

VALENCIA COLLEGE

2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VALENCIA COLLEGE
FEBRUARY 22, 2017

Bills of Interest

Higher Education Program Bills

► **SB 2 (Galvano)/HB3 (Avila) “Florida Excellence in Higher Education Act of 2017”**

Section 2. Revises the FCS Performance-Based Incentive program (sec. 1001.66, F.S.). The bill strikes previously established performance metrics and establishes new metrics for performance-based funding. The new metrics established in the bill are:

- The distinguished college performance measures specified in 1001.67(1), F.S.;
- A graduation rate for FTIC college students enrolled in an AA program who graduate with a baccalaureate degree in 4 years after enrolling in an AA program; and
- One performance-based metric on college affordability adopted by the State Board of Education.

Section 3. Revises the Distinguished Florida College System Institution Program (1001.67). The bill revises previously established standards of excellence. Specifically, the bill would:

- Revise the percent-of-normal-time completion rate of 50 percent or higher to 100 percent (from 150 percent);
- Revise the percent-of-normal-time completion rate for Pell Grant recipients of 40 percent or higher to 100 percent (from 150 percent);
- In addition to requiring colleges to demonstrate a continuing education or job placement rate of 88 percent or higher for workforce programs, require colleges to demonstrate wage thresholds that reflect the added value of the applicable certificate or degree, excluding the AA degree; and
- Have an excess hours rate of 40 percent or lower for AA degree recipients who graduate with 72 or more credit hours.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

TO: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: 10/15/54

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BY: [Signature]

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Reference is made to the report of the [Name] dated [Date] regarding [Subject].

The [Name] has advised that [Description of findings or actions].

It is noted that [Additional details or context].

The [Name] has also indicated that [Further information].

It is recommended that [Suggestion or action].

The [Name] has agreed to [Commitment or next steps].

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Title]

[Address]

[City, State, Zip]

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- Metrics on retention rates, continuing education (or transfer) rates for AA students, and NCLEX-RN exam rates previously established remain in effect.

▶ **SB 374 (Hukill) “College Competitiveness Act of 2017”**

▶ **Creates New State Board of Community Colleges**

Section 2:

- Renames the Florida College System as the Florida Community College System.
- Creates the State Board of Community Colleges with members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate.
- Moves the new Board from under the State Board of Education.
- The new Board appoints a Chancellor.

Section 3: The Department of Education is to continue to provide support services to the State Board of Community Colleges.

Section 4:

- The State Board is the head of the Florida Community College System.
- The State Board shall be organized and select a chair and vice-chair by September 30, 2017 and assume responsibility for management of the system on October 1, 2017.

Section 5: The State Board of Community Colleges is to oversee the system and enforce the laws related to the system. Wasteful duplication of programs is to be avoided

Section 7:

- Removes powers currently assigned to the State Board of Education relating to the Florida College System and places those responsibilities with the State Board of Community Colleges.
- Prohibits the State Board of Education from amending the budget request or the 3-year PECO request of the State Board of Community Colleges.

Section 13-14: Prohibits either a Technical Center governing board from authorizing a center to offer any college level course, certificate, or program, or for a career center to offer any college level course, certificate, or program if it is operated by a district school board.

Section 16: Establishes the State Board of Community Colleges with 13 members including a student member and the Commissioner of Education. Terms are to be staggered and for four years. A member may be reappointed to one additional 4 year term.

Section 17: Establishes the powers and duties of the State Board of Community Colleges.

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► **Restrictions on Colleges' offering of new Baccalaureate Degrees**

Section 38: Removes as a primary mission and responsibility of Florida College System institutions the provision of upper level instruction and awarding of baccalaureate degrees and redesignates as a separate and secondary role of the institutions.

Section 64:

- Specifies that the State Board of Community Colleges must approve any new baccalaureate degree programs offered by a college. Language further states that Bachelor of Arts degree programs may not be offered by a Florida Community College institution.
- The length of time a college must provide as notice of intent to offer a new baccalaureate degree program is increased from 100 days to 365 days (one year). Likewise, the time for raising an objection against a proposed new program is increased to 180 days from the current 60 days.
- The bill proposes various substantive changes to the state approval process for new college baccalaureate degree programs with respect to program justification, including the requirement of review and verification by multiple third party consultants which are independent of the institution.
- The bill requires the State Board of Community Colleges to require a district board of trustees to terminate a baccalaureate degree program in the event that an annual review indicates negative program performance and compliance results, and the needs assessment fails to demonstrate a need for the program.
- Another significant change is the placing of an enrollment cap on the enrollment a college may have in its upper level degree programs. For example if a college's baccalaureate degree FTE is below 8% of last years' total student FTE enrollment, then upper level enrollment may not increase by more than 4 percentage points without prior legislative approval.

Distance Education

- **SB 668 (Bean)/HB 859 (Mariano)** Would authorize the State of Florida to participate in a national reciprocity agreement with other states for delivery of postsecondary distance education. Postsecondary institutions in may apply to a newly created Council to participate in the reciprocity agreement.

Gun Bills

- ▶ **SB 140 (Steube) and SB 622 (Steube)** Would authorize a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee to carry a concealed weapon or firearm into any college or university facility. Also, would delete an exception authorizing a student, employee, or faculty licensee to carry specified nonlethal weapons into any college or university facility.
- ▶ **SB 908 (Baxley)/HB 803(Hahnfeld)** Would authorize a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee to carry a concealed weapon or firearm into any college or university facility. Also, would delete an exception authorizing a student, employee, or faculty licensee to carry specified nonlethal weapons into any college or university facility.
- ▶ **SB 140 (Steube) and SB 644 (Steube)** Would authorize a concealed weapons or firearms licensee to openly carry a handgun.

Waiver of Out of State Fees for Undocumented Students

- ▶ **SB 82 (Steube)** Would delete a requirement that a state university, Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district, or charter technical career center waive out-of-state fees for certain students, including certain undocumented students, who meet specified requirements.

Public Records/Open Meetings

- ▶ **HB 351 (Rommel)/SB 478 (Passidomo)** Would provide an exemption from public records requirements for any personal identifying information of an applicant for president, provost, or dean of a state university or Florida College System institution; and would provide an exemption from public meeting requirements for any meeting held for the purpose of identifying or vetting applicants for president, provost, or dean of a state university or Florida College System institution and for any portion of a meeting held for the purpose of establishing qualifications of, or any compensation framework to be offered to, such potential applicants that would disclose personal identifying information of an applicant or potential applicant.

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