sup>

As required by statute, both colleges sought statutory codification of the name change during the 2018 Legislative Session.<sup>8</sup>

### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill amends s. 1000.21, F.S., to change the name of "Florida Keys Community College" to "College of the Florida Keys" and change the name of "North Florida Community College" to "North Florida College." The colleges have complied with the statutory requirements for name changes.<sup>9</sup>

The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.

### IV. Constitutional Issues:

#### A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

#### B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

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College of Florida, South Florida State College, St. Johns River State College, Santa Fe College, St. Petersburg College, State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Valencia College), Section 1000.21, F.S.

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

<sup>5</sup> Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, *Accreditation Actions Taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees*, Dec. 4, 2016; p. 2. [https://www.usg.edu/assets/academic\\_programs/documents/SACS\\_December\\_2016\\_Actions\\_Disclosure\\_Statement.pdf](https://www.usg.edu/assets/academic_programs/documents/SACS_December_2016_Actions_Disclosure_Statement.pdf) (last visited Mar. 6, 2019).

<sup>6</sup> Florida Board of Education, State Board of Education Agenda, Action Item, Sept. 23, 2016, <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/18330/urlt/bacc.pdf> (last visited Feb 26, 2019); Florida Board of Education, State Board of Education Agenda, Action Item, Oct. 26, 2016, <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/18349/urlt/minutes.pdf> (last visited Feb. 26, 2019).

<sup>7</sup> Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, *Accreditation Actions Taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees*, Jun. 15, 2017; p. 3. [https://www.usg.edu/assets/academic\\_programs/documents/sacs\\_june\\_2017\\_accreditation\\_actions.pdf](https://www.usg.edu/assets/academic_programs/documents/sacs_june_2017_accreditation_actions.pdf) (last visited Feb. 26, 2019).

<sup>8</sup> SB 946 (2018) and CS/HB 619 (2018).

<sup>9</sup> Email, Florida Department of Education (March 8, 2018).

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill does not have an impact to state revenues or expenditures.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends section 1001.21 of the Florida Statutes.

**IX. Additional Information:**

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.