

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the Florida College System; amending s.  
3       20.15, F.S.; redesignating the Division of Community  
4       Colleges as the Division of Florida Colleges; amending s.  
5       1000.21, F.S.; defining the terms "Florida college" and  
6       "community college"; specifying the counties served by  
7       each Florida college; renaming specified Florida colleges;  
8       amending s. 1001.60, F.S.; providing that the Florida  
9       College System consists of specified Florida colleges;  
10      authorizing a Florida college's board of trustees under  
11      specified circumstances to change the institution's name  
12      to "college" or "state college"; requiring the board of  
13      trustees to seek legislative codification of name changes;  
14      conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending  
15      s. 1004.65, F.S.; providing that Florida colleges shall be  
16      governed by a district board of trustees; defining a  
17      Florida college district; providing that the open-door  
18      admission policy of Florida colleges applies to its lower  
19      division programs; providing that the primary mission of a  
20      Florida college includes the provision of upper level  
21      instruction and baccalaureate degrees as authorized by  
22      law; conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
23      repealing s. 1004.73, F.S., relating to St. Petersburg  
24      College; repealing s. 1004.875, F.S., relating to the  
25      State College Pilot Project; amending s. 1007.23, F.S.;  
26      providing that associate in arts graduates of Florida  
27      colleges must be granted admission to the upper division  
28      of a Florida College and shall receive priority for such

29 admission over out-of-state students; requiring specified  
 30 publications of Florida colleges and state universities to  
 31 include an explanation of a specified provision of the  
 32 articulation agreement; conforming provisions to changes  
 33 made by the act; amending s. 1007.33, F.S.; providing that  
 34 Florida colleges may offer specified baccalaureate degree  
 35 programs through agreements with regionally accredited  
 36 postsecondary educational institutions; authorizing  
 37 Florida colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs  
 38 authorized by law prior to the act's effective date;  
 39 requiring State Board of Education approval for  
 40 baccalaureate degree programs proposed by a Florida  
 41 College after the act's effective date; specifying the  
 42 purposes for which a baccalaureate degree program may be  
 43 proposed; specifying the approval process for  
 44 baccalaureate degree programs; specifying requirements for  
 45 Florida colleges approved to offer baccalaureate degree  
 46 programs; providing an exemption from the requirement for  
 47 State Board of Education approval for specified  
 48 baccalaureate degree programs offered by St. Petersburg  
 49 College; providing that other Florida colleges may request  
 50 under specified circumstances that the State Board of  
 51 Education review its baccalaureate degree programs to  
 52 determine whether the college should be recommended to  
 53 receive a statutory exemption from the requirement of  
 54 State Board of Education approval for future baccalaureate  
 55 degree programs; requiring the State Board of Education to

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56 |       adopt specified rules; conforming provisions to changes  
57 |       made by the act; providing an effective date.

59 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

61 |       Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 20.15, Florida  
62 | Statutes, is amended to read:

63 |       20.15 Department of Education.--There is created a  
64 | Department of Education.

65 |       (3) DIVISIONS.--The following divisions of the Department  
66 | of Education are established:

- 67 |       (a) Division of Florida Colleges ~~Community Colleges~~.
- 68 |       (b) Division of Public Schools.
- 69 |       (c) Division of Workforce Education.
- 70 |       (d) Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.
- 71 |       (e) Division of Blind Services.
- 72 |       (f) Division of Accountability, Research, and Measurement.
- 73 |       (g) Division of Finance and Operations.

74 |       Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 1000.21, Florida  
75 | Statutes, is amended to read:

76 |       1000.21 Systemwide definitions.--As used in the Florida K-  
77 | 20 Education Code:

78 |       (3) "Florida college" or "community college," ~~"Community~~  
79 | ~~college,"~~ except as otherwise specifically provided, includes  
80 | all of the following public postsecondary educational  
81 | institutions in the Florida College System and any branch  
82 | campuses, centers, or other affiliates of the institution:

- 83 |       (a) Brevard Community College which serves Brevard County.

- 84 (b) Broward College which serves Broward County.
- 85 (c) Central Florida Community College which serves Citrus,
- 86 Levy, and Marion Counties.
- 87 (d) Chipola College which serves Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson,
- 88 Liberty, and Washington Counties.
- 89 (e) Daytona Beach State College which serves Flagler and
- 90 Volusia Counties.
- 91 (f) Edison State College which serves Charlotte, Collier,
- 92 Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties.
- 93 (g) Florida State ~~Community~~ College at Jacksonville which
- 94 serves Duval and Nassau Counties.
- 95 (h) Florida Keys Community College which serves Monroe
- 96 County.
- 97 (i) Gulf Coast Community College which serves Bay,
- 98 Franklin, and Gulf Counties.
- 99 (j) Hillsborough Community College which serves
- 100 Hillsborough County.
- 101 (k) Indian River State College which serves Indian River,
- 102 Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie Counties.
- 103 (l) Lake City Community College which serves Baker,
- 104 Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, and Union Counties.
- 105 (m) Lake-Sumter Community College which serves Lake and
- 106 Sumter Counties.
- 107 (n) Manatee Community College which serves Manatee and
- 108 Sarasota Counties.
- 109 (o) Miami Dade College which serves Miami-Dade County.
- 110 (p) North Florida Community College which serves Hamilton,
- 111 Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, and Taylor Counties.

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112 (q) Northwest Florida State Okaloosa-Walton College which  
 113 serves Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

114 (r) Palm Beach Community College which serves Palm Beach  
 115 County.

116 (s) Pasco-Hernando Community College which serves Hernando  
 117 and Pasco Counties.

118 (t) Pensacola Junior College which serves Escambia and  
 119 Santa Rosa Counties.

120 (u) Polk College which serves Polk County.

121 (v) St. Johns River Community College which serves Clay,  
 122 Putnam, and St. Johns Counties.

123 (w) St. Petersburg College which serves Pinellas County.

124 (x) Santa Fe College which serves Alachua and Bradford  
 125 Counties.

126 (y) Seminole Community College which serves Seminole  
 127 County.

128 (z) South Florida Community College which serves DeSoto,  
 129 Hardee, and Highlands Counties.

130 (aa) Tallahassee Community College which serves Gadsden,  
 131 Leon, and Wakulla Counties.

132 (bb) Valencia Community College which serves Orange and  
 133 Osceola Counties.

134 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 1001.60, Florida  
 135 Statutes, is amended to read:

136 1001.60 Florida College System.--

137 (2) FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM.--There shall be a single  
 138 Florida College System comprised of the Florida colleges public  
 139 postsecondary educational institutions identified in s.

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140 1000.21(3) ~~that grant 2-year and 4-year academic degrees as~~  
 141 ~~provided by law. A Florida college~~ An institution within the  
 142 ~~Florida College System~~ may not offer graduate degree programs.

143 (a) The programs and services offered by Florida colleges  
 144 ~~institutions in the Florida College System~~ in providing  
 145 associate and baccalaureate degrees shall be delivered in a  
 146 cost-effective manner that demonstrates substantial savings to  
 147 the student and to the state over the cost of providing the  
 148 degree at a state university.

149 (b)~~1.~~ With the approval of its district ~~the institution's~~  
 150 ~~local~~ board of trustees, a ~~an institution in the Florida college~~  
 151 ~~College System~~ may change the institution's name set forth in s.  
 152 1000.21(3) and use the designation:

153 1. "State college," in lieu of "community college," "junior  
 154 college," or "college," if it has been authorized to grant  
 155 baccalaureate degrees pursuant to ~~s. 1004.73 or s. 1007.33~~ and  
 156 has been accredited as a baccalaureate-degree-granting  
 157 institution by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern  
 158 Association of Colleges and Schools; or

159 2. "College," in lieu of "community college," or "junior  
 160 college," if it receives ~~has received~~ approval from the State  
 161 Board of Education for the name change and ~~pursuant to this~~  
 162 ~~paragraph.~~

163 ~~2. With the approval of an institution's local board of~~  
 164 ~~trustees, any institution in the Florida College System may~~  
 165 ~~request approval from the State Board of Education to change the~~  
 166 ~~institution's name and use the designation "college." The State~~  
 167 ~~Board of Education may approve the request if the institution~~

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168 enters into an agreement with the State Board of Education to do  
 169 the following:

170 a. Maintain as its ~~the institution's~~ primary mission  
 171 responsibility for responding to community needs for  
 172 postsecondary academic education and career degree education as  
 173 prescribed in s. 1004.65(5) ~~s. 1004.65(6)~~.

174 b. Maintain an open-door admissions policy for associate-  
 175 level degree programs and workforce education programs.

176 c. Continue to provide outreach to underserved  
 177 populations.

178 d. Continue to provide remedial education.

179 e. Comply with all provisions of the statewide  
 180 articulation agreement that relate to 2-year and 4-year public  
 181 degree-granting institutions as adopted by the State Board of  
 182 Education pursuant to s. 1007.23.

183 (c) A district board of trustees that changes the name of  
 184 an institution under paragraph (b) must seek statutory  
 185 codification of such name change in s. 1000.21(3) during the  
 186 next regular legislative session.

187 (d) 3. A Florida college ~~An institution in the Florida~~  
 188 ~~College System~~ shall not use the designation "university."

189 Section 4. Section 1004.65, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 190 to read:

191 1004.65 Florida Community colleges; governance,  
 192 ~~definition,~~ mission, and responsibilities.--

193 (1) Each Florida college ~~Community colleges~~ shall be  
 194 governed ~~consist of all public educational institutions operated~~

195 by a ~~community college~~ district board ~~boards~~ of trustees under  
 196 statutory authority and rules of the State Board of Education.

197 (2) Each Florida ~~community~~ college district:

198 (a) Shall consist of the county or counties the Florida  
 199 college serves pursuant to s. 1000.21(3); ~~authorized by law and~~

200 (b) Shall be the Department of Education ~~Is~~ an independent,  
 201 separate, legal entity created for the operation of a Florida  
 202 ~~community~~ college.

203 (3) ~~A community college may provide adult education~~  
 204 ~~services, including adult basic education, adult general~~  
 205 ~~education, adult secondary education, and General Educational~~  
 206 ~~Development test instruction.~~

207 ~~(4)~~ Florida ~~The community~~ colleges are locally based and  
 208 governed entities with statutory and funding ties to state  
 209 government. As such, the ~~community colleges'~~ mission for Florida  
 210 colleges reflects a commitment to be responsive to local  
 211 educational needs and challenges. In achieving this mission,  
 212 Florida ~~the community~~ colleges strive to maintain sufficient  
 213 local authority and flexibility while preserving appropriate  
 214 legal accountability to the state.

215 (4) ~~(5)~~ As comprehensive institutions, Florida ~~the~~  
 216 ~~community~~ colleges shall provide high-quality, affordable  
 217 education and training opportunities, shall foster a climate of  
 218 excellence, and shall provide opportunities to all while  
 219 combining high standards with an open-door admission policy for  
 220 lower division programs. Florida ~~The community~~ colleges shall,  
 221 as open-access institutions, serve all who can benefit, without  
 222 regard to age, race, gender, creed, or ethnic or economic



223 background, while emphasizing the achievement of social and  
 224 educational equity so that all can be prepared for full  
 225 participation in society.

226 (5) ~~(6)~~ The primary mission and responsibility of Florida  
 227 ~~community~~ colleges is responding to community needs for  
 228 postsecondary academic education and career degree education.  
 229 This mission and responsibility includes being responsible for:

230 (a) Providing lower level undergraduate instruction and  
 231 awarding associate degrees.

232 (b) Preparing students directly for careers requiring less  
 233 than baccalaureate degrees. This may include preparing for job  
 234 entry, supplementing of skills and knowledge, and responding to  
 235 needs in new areas of technology. Career education in a Florida  
 236 ~~the community~~ college shall consist of career certificates,  
 237 credit courses leading to associate in science degrees and  
 238 associate in applied science degrees, and other programs in  
 239 fields requiring substantial academic work, background, or  
 240 qualifications. A Florida Community college may offer career  
 241 education programs in fields having lesser academic or technical  
 242 requirements.

243 (c) Providing student development services, including  
 244 assessment, student tracking, support for disabled students,  
 245 advisement, counseling, financial aid, career development, and  
 246 remedial and tutorial services, to ensure student success.

247 (d) Promoting economic development for the state within  
 248 each Florida community college district through the provision of  
 249 special programs, including, but not limited to, the:

250 1. Enterprise Florida-related programs.

251 2. Technology transfer centers.

252 3. Economic development centers.

253 4. Workforce literacy programs.

254 (e) Providing dual enrollment instruction.

255 ~~(7) A separate and secondary role for community colleges~~

256 ~~includes:~~

257 (f) ~~(a)~~ Providing upper level instruction and awarding

258 baccalaureate degrees as specifically authorized by law.

259 (6) A separate and secondary role for Florida colleges

260 includes

261 ~~(b)~~ the offering of programs in:

262 (a) 1- Community services that are not directly related to

263 academic or occupational advancement.

264 (b) 2- Adult general education services, including adult

265 basic education, adult general education, adult secondary

266 education, and General Educational Development test instruction.

267 (c) 3- Recreational and leisure services.

268 (7) ~~(8)~~ Funding for Florida ~~community~~ colleges shall

269 reflect their mission as follows:

270 (a) Postsecondary academic and career education programs

271 and adult general education programs shall have first priority

272 in Florida ~~community~~ college funding.

273 (b) Community service programs shall be presented to the

274 Legislature with rationale for state funding. The Legislature

275 may identify priority areas for use of these funds.

276 (8) ~~(9)~~ Florida ~~Community~~ colleges are authorized to:

277 (a) Offer such programs and courses as are necessary to

278 fulfill their mission. ~~and are authorized to~~

279           **(b)** Grant associate in arts degrees, associate in science  
 280 degrees, associate in applied science degrees, certificates,  
 281 awards, and diplomas.

282           **(c)** ~~Each community college is also authorized to~~ Make  
 283 provisions for the General Educational Development test.

284           **(d)** ~~Each community college may~~ Provide access to  
 285 baccalaureate degrees in accordance with law.

286           Section 5. Section 1004.73, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

287           Section 6. Section 1004.875, Florida Statutes, is  
 288 repealed.

289           Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 1007.23, Florida  
 290 Statutes, is amended to read:

291           1007.23 Statewide articulation agreement.--

292           **(2)(a)** The articulation agreement must specifically provide  
 293 that every associate in arts graduate of a Florida ~~community~~  
 294 college shall have met all general education requirements and  
 295 must be granted admission to the upper division of a:

296           **1.** State university, except for ~~to~~ a limited access or  
 297 teacher certification program or a major program requiring an  
 298 audition.

299           **2.** Florida college if it offers baccalaureate degree  
 300 programs, except for a limited access or teacher certification  
 301 program or a major program requiring an audition.

302           **(b)** Florida ~~Community~~ college associate in arts graduates  
 303 shall receive priority for admission to the upper division of a  
 304 Florida college and a state university over out-of-state  
 305 students. Orientation programs, catalogs, and student handbooks  
 306 provided to freshman enrollees and transfer students at Florida

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307 colleges and state universities must include an explanation of  
 308 this provision of the articulation agreement.

309 Section 8. Section 1007.33, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 310 to read:

311 1007.33 Site-determined baccalaureate degree access.--

312 (1) The Legislature recognizes that public and private  
 313 postsecondary educational institutions play essential roles in  
 314 improving the quality of life and economic well-being of the  
 315 state and its residents. The Legislature also recognizes that  
 316 economic development needs and the educational needs of place-  
 317 bound, nontraditional students have increased the demand for  
 318 local access to baccalaureate degree programs. ~~In some, but not~~  
 319 ~~all, geographic regions, baccalaureate degree programs are being~~  
 320 ~~delivered successfully at the local community college through~~  
 321 ~~agreements between the community college and 4-year~~  
 322 ~~postsecondary institutions within or outside of the state.~~ It is  
 323 therefore the intent of the Legislature to further expand access  
 324 to baccalaureate degree programs through the use of Florida  
 325 ~~community~~ colleges.

326 (2)(a) A Florida community college may:

327 1. Offer specified baccalaureate degree programs ~~enter into~~  
 328 ~~a formal agreement pursuant to the provisions of s. 1007.22 for~~  
 329 ~~the delivery of specified baccalaureate degree programs through~~  
 330 formal agreements between the Florida college and other  
 331 regionally accredited postsecondary educational institutions.

332 2. Offer baccalaureate degree programs that were authorized  
 333 by law prior to July 1, 2009.

334 3. Establish, beginning July 1, 2009, a first or subsequent

335 ~~(3)(a) A community college may develop a proposal to~~  
 336 ~~deliver specified baccalaureate degree program for purposes of~~  
 337 ~~meeting district, regional, or statewide programs in its~~  
 338 ~~district to meet local workforce needs when approved by the~~  
 339 ~~State Board of Education under this section, except as provided~~  
 340 ~~in paragraph (b).~~

341 (b)1. Beginning July 1, 2009, the Board of Trustees of the  
 342 St. Petersburg College is authorized to establish:

343 a. One or more bachelor of applied science degree programs  
 344 based on an analysis of workforce needs in the following  
 345 counties: Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, and other counties approved  
 346 by the Department of Education. For each program selected, St.  
 347 Petersburg College must offer a related associate in science or  
 348 associate in applied science degree program, and the  
 349 baccalaureate degree level program must be designed to  
 350 articulate fully with at least one associate in science degree  
 351 program. The college is encouraged to develop articulation  
 352 agreements for enrollment of graduates of related associate in  
 353 applied science degree programs.

354 b. Additional baccalaureate degree programs if it  
 355 determines the program is warranted and feasible based on each  
 356 of the factors in paragraph (3)(d) and its coordinating board  
 357 under subparagraph 2. approves the program. The determination  
 358 must consider community needs and economic opportunities.

359 2. The coordinating board for St. Petersburg College shall  
 360 consist of the President of the University of South Florida, the  
 361 President of St. Petersburg College, the President of Pasco-  
 362 Hernando Community College, and the chairs of the boards of

363 trustees of those institutions. The coordinating board shall  
 364 assist the board of trustees in its deliberations concerning  
 365 issues that affect the upper division of St. Petersburg College  
 366 and shall meet at the request of the President of the University  
 367 of South Florida or the President of St. Petersburg College. If  
 368 the coordinating board cannot decide an issue of importance to  
 369 the programs designed for upper-division students, the State  
 370 Board of Education shall resolve the issue.

371 (c) Seven years following a Florida college's authorization  
 372 to establish one or more baccalaureate degree programs under  
 373 subparagraphs (a)2. or 3. and receipt of accreditation from the  
 374 Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges  
 375 and Schools as a baccalaureate-degree-granting institution, a  
 376 Florida college may request that the State Board of Education  
 377 review its baccalaureate degree program or programs for purposes  
 378 of determining whether its board of trustees should be  
 379 statutorily exempted from the requirement in subparagraph (a)3.  
 380 for State Board of Education approval of future baccalaureate  
 381 degree programs. After conducting such review, the State Board  
 382 of Education shall provide to the Legislature a written  
 383 recommendation, including the reasons therefore, which indicates  
 384 whether such exemption is warranted. The recommendation shall be  
 385 submitted to the Legislature at least 90 days before its next  
 386 regular session.

387 (d) Authority to offer one or more baccalaureate degree  
 388 programs does not alter the governance relationship of the  
 389 Florida college with its district board of trustees or the State  
 390 Board of Education.

391 (e) For purposes of this section, the term "district" means  
 392 the county or counties a Florida college serves pursuant to s.  
 393 1001.21(3).

394 ~~A community college may also develop proposals to deliver~~  
 395 ~~baccalaureate degree programs in math and science which would~~  
 396 ~~prepare graduates to enter a teaching position in math or~~  
 397 ~~science.~~

398 (3) ~~(b)~~ The approval process for baccalaureate degree  
 399 programs shall require: community college's proposal must be  
 400 submitted to the State Board of Education for approval.

401 ~~(c) The community college's proposal must include the~~  
 402 ~~following information:~~

403 ~~1. Demand for the baccalaureate degree program is~~  
 404 ~~identified by the workforce development board, local businesses~~  
 405 ~~and industry, local chambers of commerce, and potential~~  
 406 ~~students.~~

407 ~~2. Unmet need for graduates of the proposed degree program~~  
 408 ~~is substantiated.~~

409 ~~3. The community college has the facilities and academic~~  
 410 ~~resources to deliver the program.~~

411 (a) ~~(d)~~ Each Florida college to submit a community college  
 412 that plans to submit a proposal pursuant to this subsection  
 413 shall submit notice of its intent to propose a baccalaureate  
 414 degree program to the Division of Florida Colleges at least 100  
 415 days prior to submission of its proposal under paragraph (d).  
 416 The notice must include State Board of Education, including a  
 417 brief description of: the program; the workforce demand and  
 418 unmet need for graduates of the program; the geographic region

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419 ~~to be served; that will be proposed~~ and an estimated timeframe  
 420 for implementation, ~~at least 90 days prior to submitting the~~  
 421 ~~proposal.~~ Notices of intent may be submitted by a Florida  
 422 college at any time throughout the year.

423 (b) The Division of Florida Colleges to State Board of  
 424 Education shall forward the notice of intent within 10 business  
 425 days following receipt to the Chancellor of the State University  
 426 System, the President of the Independent Colleges and  
 427 Universities of Florida, and the Executive Director of the  
 428 Council for Independent Education advise state universities and  
 429 ~~each regionally accredited private college and university that~~  
 430 ~~is chartered in and has its primary campus located in the state~~  
 431 ~~of the community college's notice of intent.~~ State universities  
 432 shall have 60 days following receipt of the notice by the  
 433 Chancellor of the State University System to submit an  
 434 alternative proposal to offer the baccalaureate degree program  
 435 ~~on the community college campus. If the state board does not~~  
 436 ~~receive~~ a proposal from a state university is not received  
 437 within the 60-day time period ~~or if the university proposal is~~  
 438 ~~not approved,~~ the state board shall provide ~~the~~ regionally  
 439 accredited private colleges and universities 30 days to submit  
 440 an alternative proposal. Alternative proposals shall be  
 441 submitted to the Division of Florida Colleges and must be  
 442 considered by the State Board of Education in making its  
 443 decision to approve or deny a Florida college's proposal.

444 (c) An alternative proposal submitted by a state university  
 445 or private college or university to ~~must~~ adequately address:



446 1. The extent to which the workforce demand and unmet need  
 447 described in the notice of intent will be met.

448 2. The extent to which students will be able to complete  
 449 the degree in the geographic region proposed to be served by the  
 450 Florida community college district.

451 3. ~~2.~~ The level of financial commitment of the college or  
 452 university to the development, implementation, and maintenance  
 453 of the specified degree program, including timelines.

454 4. ~~3.~~ The extent to which faculty at both the Florida  
 455 ~~community~~ college and the college or university will collaborate  
 456 in the development and offering of the curriculum.

457 5. ~~4.~~ The ability of the Florida community college and the  
 458 college or university to develop and approve the curriculum for  
 459 the specified degree program within 6 months after an agreement  
 460 between the Florida community college and the college or  
 461 university is signed.

462 6. ~~5.~~ The extent to which the student may incur additional  
 463 costs above what the student would expect to incur if the  
 464 program were offered by the Florida community college.

465 ~~(c) The State Board of Education must consider the~~  
 466 ~~alternative proposals in making its decision to approve or deny~~  
 467 ~~a community college's proposal.~~

468 (d) Each proposal submitted by a Florida college to, at a  
 469 minimum, include:

470 1. A description of the planning process and timeline for  
 471 implementation.

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472 2. An analysis of workforce demand and unmet need for  
473 graduates of the program on a district, regional, or statewide  
474 basis, as appropriate.

475 3. Identification of the facilities, equipment, and library  
476 and academic resources that will be utilized to deliver the  
477 program.

478 4. The program's admission requirements, academic content,  
479 curriculum, faculty credentials, student-to-teacher ratios, and  
480 accreditation plan.

481 5. The program's enrollment projections and funding  
482 requirements.

483 6. A plan of action if the program is terminated.

484 (e) The Division of Florida Colleges to review the  
485 proposal, notify the Florida college of any ~~(f) If no~~  
486 ~~alternative proposal is received or approved and the State Board~~  
487 ~~of Education determines that a community college proposal is~~  
488 ~~deficient, the state board must notify the community college of~~  
489 ~~the deficiencies in writing~~ within 15 days following receipt of  
490 the proposal, and provide the Florida community college with an  
491 ~~the opportunity to correct the deficiencies. Within 45 days~~  
492 following receipt of a completed proposal by the Division of  
493 Florida Colleges, the Commissioner of Education shall recommend  
494 approval or disapproval of the proposal to the State Board of  
495 Education. The State Board of Education shall consider that  
496 recommendation, the proposal, and any alternative proposals at  
497 its next meeting. If the State Board of Education disapproves  
498 the Florida college's proposal, it shall provide the Florida  
499 college with written reasons for that determination.

500 ~~(f) (g) Upon approval of the State Board of Education for~~  
 501 ~~the specific degree program or programs, The Florida community~~  
 502 ~~college to obtain from shall pursue regional accreditation by~~  
 503 ~~the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of~~  
 504 ~~Colleges and Schools:~~

505 1. Accreditation as a baccalaureate-degree-granting  
 506 institution, if approved by the State Board of Education to  
 507 offer its first baccalaureate ~~for the specific degree program;~~  
 508 or

509 2. Accreditation approval for subsequent baccalaureate  
 510 degree programs that are approved by the State Board of  
 511 Education or programs,.

512 ~~(h) Any additional baccalaureate degree programs the~~  
 513 ~~community college wishes to offer must be approved by the State~~  
 514 ~~Board of Education.~~

515 (4) (i) Any Florida college that offers one or more  
 516 baccalaureate degree programs must:

517 (a) Maintain, as its primary mission:

518 1. Responsibility for responding to community needs for  
 519 postsecondary academic education and career degree education as  
 520 prescribed in s. 1004.65(6).

521 2. The provision of associate degrees that provide access  
 522 to a university.

523 (b) Maintain an open-door admissions policy for associate-  
 524 level degree programs and workforce education programs.

525 (c) Continue to provide outreach to underserved  
 526 populations.

527 (d) Continue to provide remedial education.

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528 (e) Comply with all provisions of the statewide  
 529 articulation agreement that relate to 2-year and 4-year public  
 530 degree-granting institutions as adopted by the State Board of  
 531 Education pursuant to s. 1007.23.

532 (f) Not award graduate credit.

533 (g) Not participate in intercollegiate athletics beyond  
 534 the 2-year level.

535 ~~Approval by the State Board of Education of a community college~~  
 536 ~~proposal to deliver a specified baccalaureate degree program~~  
 537 ~~does not alter the governance relationship of the community~~  
 538 ~~college with its local board of trustees or the State Board of~~  
 539 ~~Education.~~

540 (5) ~~(4)~~ A Florida ~~community~~ college may not terminate its  
 541 associate in arts or associate in science degree programs as a  
 542 result of being authorized to offer one or more baccalaureate  
 543 degree programs ~~the authorization provided in subsection (3).~~  
 544 The Legislature intends that the primary responsibility ~~mission~~  
 545 of a Florida ~~community~~ college, including a Florida ~~community~~  
 546 college that offers baccalaureate degree programs, continues to  
 547 be the provision of associate degrees that provide access to a  
 548 university.

549 (6) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to  
 550 prescribe format and content requirements and submission  
 551 procedures for notices of intent, proposals, and alternative  
 552 proposals under subsection (3).

553 Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.