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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Senator Rodrigues moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Delete lines 266 - 276

and insert:

(2) ACCREDITATION.-By September 1, 2022, the Board of
Governors, for state universities, and the State Board of
Education, for Florida College System institutions, shall
identify and make a determination of the accrediting agencies or
associations, respectively, that are best suited to serve as an
accreditor for state universities and Florida College System
institutions. Such accrediting agencies or associations must be



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12 recognized by the database created and maintained by the United
13 States Department of Education. A state university or Florida
14 College System institution may not be accredited by the same
15 accrediting agency or association for consecutive accreditation
16 cycles. In the year following reaffirmation or fifth-year review
17 by their accrediting agencies or associations, each state
18 university or Florida College System institution must seek and
19 obtain accreditation from an accrediting agency or association
20 identified by the Board of Governors or State Board of
21 Education, respectively, before its next reaffirmation date. The
22 requirements of this subsection are not applicable to those
23 professional, graduate, departmental, or certificate programs at
24 state universities or Florida College System institutions that
25 have specific accreditation requirements or best practices,
26 including, but not limited to, law, pharmacy, engineering, or
27 other similarly situated educational programs.

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29 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

30 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

31 Delete line 259
32 and insert:
33 Section 3. Effective upon becoming a law, section 1008.47,
34 Florida Statutes, is created to

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36 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

37 And the title is amended as follows:

38 Delete lines 18 - 27
39 and insert:
40 requiring the Board of Governors and State Board of



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41 Education to identify and determine accrediting
42 agencies or associations best suited for state
43 universities and Florida College System institutions,
44 respectively, by a certain date; providing
45 requirements for such accrediting agencies or
46 associations; prohibiting state universities and
47 Florida College System institutions from being
48 accredited by the same agency or association for
49 consecutive accreditation cycles; requiring state
50 universities and Florida College System institutions
51 to obtain accreditation from accrediting agencies or
52 associations identified by the Board of Governors or
53 State Board of Education, respectively; providing that
54 specified academic programs are exempt from such
55 requirements; creating a cause of