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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

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Senator Diaz moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

Delete lines 266 - 276

and insert:

(2) ACCREDITATION.—By July 1, 2022, the Board of Governors, for state universities, and the State Board of Education, for Florida College System institutions, shall identify and determine the accrediting agencies or associations best suited to serve as an accreditor for state universities and Florida College System institutions. Such accrediting agencies or associations must be recognized by the database created and



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12 maintained by the United States Department of Education. A state  
13 university or Florida College System institution may not be  
14 accredited by the same accrediting agency or association for  
15 consecutive accreditation cycles. In the year following  
16 reaffirmation or fifth-year review by their accrediting agencies  
17 or associations, each state university or Florida College System  
18 institution must seek and obtain accreditation from an  
19 accrediting agency or association identified by the Board of  
20 Governors or State Board of Education, respectively, before its  
21 next reaffirmation date. The requirements of this subsection are  
22 not applicable to those professional, graduate, departmental, or  
23 certificate programs at state universities or Florida College  
24 System institutions that have specific accreditation  
25 requirements or best practices, including, but not limited to,  
26 law, pharmacy, engineering, or other similarly situated  
27 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 lines 259 - 260

32 and insert:

33 Section 3. Effective upon this act becoming a law, section  
34 1008.47, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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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 specified 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