

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to postsecondary education funding;  
 3           amending s. 282.201, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
 4           changes made by the act; amending s. 1000.21, F.S.;  
 5           revising the name of South Florida Community College;  
 6           providing for contingent effect; amending s. 1001.706,  
 7           F.S.; authorizing the Board of Governors to transfer  
 8           certain funds between state universities; amending s.  
 9           1001.73, F.S.; providing a restriction on the transfer  
 10          of certain funds by a state university board of  
 11          trustees; providing procedures for additional transfer  
 12          of funds; amending s. 1003.4156, F.S.; conforming  
 13          provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s.  
 14          1004.09, F.S., relating to the Florida Higher  
 15          Education Distance Learning Catalog; repealing s.  
 16          1004.091, F.S., relating to the Florida Distance  
 17          Learning Consortium; amending ss. 1004.39, 1004.40,  
 18          and 1006.72, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes  
 19          made by the act; creating s. 1006.73, F.S.;  
 20          establishing the Florida Virtual Campus to provide  
 21          access to online student and library support services  
 22          and to serve as a statewide resource and clearinghouse  
 23          for technology-based public postsecondary education  
 24          distance learning courses and degree programs;  
 25          requiring the Florida Virtual Campus to develop and  
 26          manage a library information portal and automated  
 27          library management tools, to develop and manage an  
 28          Internet-based catalog of distance learning courses,

29 | to implement an online admissions application process  
30 | for transient students, to develop and manage a  
31 | computer-assisted student advising system, to license  
32 | and acquire electronic library resources, to promote  
33 | and provide recommendations concerning the use and  
34 | distribution of open-access textbooks, to provide help  
35 | desk support to institutions and students, and to  
36 | identify and evaluate new technologies and  
37 | instructional methods; providing for the transfer of  
38 | assets and liabilities of the Florida Distance  
39 | Learning Consortium, the Florida Center for Library  
40 | Automation, the College Center for Library Automation,  
41 | and FACTS.org to the Florida Virtual Campus; requiring  
42 | recommendations to the Legislature; creating s.  
43 | 1006.735, F.S.; requiring the Florida Virtual Campus  
44 | to collaborate with specified postsecondary  
45 | educational institutions to implement the Degree  
46 | Completion Pilot Project to recruit, recover, and  
47 | retain adult learners and assist them in completing  
48 | degrees aligned to high-wage, high-skill workforce  
49 | needs; specifying components of the pilot project and  
50 | the tuition and fee structure to be used; requiring  
51 | the Florida Virtual Campus to submit a project plan to  
52 | the Legislature; amending s. 1007.01, F.S.; conforming  
53 | a cross-reference; amending s. 1007.27, F.S.;  
54 | conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
55 | repealing s. 1007.28, F.S., relating to a computer-  
56 | assisted student advising system; amending s.

57 | 1009.215, F.S.; revising provisions relating to  
58 | scholarship awards under a student enrollment pilot  
59 | program for the spring and summer terms; amending ss.  
60 | 1009.23 and 1009.24, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
61 | changes made by the act; amending s. 1009.286, F.S.,  
62 | relating to additional student payment for credit  
63 | hours exceeding baccalaureate degree program  
64 | completion requirements; including reference to  
65 | Florida College System institutions offering  
66 | baccalaureate degree programs; revising criteria for  
67 | the excess credit hour surcharge; amending ss.  
68 | 1009.531 and 1009.532, F.S.; revising eligibility  
69 | requirements for initial and renewal awards under the  
70 | Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; amending  
71 | ss. 1009.534, 1009.535, and 1009.536, F.S.; revising  
72 | provisions relating to the amount of a Florida  
73 | Academic Scholars award, a Florida Medallion Scholars  
74 | award, and a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars  
75 | award; revising student eligibility requirements for  
76 | renewal awards; providing that a student may earn a  
77 | Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship for credit  
78 | hours or equivalent clock hours to complete an applied  
79 | technology diploma program, a technical degree  
80 | education program, or a career certificate program;  
81 | amending s. 1009.60, F.S.; providing a duty of the  
82 | Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc., relating to  
83 | collections under the minority teacher education  
84 | scholars program; amending s. 1009.605, F.S.;

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85 providing a duty of the Florida Fund for Minority  
86 Teachers, Inc., relating to reporting; amending s.  
87 1009.70, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the  
88 Florida Education Fund; authorizing the Legislature to  
89 appropriate funds and providing the basis for matched  
90 funding and expenditures; requiring the fund to  
91 provide the Department of Education with its financial  
92 statement and annual report; revising the names of  
93 certain fellowship programs; providing requirements  
94 for the award of scholarships; deleting the legal  
95 education component of the fund which includes a law  
96 and pre-law program; amending ss. 1009.72 and 1009.73,  
97 F.S.; revising requirements for matching funds under  
98 the Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant Program and  
99 the Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship Program; amending  
100 s. 1011.80, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the  
101 reporting for funding purposes of certain students who  
102 are coenrolled in a K-12 education program and an  
103 adult education program; amending s. 1012.885, F.S.;  
104 extending provisions relating to remuneration of  
105 Florida College System institution presidents;  
106 reenacting and amending s. 1012.886, F.S.; delaying  
107 the expiration of provisions relating to the  
108 remuneration of Florida College System institution  
109 administrative employees; amending s. 1012.975, F.S.;  
110 extending provisions relating to remuneration of state  
111 university presidents; reenacting and amending s.  
112 1012.976, F.S.; delaying the expiration of provisions

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113 relating to the remuneration of state university  
 114 administrative employees; providing effective dates.  
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116 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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118 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
 119 282.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

120 282.201 State data center system; agency duties and  
 121 limitations.—A state data center system that includes all  
 122 primary data centers, other nonprimary data centers, and  
 123 computing facilities, and that provides an enterprise  
 124 information technology service as defined in s. 282.0041, is  
 125 established.

126 (4) SCHEDULE FOR CONSOLIDATIONS OF AGENCY DATA CENTERS.—

127 (b) By December 31, 2011, the following shall be  
 128 consolidated into the Northwest Regional Data Center:

129 1. The Department of Education's Knott Data Center in the  
 130 Turlington Building.

131 2. The Department of Education's Division of Vocational  
 132 Rehabilitation.

133 3. The Department of Education's Division of Blind  
 134 Services, except for the division's disaster recovery site in  
 135 Daytona Beach.

136 4. The FCAT Explorer.

137 ~~5. FACTS.org.~~

138 Section 2. Effective upon the institution receiving  
 139 accreditation of its baccalaureate degree programs by the  
 140 Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges

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141 and Schools, paragraph (z) of subsection (3) of section 1000.21,  
 142 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

143 1000.21 Systemwide definitions.—As used in the Florida K-  
 144 20 Education Code:

145 (3) "Florida College System institution" except as  
 146 otherwise specifically provided, includes all of the following  
 147 public postsecondary educational institutions in the Florida  
 148 College System and any branch campuses, centers, or other  
 149 affiliates of the institution:

150 (z) South Florida State ~~Community~~ College, which serves  
 151 DeSoto, Hardee, and Highlands Counties.

152 Section 3. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (4) of  
 153 section 1001.706, Florida Statutes, to read:

154 1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.—

155 (4) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO FINANCE.—

156 (e) The Board of Governors may transfer unused  
 157 appropriations from the Education/General Student and Other Fees  
 158 Trust Fund, pursuant to s. 1011.4106(2), between institutions.

159 Section 4. Subsection (5) is added to section 1001.73,  
 160 Florida Statutes, to read:

161 1001.73 University board empowered to act as trustee.—

162 (5) A board of trustees of a state university may not  
 163 transfer in excess of \$1 million in funds that are appropriated  
 164 to the state university in the General Revenue Fund, the  
 165 Educational Enhancement Trust Fund, and the Education/General  
 166 Student and Other Fees Trust Fund between the Education and  
 167 General Activities category and other program categories. A  
 168 board of trustees may request additional transfer authority from

169 the Board of Governors. Upon approval of the additional transfer  
 170 authority by the Board of Governors, the Board of Governors may  
 171 request a budget amendment to transfer appropriations for a  
 172 state university between categories in excess of \$1 million.  
 173 Such transfers are subject to review and approval by the  
 174 Legislative Budget Commission.

175 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
 176 1003.4156, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

177 1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades  
 178 promotion.—

179 (1) Promotion from a school composed of middle grades 6,  
 180 7, and 8 requires that:

181 (a) The student must successfully complete academic  
 182 courses as follows:

183 1. Three middle school or higher courses in English. These  
 184 courses shall emphasize literature, composition, and technical  
 185 text.

186 2. Three middle school or higher courses in mathematics.  
 187 Each middle school must offer at least one high school level  
 188 mathematics course for which students may earn high school  
 189 credit. Successful completion of a high school level Algebra I  
 190 or geometry course is not contingent upon the student's  
 191 performance on the end-of-course assessment required under s.  
 192 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I). However, beginning with the 2011-2012  
 193 school year, to earn high school credit for an Algebra I course,  
 194 a middle school student must pass the Algebra I end-of-course  
 195 assessment, and beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, to  
 196 earn high school credit for a geometry course, a middle school

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197 student must pass the geometry end-of-course assessment.

198 3. Three middle school or higher courses in social  
199 studies, one semester of which must include the study of state  
200 and federal government and civics education. Beginning with  
201 students entering grade 6 in the 2012-2013 school year, one of  
202 these courses must be at least a one-semester civics education  
203 course that a student successfully completes in accordance with  
204 s. 1008.22(3)(c) and that includes the roles and  
205 responsibilities of federal, state, and local governments; the  
206 structures and functions of the legislative, executive, and  
207 judicial branches of government; and the meaning and  
208 significance of historic documents, such as the Articles of  
209 Confederation, the Declaration of Independence, and the  
210 Constitution of the United States.

211 4. Three middle school or higher courses in science.  
212 Successful completion of a high school level Biology I course is  
213 not contingent upon the student's performance on the end-of-  
214 course assessment required under s. 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(II).  
215 However, beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, to earn high  
216 school credit for a Biology I course, a middle school student  
217 must pass the Biology I end-of-course assessment.

218 5. One course in career and education planning to be  
219 completed in 7th or 8th grade. The course may be taught by any  
220 member of the instructional staff; must include career  
221 exploration using Florida CHOICES or a comparable cost-effective  
222 program; must include educational planning using the online  
223 student advising system established pursuant to s. 1006.73 ~~known~~  
224 ~~as Florida Academic Counseling and Tracking for Students at the~~



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225 ~~Internet website FACTS.org~~; and shall result in the completion  
226 of a personalized academic and career plan. The required  
227 personalized academic and career plan must inform students of  
228 high school graduation requirements, high school assessment and  
229 college entrance test requirements, Florida Bright Futures  
230 Scholarship Program requirements, state university and Florida  
231 College System institution admission requirements, and programs  
232 through which a high school student can earn college credit,  
233 including Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate,  
234 Advanced International Certificate of Education, dual  
235 enrollment, career academy opportunities, and courses that lead  
236 to national industry certification.

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238 A student with a disability, as defined in s. 1007.02(2), for  
239 whom the individual education plan team determines that an end-  
240 of-course assessment cannot accurately measure the student's  
241 abilities, taking into consideration all allowable  
242 accommodations, shall have the end-of-course assessment results  
243 waived for purposes of determining the student's course grade  
244 and completing the requirements for middle grades promotion.  
245 Each school must hold a parent meeting either in the evening or  
246 on a weekend to inform parents about the course curriculum and  
247 activities. Each student shall complete an electronic personal  
248 education plan that must be signed by the student; the student's  
249 instructor, guidance counselor, or academic advisor; and the  
250 student's parent. The Department of Education shall develop  
251 course frameworks and professional development materials for the  
252 career exploration and education planning course. The course may

253 | be implemented as a stand-alone course or integrated into  
 254 | another course or courses. The Commissioner of Education shall  
 255 | collect longitudinal high school course enrollment data by  
 256 | student ethnicity in order to analyze course-taking patterns.

257 |       Section 6. Section 1004.09, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

258 |       Section 7. Section 1004.091, Florida Statutes, is  
 259 | repealed.

260 |       Section 8. Subsection (5) of section 1004.39, Florida  
 261 | Statutes, is amended to read:

262 |           1004.39 College of law at Florida International  
 263 | University.—

264 |           (5) The Florida International University Board of Trustees  
 265 | and the Board of Governors may accept grants, donations, gifts,  
 266 | and moneys available for this purpose, including moneys for  
 267 | planning and constructing the college. The Florida International  
 268 | University Board of Trustees may procure and accept any federal  
 269 | funds that are available for the planning, creation, and  
 270 | establishment of the college of law. If the American Bar  
 271 | Association or any other nationally recognized association for  
 272 | the accreditation of colleges of law issues a third disapproval  
 273 | of an application for provisional approval or for full approval  
 274 | or fails to grant, within 5 years following the graduation of  
 275 | the first class, a provisional approval, to the college of law  
 276 | at Florida International University, the Board of Governors  
 277 | shall make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature  
 278 | as to whether the college of law will cease operations at the  
 279 | end of the full academic year subsequent to the receipt by the  
 280 | college of law of any such third disapproval, or whether the

281 college of law will continue operations and any conditions for  
 282 continued operations. If the college of law ceases operations  
 283 pursuant to this section, the following conditions apply:

284 (a) The authority for the college of law at Florida  
 285 International University and the authority of the Florida  
 286 International University Board of Trustees and the Board of  
 287 Governors provided in this section shall terminate upon the  
 288 cessation of operations of the college of law at Florida  
 289 International University. The college of law at Florida  
 290 International University shall receive no moneys allocated for  
 291 the planning, construction, or operation of the college of law  
 292 after its cessation of operations other than moneys to be  
 293 expended for the cessation of operations of the college of law.  
 294 Any moneys allocated to the college of law at Florida  
 295 International University not expended prior to or scheduled to  
 296 be expended after the date of the cessation of the college of  
 297 law shall be appropriated for other use by the Legislature of  
 298 the State of Florida.

299 (b) Any buildings of the college of law at Florida  
 300 International University constructed from the expenditure of  
 301 capital outlay funds appropriated by the Legislature shall be  
 302 owned by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust  
 303 Fund and managed by the Florida International University Board  
 304 of Trustees upon the cessation of the college of law.

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 306 ~~Nothing in this section shall undermine commitments to current~~  
 307 ~~students receiving support as of the date of the enactment of~~  
 308 ~~this section from the law school scholarship program of the~~

309 ~~Florida Education Fund as provided in s. 1009.70(8). Students~~  
 310 ~~attending the college of law at Florida International University~~  
 311 ~~shall be eligible for financial, academic, or other support from~~  
 312 ~~the Florida Education Fund as provided in s. 1009.70(8) without~~  
 313 ~~the college's obtaining accreditation by the American Bar~~  
 314 ~~Association.~~

315 Section 9. Subsection (5) of section 1004.40, Florida  
 316 Statutes, is amended to read:

317 1004.40 College of law at Florida Agricultural and  
 318 Mechanical University.—

319 (5) The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
 320 Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors may accept grants,  
 321 donations, gifts, and moneys available for this purpose,  
 322 including moneys for planning and constructing the college. The  
 323 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees  
 324 may procure and accept any federal funds that are available for  
 325 the planning, creation, and establishment of the college of law.  
 326 If the American Bar Association or any other nationally  
 327 recognized association for the accreditation of colleges of law  
 328 issues a third disapproval of an application for provisional  
 329 approval or for full approval or fails to grant, within 5 years  
 330 following the graduation of the first class, a provisional  
 331 approval, to the college of law at Florida Agricultural and  
 332 Mechanical University, the Board of Governors shall make  
 333 recommendations to the Governor and Legislature as to whether  
 334 the college of law will cease operations at the end of the full  
 335 academic year subsequent to the receipt by the college of law of  
 336 any such third disapproval, or whether the college of law will

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337 | continue operations and any conditions for continued operations.  
 338 | If the college of law ceases operations of the college of law  
 339 | pursuant to this section, the following conditions apply:

340 |       (a) The authority for the college of law at Florida  
 341 | Agricultural and Mechanical University and the authority of the  
 342 | Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees  
 343 | and the Board of Governors provided in this section shall  
 344 | terminate upon the cessation of operations of the college of law  
 345 | at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. The college  
 346 | of law at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University shall  
 347 | receive no moneys allocated for the planning, construction, or  
 348 | operation of the college of law after its cessation of  
 349 | operations other than moneys to be expended for the cessation of  
 350 | operations of the college of law. Any moneys allocated to the  
 351 | college of law at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
 352 | not expended prior to or scheduled to be expended after the date  
 353 | of the cessation of the college of law shall be appropriated for  
 354 | other use by the Legislature of the State of Florida.

355 |       (b) Any buildings of the college of law at Florida  
 356 | Agricultural and Mechanical University constructed from the  
 357 | expenditure of capital outlay funds appropriated by the  
 358 | Legislature shall be owned by the Board of Trustees of the  
 359 | Internal Improvement Trust Fund and managed by the Florida  
 360 | Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees upon  
 361 | the cessation of the college of law.

362 |  
 363 | ~~Nothing in this section shall undermine commitments to current~~  
 364 | ~~students receiving support as of the date of the enactment of~~

365 ~~this section from the law school scholarship program of the~~  
 366 ~~Florida Education Fund as provided in s. 1009.70(8). Students~~  
 367 ~~attending the college of law at Florida Agricultural and~~  
 368 ~~Mechanical University shall be eligible for financial, academic,~~  
 369 ~~or other support from the Florida Education Fund as provided in~~  
 370 ~~s. 1009.70(8) without the college's obtaining accreditation by~~  
 371 ~~the American Bar Association.~~

372 Section 10. Subsections (2), (4), (5), (6), and (7) of  
 373 section 1006.72, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

374 1006.72 Licensing electronic library resources.—

375 (2) PROCESS TO IDENTIFY RESOURCES.—Library staff from  
 376 Florida College System institutions, state universities, school  
 377 districts, and public libraries shall implement a process that  
 378 annually identifies the electronic library resources for each of  
 379 the core categories established in this section. To the extent  
 380 possible, the Florida Virtual Campus Center for Library  
 381 ~~Automation, the College Center for Library Automation,~~ and the  
 382 Division of Library and Information Services within the  
 383 Department of State shall jointly coordinate this annual  
 384 process.

385 (4) POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION CORE RESOURCES.—For purposes  
 386 of licensing electronic library resources ~~required by both the~~  
 387 ~~Florida Center for Library Automation and the College Center for~~  
 388 ~~Library Automation~~ from funds appropriated to the Florida  
 389 Virtual Campus centers, Florida College System institution and  
 390 state university library staff shall identify the postsecondary  
 391 education core resources that will be available to all public  
 392 postsecondary education students.

393 (5) FOUR-YEAR DEGREE CORE RESOURCES.—For purposes of  
 394 licensing electronic library resources beyond the postsecondary  
 395 education core resources by the Florida Virtual Campus Center  
 396 ~~for Library Automation~~ from funds appropriated to the campus  
 397 ~~center~~, state university library staff, in consultation with  
 398 Florida College System institution library staff, shall identify  
 399 the 4-year degree core resources that will be available to all  
 400 4-year degree-seeking students in the State University System  
 401 and the Florida College System. The Florida Virtual Campus  
 402 ~~Center for Library Automation~~ shall include in the negotiated  
 403 pricing model any Florida College System institution interested  
 404 in licensing a resource.

405 (6) TWO-YEAR DEGREE CORE RESOURCES.—For purposes of  
 406 licensing electronic library resources beyond the postsecondary  
 407 education core resources by the Florida Virtual Campus College  
 408 ~~Center for Library Automation~~ from funds appropriated to the  
 409 campus center, Florida College System institution library staff  
 410 shall identify the 2-year degree core resources that will be  
 411 available to all Florida College System institution students.  
 412 The Florida Virtual Campus College ~~Center for Library Automation~~  
 413 shall include in the negotiated pricing model any state  
 414 university interested in licensing a resource.

415 (7) REPORT.—The chancellors ~~and vice chancellors~~ of the  
 416 Florida College System and the State University System shall  
 417 annually report to the Executive Office of the Governor and the  
 418 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees the cost  
 419 savings realized as a result of the collaborative licensing  
 420 process identified in this section.

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421 Section 11. Section 1006.73, Florida Statutes, is created  
422 to read:

423 1006.73 Florida Virtual Campus.-

424 (1) The Florida Virtual Campus is established to provide  
425 access to online student and library support services and to  
426 serve as a statewide resource and clearinghouse for public  
427 postsecondary education distance learning courses and degree  
428 programs. The primary purposes of the Florida Virtual Campus are  
429 to:

430 (a) Establish a single library automation system and  
431 associated resources and services that all public postsecondary  
432 educational institutions will use for purposes of supporting  
433 their learning, teaching, and research needs.

434 (b) Enhance and expand educational access and increase  
435 public postsecondary educational degree attainment across the  
436 state.

437 (c) Address the educational needs of traditional students,  
438 place-bound students, time-bound students, and adult learners.

439 (d) Increase workforce skills and expand professional  
440 development opportunities.

441 (2) The chancellors of the Florida College System and the  
442 State University System shall exercise joint oversight of the  
443 Florida Virtual Campus and shall establish its governance and  
444 reporting structure, administrative and operational guidelines  
445 and processes, staffing requirements, and operational budget.  
446 All data center services needed by the Florida Virtual Campus  
447 shall be provided by a primary data center established pursuant  
448 to ss. 282.201 and 1004.649.



449       (3) The Florida Virtual Campus may contract for  
450 administrative services with a public postsecondary educational  
451 institution. The administrative overhead costs charged by the  
452 institution may not exceed the actual cost for providing the  
453 services and shall require a specific appropriation in the  
454 General Appropriations Act.

455       (4) The Florida Virtual Campus shall:

456       (a) Develop and manage a library information portal and  
457 automated library management tools for use by the Florida  
458 College System institutions and state universities. The library  
459 information portal and automated library management tools shall  
460 include, but are not limited to, the following services and  
461 functions:

462       1. A shared Internet-based catalog and discovery tool that  
463 allow a user to search and, if authorized, access the aggregate  
464 library holdings of the state's public postsecondary educational  
465 institutions. The catalog and discovery tool shall allow the  
466 user to search the library holdings of one institution, selected  
467 institutions, or all institutions and, to the extent feasible,  
468 include an interlibrary loan function that ensures the  
469 authorized user can access the required library holding.

470       2. An Internet-based searchable collection of electronic  
471 resources which shall include, but not be limited to, full-text  
472 journals, articles, databases, and electronic books that the  
473 Florida Virtual Campus licenses pursuant to s. 1006.72.

474       3. An integrated library management system and its  
475 associated services which all public postsecondary educational  
476 institution academic libraries must use for purposes of

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477 acquiring, cataloging, circulating, and tracking library  
478 material.

479 4. A statewide searchable database that includes an  
480 inventory of digital archives and collections held by public  
481 postsecondary educational institutions.

482 (b) Develop and manage a statewide Internet-based catalog  
483 of distance learning courses, degree programs, and resources  
484 offered by public postsecondary educational institutions which  
485 is intended to assist in the coordination and collaboration of  
486 articulation and access pursuant to parts II and III of chapter  
487 1007. The campus shall establish operational guidelines and  
488 procedures for the catalog which must:

489 1. Require participating institutions to provide  
490 information concerning the distance learning course to include  
491 information on the availability of the course; the type of  
492 required technology; any prerequisite course or technology  
493 competency or skill; the availability of academic support  
494 services and financial aid resources; and course costs, fees,  
495 and payment policies.

496 2. Require that distance learning courses and degree  
497 programs meet applicable accreditation standards and criteria.

498 3. Require that, at a minimum, the catalog is reviewed at  
499 the start of each academic semester to ensure that distance  
500 learning courses and degree programs comply with all operational  
501 guidelines and procedures.

502 4. Use an Internet-based analytic tool that allows for the  
503 collection and analysis of data, including, but not limited to:

- 504        a. The number and type of students who use the catalog to  
505 search for distance learning courses and degree programs.
- 506        b. The number and type of requests for information on  
507 distance learning courses and degree programs that are not  
508 listed in the catalog.
- 509        c. A summary of specific requests by course type or course  
510 number, delivery method, offering institution, and semester.
- 511        5. Periodically obtain and analyze data from the Florida  
512 College System and the State University System concerning:
- 513            a. Costs of distance learning courses and degree programs.
- 514            b. Graduation and retention rates of students enrolled in  
515 distance learning programs.
- 516            c. Distance learning course completion.
- 517            (c) Implement a streamlined, automated, online admissions  
518 application process for undergraduate transient students who are  
519 currently enrolled and pursuing a degree at a public  
520 postsecondary educational institution and who choose to enroll  
521 in a course listed in the distance learning catalog established  
522 pursuant to paragraph (b) which is offered by a public  
523 postsecondary educational institution that is not the student's  
524 degree-granting institution. The Florida Virtual Campus shall  
525 work with the Florida College System and the State University  
526 System to implement this process which requires all Florida  
527 College System institutions and state universities to:
- 528            1. Use the transient student admissions application  
529 available through the statewide computer-assisted student  
530 advising system established pursuant to paragraph (d). This  
531 admissions application is the only application required for the

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532 enrollment of a transient student as defined in this paragraph.

533 2. Implement the financial aid procedures required by the  
534 transient student admissions application process.

535 3. Transfer credit awarded by the institutions offering  
536 the distance learning course to the transient student's degree-  
537 granting institution.

538 4. By December 1, 2012, provide for an interface between  
539 the institutional advising system and the statewide computer-  
540 assisted student advising system established pursuant to  
541 paragraph (d) in order to electronically send, receive, and  
542 process the transient student admissions application.

543 (d) Develop and manage a statewide computer-assisted  
544 student advising system which shall support the process of  
545 advising, registering, and certifying students for graduation  
546 and include a degree audit and an articulation component. The  
547 Florida College System institutions and state universities shall  
548 interface institutional advising systems with the statewide  
549 computer-assisted student system. At a minimum, the statewide  
550 computer-assisted student advising system shall:

551 1. Allow a student to access the system at any time,  
552 search public postsecondary educational institutions, and  
553 identify course options that will meet the requirements of a  
554 selected path toward a degree.

555 2. Audit transcripts of students enrolled in a public  
556 postsecondary educational institution to assess current academic  
557 standing, the impact of changing majors or institutions, the  
558 requirements for a student to transfer to another institution,  
559 and all requirements necessary for graduation.

560       3. Serve as the official statewide repository for the  
561 common prerequisite manual, admissions information for  
562 transferring programs, foreign language requirements, residency  
563 requirements, and statewide articulation agreements.

564       4. Provide information relating to career descriptions and  
565 corresponding educational requirements, admissions requirements,  
566 and available sources of student financial assistance.

567       5. Provide the admissions application for transient  
568 students pursuant to paragraph (c) which must include the  
569 electronic transfer and receipt of information and records for:

570           a. Admissions and readmissions.

571           b. Financial aid.

572           c. Transfer of credit awarded by the institution offering  
573 the distance learning to the transient student's degree-granting  
574 institution.

575           (e) Coordinate the negotiation of statewide licensing of  
576 electronic library resources and preferred pricing agreements,  
577 issue purchase orders, and enter into contracts for the  
578 acquisition of distance learning resources, student and library  
579 support services, electronic resources, and other materials  
580 necessary to carry out its duties under this section.

581           (f) Promote and provide recommendations concerning the use  
582 and distribution of open-access textbooks and education  
583 resources as a method for reducing costs, and work with public  
584 postsecondary educational institutions in developing a  
585 standardized process for the review and approval of open-access  
586 textbooks.

587           (g) Provide appropriate help desk support and training and

588 consultation services to institutions and students utilizing the  
 589 services and resources of the Florida Virtual Campus.

590 (h) Identify and evaluate new technologies and  
 591 instructional methods that can be used for improving distance  
 592 learning instruction, student learning, the efficient delivery  
 593 of student support services, and the overall quality of  
 594 undergraduate distance learning courses and degree programs.

595 (5) All assets and liabilities of the Florida Distance  
 596 Learning Consortium, the Florida Center for Library Automation,  
 597 the College Center for Library Automation, and FACTS.org are  
 598 transferred to the Florida Virtual Campus.

599 (6) Beginning December 1, 2012, and annually thereafter,  
 600 the chancellors of the Florida College System and the State  
 601 University System shall provide recommendations to the chairs of  
 602 the legislative appropriations committees on other resources and  
 603 services that should be included in the Florida Virtual Campus.

604 Section 12. Section 1006.735, Florida Statutes, is created  
 605 to read:

606 1006.735 Degree Completion Pilot Project.-

607 (1) The Florida Virtual Campus shall collaborate with the  
 608 University of West Florida, the University of South Florida,  
 609 Florida State College at Jacksonville, and St. Petersburg  
 610 College to implement the Degree Completion Pilot Project which  
 611 is designed to recruit, recover, and retain Florida's adult  
 612 learners and assist them in completing an associate degree or a  
 613 baccalaureate degree that is aligned to high-wage, high-skill  
 614 workforce needs. For purposes of this section, an adult reentry  
 615 learner is a student who has completed at least 30 credit hours

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616 but has left an institution in good standing prior to the  
617 completion of his or her associate or baccalaureate degree.  
618 Adult reentry learners who are veterans or active duty members  
619 of the United States Armed Forces shall be targeted for  
620 participation in the pilot project.

621 (2) The pilot project shall provide adult reentry learners  
622 with a single point of access to information and links to  
623 innovative online and accelerated distance learning courses,  
624 student and library support services, and electronic resources  
625 that will guide the adult reentry learner toward the successful  
626 completion of a postsecondary degree.

627 (3) The pilot project shall include the associate, applied  
628 baccalaureate, and baccalaureate degree programs selected by the  
629 postsecondary educational institutions identified in subsection  
630 (1), with partnering public postsecondary educational  
631 institutions providing areas of specialization or concentration  
632 as necessary.

633 (4) The pilot project shall be implemented beginning in  
634 the 2012-2013 academic year and shall include the following  
635 components:

636 (a) Use of the distance learning course catalog  
637 established pursuant to s. 1006.73 to communicate course  
638 availability to the adult learner.

639 (b) Development and implementation of an advising and  
640 student support system that includes the use of degree  
641 completion specialists, that is based upon best practices and  
642 processes, and that includes academic and career support  
643 services designed specifically for the adult learner.

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644        (c) Use of the streamlined, automated, online admissions  
645 application process for transient students established pursuant  
646 to s. 1006.73. The pilot project shall identify any additional  
647 admissions and registration policies and practices that could be  
648 further streamlined and automated for purposes of assisting the  
649 adult learner.

650        (d) Development of new, and use of existing, competency-  
651 based instructional and evaluation tools to assess prior  
652 performance, experience, and education for the award of college  
653 credit to reduce the time to complete an associate or  
654 baccalaureate degree. The tools may include the use of the  
655 American Council on Education's collaborative link between the  
656 United States Department of Defense and higher education through  
657 the review of military training and experiences for the award of  
658 equivalent college credit for members of the United States Armed  
659 Forces.

660        (e) Development and implementation of an evaluation  
661 process that collects, analyzes, and provides information on the  
662 pilot project to the participating postsecondary educational  
663 institutions, the chairs of the legislative appropriations  
664 committees, and the Executive Office of the Governor on the  
665 effectiveness of the pilot project and the attainment of its  
666 goals. Such a process shall include a management information  
667 system that collects the appropriate student, programmatic, and  
668 fiscal data necessary to complete the evaluation of the pilot  
669 project.

670        (f) Development and implementation of a statewide  
671 marketing campaign targeted towards recruiting adult learners,



672 particularly veterans and active duty members of the United  
 673 States Armed Forces, for enrollment in the degree programs  
 674 offered through the pilot project.

675 (5) For purposes of the pilot project, each institution's  
 676 current tuition and fee structure shall be used. However, all  
 677 participating institutions shall collaboratively identify the  
 678 applicable cost components that are involved in the development  
 679 and delivery of distance learning courses, collect information  
 680 on these cost components, and submit the information to the  
 681 Florida Virtual Campus.

682 (6) The Florida Virtual Campus, in collaboration with the  
 683 participating institutions, shall submit to the chairs of the  
 684 legislative appropriations committees no later than August 1,  
 685 2012, a detailed project plan that defines the major work  
 686 activities, timeline, and cost for implementing the pilot  
 687 project.

688 Section 13. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section  
 689 1007.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

690 1007.01 Articulation; legislative intent; purpose; role of  
 691 the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors;  
 692 Articulation Coordinating Committee.—

693 (3) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with  
 694 the Chancellor of the State University System, shall establish  
 695 the Articulation Coordinating Committee which shall make  
 696 recommendations related to statewide articulation policies to  
 697 the Higher Education Coordination Council, the State Board of  
 698 Education, and the Board of Governors. The committee shall  
 699 consist of two members each representing the State University

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700 System, the Florida College System, public career and technical  
 701 education, public K-12 education, and nonpublic education and  
 702 one member representing students. The chair shall be elected  
 703 from the membership. The committee shall:

704 (h) Recommend roles and responsibilities of public  
 705 education entities in interfacing with the single, statewide  
 706 computer-assisted student advising system established pursuant  
 707 to s. 1006.73 ~~1007.28~~.

708 Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 1007.27, Florida  
 709 Statutes, is amended to read:

710 1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.—

711 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that a variety of  
 712 articulated acceleration mechanisms be available for secondary  
 713 and postsecondary students attending public educational  
 714 institutions. It is intended that articulated acceleration serve  
 715 to shorten the time necessary for a student to complete the  
 716 requirements associated with the conference of a high school  
 717 diploma and a postsecondary degree, broaden the scope of  
 718 curricular options available to students, or increase the depth  
 719 of study available for a particular subject. Articulated  
 720 acceleration mechanisms shall include, but not be limited to,  
 721 dual enrollment as provided for in s. 1007.271, early admission,  
 722 advanced placement, credit by examination, the International  
 723 Baccalaureate Program, and the Advanced International  
 724 Certificate of Education Program. Credit earned through the  
 725 Florida Virtual School shall provide additional opportunities  
 726 for early graduation and acceleration. Students of Florida  
 727 public secondary schools enrolled pursuant to this subsection

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728 shall be deemed authorized users of the state-funded electronic  
 729 library resources that are licensed for Florida College System  
 730 institutions and state universities by the Florida Virtual  
 731 Campus ~~Florida Center for Library Automation and the College~~  
 732 ~~Center for Library Automation~~. Verification of eligibility shall  
 733 be in accordance with rules established by the State Board of  
 734 Education and regulations established by the Board of Governors  
 735 and processes implemented by Florida College System institutions  
 736 and state universities.

737 Section 15. Section 1007.28, Florida Statutes, is  
 738 repealed.

739 Section 16. Subsection (3) of section 1009.215, Florida  
 740 Statutes, is amended to read:

741 1009.215 Student enrollment pilot program for the spring  
 742 and summer terms.—

743 (3) Students who are enrolled in the pilot program and who  
 744 are eligible to receive Bright Futures Scholarships under ss.  
 745 1009.53-1009.536 shall be eligible to receive the scholarship  
 746 award for attendance during no more than 2 semesters or the  
 747 equivalent in any fiscal year, including the summer term ~~in the~~  
 748 ~~spring and summer terms but are not eligible to receive the~~  
 749 ~~scholarship for attendance during the fall term.~~

750 Section 17. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (16) and  
 751 subsection (17) of section 1009.23, Florida Statutes, are  
 752 amended to read:

753 1009.23 Florida College System institution student fees.—

754 (16) (a) Each Florida College System institution may assess  
 755 a student who enrolls in a course listed in the ~~Florida Higher~~

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756 ~~Education~~ distance learning catalog, established pursuant to s.  
757 1006.73 ~~1004.09~~, a per-credit-hour distance learning course user  
758 fee. For purposes of assessing this fee, a distance learning  
759 course is a course in which at least 80 percent of the direct  
760 instruction of the course is delivered using some form of  
761 technology when the student and instructor are separated by time  
762 or space, or both.

763 (c) The link for the catalog must be prominently displayed  
764 within the advising and distance learning sections of the  
765 institution's website, using a graphic and description provided  
766 by the Florida Virtual Campus ~~Distance Learning Consortium~~, to  
767 inform students of the catalog.

768 (17) Each Florida College System institution that accepts  
769 transient students, pursuant to s. 1006.73 ~~1004.091~~, may  
770 establish a transient student fee not to exceed \$5 per distance  
771 learning course for processing the transient student admissions  
772 application.

773 Section 18. Paragraph (t) of subsection (14) and  
774 paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (17) of section 1009.24,  
775 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

776 1009.24 State university student fees.—

777 (14) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (15), each  
778 university board of trustees is authorized to establish the  
779 following fees:

780 (t) A transient student fee that may not exceed \$5 per  
781 distance learning course for accepting a transient student and  
782 processing the transient student admissions application pursuant  
783 to s. 1006.73 ~~1004.091~~.

784  
 785 With the exception of housing rental rates and except as  
 786 otherwise provided, fees assessed pursuant to paragraphs (h)-(s)  
 787 shall be based on reasonable costs of services. The Board of  
 788 Governors shall adopt regulations and timetables necessary to  
 789 implement the fees and fines authorized under this subsection.  
 790 The fees assessed under this subsection may be used for debt  
 791 only as authorized under s. 1010.62.

792 (17) (a) A state university may assess a student who  
 793 enrolls in a course listed in the ~~Florida Higher Education~~  
 794 distance learning catalog, established pursuant to s. 1006.73  
 795 ~~1004.09~~, a per-credit-hour distance learning course fee. For  
 796 purposes of assessing this fee, a distance learning course is a  
 797 course in which at least 80 percent of the direct instruction of  
 798 the course is delivered using some form of technology when the  
 799 student and instructor are separated by time or space, or both.

800 (c) The link for the catalog must be prominently displayed  
 801 within the advising and distance learning sections of the  
 802 institution's website, using a graphic and description provided  
 803 by the Florida Virtual Campus Distance Learning Consortium,  
 804 informing students of the catalog.

805 Section 19. Section 1009.286, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 806 to read:

807 1009.286 Additional student payment for hours exceeding  
 808 baccalaureate degree program completion requirements at Florida  
 809 College System institutions and state universities.-

810 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage each  
 811 undergraduate student who enrolls in a Florida College System

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812 institution or state university to complete the student's  
813 respective baccalaureate degree program in the most efficient  
814 way possible while providing for access to additional college  
815 coursework. Therefore, the Legislature intends to enact a policy  
816 that provides incentives for efficient baccalaureate degree  
817 completion.

818 (2) Florida College System institutions and state  
819 universities shall require a student to pay an excess hour  
820 surcharge ~~equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate for each~~  
821 credit ~~hours~~ hour in excess of ~~115 percent~~ of the number of  
822 credit hours required to complete the baccalaureate degree  
823 program in which the student is enrolled. The excess hour  
824 surcharge shall be as follows:

825 (a) For a student who entered a Florida College System  
826 institution or a state university for the first time in the  
827 2009-2010 or 2010-2011 academic year and maintained continuous  
828 enrollment, a surcharge equal to 50 percent of the tuition rate  
829 for each credit hour in excess of 120 percent.

830 (b) For a student who entered a Florida College System  
831 institution or a state university for the first time in the  
832 2011-2012 academic year and maintained continuous enrollment, a  
833 surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate for each  
834 credit hour in excess of 115 percent.

835 (c) For a student who enters a Florida College System  
836 institution or a state university for the first time in the  
837 2012-2013 academic year and thereafter, a surcharge equal to 100  
838 percent of the tuition rate for each credit hour in excess of  
839 110 percent.

840 (3) Except as otherwise provided by law and for purposes  
 841 of this section, the following credit hours shall be included  
 842 when calculating the number of hours taken by a student:

843 (a) All credit hours for courses taken at the Florida  
 844 College System institution or state university from which the  
 845 student is seeking a baccalaureate degree, including:

- 846 1. Failed courses.
- 847 2. Courses that are dropped after the ~~university's~~  
 848 advertised last day of the drop and add period.
- 849 3. Courses from which a student withdraws, except as  
 850 provided in subsection (4).
- 851 4. Repeated courses, except repeated courses for which the  
 852 student has paid the full cost of instruction as provided in s.  
 853 1009.285.

854 (b) All credit hours earned at another institution and  
 855 accepted for transfer by the Florida College System institution  
 856 or state university and applied toward the student's  
 857 baccalaureate degree program.

858 (4) For purposes of this section, credit hours earned  
 859 under the following circumstances are not calculated as hours  
 860 required to earn a baccalaureate degree:

861 (a) College credits earned through an articulated  
 862 accelerated mechanism identified in s. 1007.27.

863 (b) Credit hours earned through internship programs.

864 (c) Credit hours required for certification,  
 865 recertification, or certificate programs.

866 (d) Credit hours in courses from which a student must  
 867 withdraw due to reasons of medical or personal hardship.

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868 (e) Credit hours taken by active-duty military personnel.

869 (f) Credit hours required to achieve a dual major taken  
870 while pursuing a baccalaureate degree.

871 (g) Remedial and English as a Second Language credit  
872 hours.

873 (h) Credit hours earned in military science courses that  
874 are part of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program.

875 (5) Each state university and Florida College System  
876 institution shall implement a process for notifying students  
877 regarding the provisions of this section. Notice must be  
878 provided by a state university or a Florida College System  
879 institution upon a student's initial enrollment in the  
880 institution. Such notice must be provided a second time by a  
881 Florida College System institution or state university when a  
882 student has earned the credit hours required to complete the  
883 baccalaureate degree program in which the student is enrolled.  
884 The notice must include a recommendation that each student who  
885 intends to earn credit hours at the institution in excess of the  
886 credit hours required for the baccalaureate degree program in  
887 which the student is enrolled meet with his or her academic  
888 advisor.

889 (6) For purposes of this section, the term "state  
890 university" includes the institutions identified in s.  
891 1000.21(6) and the term "Florida College System institution"  
892 includes the institutions identified in s. 1000.21(3).

893 ~~(7) The provisions of this section become effective for~~  
894 ~~students who enter a Florida College System institution or a~~  
895 ~~state university for the first time in the 2011-2012 academic~~



896 ~~year and thereafter.~~

897 Section 20. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (2) of  
 898 section 1009.531, Florida Statutes, and subsection (7) of that  
 899 section is amended, to read:

900 1009.531 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
 901 student eligibility requirements for initial awards.-

902 (2)

903 (c) For students graduating from high school in the 2012-  
 904 2013 academic year and thereafter, a student is eligible to  
 905 accept an initial award for 2 years following high school  
 906 graduation and to accept a renewal award for 5 years following  
 907 high school graduation. A student who applies for an award by  
 908 high school graduation and who meets all other eligibility  
 909 requirements, but who does not accept his or her award, may  
 910 reapply during subsequent application periods up to 2 years  
 911 after high school graduation. For a student who enlists in the  
 912 United States Armed Forces immediately after completion of high  
 913 school, the 2-year eligibility period for his or her initial  
 914 award and the 5-year renewal period shall begin upon the date of  
 915 separation from active duty. For a student who is receiving a  
 916 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship award and discontinues his or  
 917 her education to enlist in the United States Armed Forces, the  
 918 remainder of his or her 5-year renewal period shall commence  
 919 upon the date of separation from active duty. If a course of  
 920 study is not completed after 5 academic years, an exception of 1  
 921 year to the renewal timeframe may be granted due to a verifiable  
 922 illness or other documented emergency pursuant to s.  
 923 1009.40 (1) (b) 4.

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924 (7) To be eligible for an initial award and each renewal  
925 award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, a  
926 student must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
927 which is complete and error free prior to disbursement.

928 Section 21. Subsection (3) of section 1009.532, Florida  
929 Statutes, is amended to read:

930 1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
931 student eligibility requirements for renewal awards.-

932 (3) A student who is initially eligible prior to the 2010-  
933 2011 academic year and is enrolled in a program that terminates  
934 in an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree may receive an  
935 award for a maximum of 110 percent of the number of credit hours  
936 required to complete the program. A student who is enrolled in a  
937 program that terminates in a career certificate may receive an  
938 award for a maximum of 110 percent of the credit hours or clock  
939 hours required to complete the program up to 90 credit hours.  
940 For a student who is initially eligible in the 2010-2011  
941 academic term and thereafter, the student may receive an award  
942 for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours  
943 required to complete an associate degree program or a  
944 baccalaureate degree program, or the student may receive an  
945 award for a maximum of 100 percent of the credit hours or clock  
946 hours required to complete up to 90 credit hours of a program  
947 that terminates in a career certificate. For a student who is  
948 initially eligible in the 2012-2013 academic term and  
949 thereafter, the student may receive an award for a maximum of  
950 100 percent of the number of credit hours required to complete  
951 an associate degree program or a baccalaureate degree program

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952 or, for a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, the  
953 student may receive an award for a maximum of 100 percent of the  
954 number of credit hours or equivalent clock hours required to  
955 complete one of the following at a Florida public or nonpublic  
956 educational institution that offers these specific programs: for  
957 an applied technology diploma program as defined in s.  
958 1004.02(8), up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; for  
959 a technical degree education program as defined in s.  
960 1004.02(14), up to the number of hours required for a specific  
961 degree not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours;  
962 or for a career certificate program as defined in s.  
963 1004.02(21), up to the number of hours required for a specific  
964 certificate not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock  
965 hours. A student who transfers from one of these program levels  
966 to another program level becomes eligible for the higher of the  
967 two credit hour limits.

968 Section 22. Subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section  
969 1009.534, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

970 1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award.—

971 (2) ~~Effective January 1, 2008,~~ A Florida Academic Scholar  
972 who is enrolled in a public or nonpublic postsecondary  
973 educational ~~education~~ institution is eligible for an award equal  
974 to the amount specified in the General Appropriations Act to  
975 assist with the payment of tuition and fees ~~required to pay~~  
976 ~~tuition and fees.~~ A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic  
977 ~~postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award~~  
978 ~~equal to the amount that would be required to pay for the~~  
979 ~~average tuition and fees of a public postsecondary education~~

980 ~~institution at the comparable level.~~

981 (3) To be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida  
 982 Academic Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent of a  
 983 cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale with an  
 984 opportunity for restoration one time as provided in this  
 985 chapter. For the 2012-2013 academic year, to be eligible for a  
 986 renewal award as a Florida Academic Scholar, a student must  
 987 maintain the equivalent of a cumulative grade point average of  
 988 3.25 on a 4.0 scale with an opportunity for restoration one time  
 989 as provided in this chapter. Beginning in the 2013-2014 academic  
 990 year, to be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida Academic  
 991 Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent of a cumulative  
 992 grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale with an opportunity  
 993 for restoration one time as provided in this chapter.

994 (4) In each school district, the Florida Academic Scholar  
 995 with the highest academic ranking shall receive an additional  
 996 award equal to the amount specified in the General  
 997 Appropriations Act of \$1,500 for college-related expenses. This  
 998 award must be funded from the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship  
 999 Program.

1000 ~~(5) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (4), a Florida~~  
 1001 ~~Academic Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount~~  
 1002 ~~specified in the General Appropriations Act.~~

1003 Section 23. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section  
 1004 1009.535, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1005 1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholars award.—

1006 (2) A Florida Medallion Scholar who is enrolled in a  
 1007 public or nonpublic postsecondary educational institution is

1008 | eligible for an award equal to the amount specified in the  
 1009 | General Appropriations Act to assist with the payment of tuition  
 1010 | and fees required to pay 75 percent of tuition and fees if the  
 1011 | student is enrolled in a state university or a baccalaureate  
 1012 | degree program authorized pursuant to s. 1007.33. A Florida  
 1013 | Medallion Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount  
 1014 | required to pay 100 percent of tuition and fees for college  
 1015 | credit courses leading to an associate degree if the student is  
 1016 | enrolled in a Florida College System institution. A student who  
 1017 | is enrolled in a nonpublic postsecondary education institution  
 1018 | is eligible for an award equal to the amount that would be  
 1019 | required to pay 75 percent of the tuition and fees of a public  
 1020 | postsecondary education institution at the comparable level.

1021 |       (3) To be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida  
 1022 | Medallion Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent of a  
 1023 | cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale with an  
 1024 | opportunity for restoration one time as provided in this  
 1025 | chapter. Beginning in the 2012-2013 academic year, to be  
 1026 | eligible for a renewal award as a Florida Medallion Scholar, a  
 1027 | student must maintain the equivalent of a cumulative grade point  
 1028 | average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale with an opportunity for  
 1029 | restoration one time as provided in this chapter.

1030 |       ~~(4) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a Florida Medallion~~  
 1031 | ~~Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount specified~~  
 1032 | ~~in the General Appropriations Act.~~

1033 |       Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and  
 1034 | subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section 1009.536, Florida  
 1035 | Statutes, are amended to read:

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1036 1009.536 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award.—The  
 1037 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award is created within  
 1038 the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to recognize and  
 1039 reward academic achievement and career preparation by high  
 1040 school students who wish to continue their education.

1041 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Gold Seal  
 1042 Vocational Scholars award if the student meets the general  
 1043 eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures  
 1044 Scholarship Program and the student:

1045 (a) Completes the secondary school portion of a sequential  
 1046 program of studies that requires at least three secondary school  
 1047 career credits ~~taken over at least 2 academic years, and is~~  
 1048 ~~continued in a planned, related postsecondary education program.~~  
 1049 ~~If the student's school does not offer such a two-plus-two or~~  
 1050 ~~tech-prep program, the student must complete a job-preparatory~~  
 1051 ~~career education program selected by Workforce Florida, Inc.,~~  
 1052 ~~for its ability to provide high-wage employment in an occupation~~  
 1053 ~~with high potential for employment opportunities.~~ On-the-job  
 1054 training may not be substituted for any of the three required  
 1055 career credits.

1056 (2) A Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar who is enrolled  
 1057 in a public or nonpublic postsecondary educational institution  
 1058 is eligible for an award equal to the amount specified in the  
 1059 General Appropriations Act to assist with the payment of tuition  
 1060 and fees ~~required to pay 75 percent of tuition and fees, if the~~  
 1061 ~~student is enrolled in a public postsecondary education~~  
 1062 ~~institution. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic~~  
 1063 ~~postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award~~

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1064 ~~equal to the amount that would be required to pay 75 percent of~~  
1065 ~~the tuition and mandatory fees of a public postsecondary~~  
1066 ~~education institution at the comparable level.~~

1067 (3) To be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida Gold  
1068 Seal Vocational Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent  
1069 of a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale with  
1070 an opportunity for restoration one time as provided in this  
1071 chapter. Beginning in the 2012-2013 academic year, to be  
1072 eligible for a renewal award as a Florida Gold Seal Vocational  
1073 Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent of a cumulative  
1074 grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale with an opportunity  
1075 for restoration one time as provided in this chapter.

1076 (4) A student may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational  
1077 Scholarship for 110 percent of the number of credit hours  
1078 required to complete the program, up to 90 credit hours or the  
1079 equivalent. For a student who is initially eligible in the 2010-  
1080 2011 academic term and thereafter, the student may earn a  
1081 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship for 100 percent of the  
1082 number of credit hours required to complete the program, up to  
1083 90 credit hours or the equivalent. For a student who is  
1084 initially eligible in the 2012-2013 academic term and  
1085 thereafter, the student may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational  
1086 Scholarship for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit  
1087 hours or equivalent clock hours required to complete one of the  
1088 following at a Florida public or nonpublic educational  
1089 institution that offers these specific programs: for an applied  
1090 technology diploma program as defined in s. 1004.02(8), up to 60  
1091 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; for a technical degree

1092 education program as defined in s. 1004.02(14), up to the number  
 1093 of hours required for a specific degree not to exceed 72 credit  
 1094 hours or equivalent clock hours; or for a career certificate  
 1095 program as defined in s. 1004.02(21), up to the number of hours  
 1096 required for a specific certificate not to exceed 72 credit  
 1097 hours or equivalent clock hours.

1098 ~~(5) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a Florida Gold Seal~~  
 1099 ~~Vocational Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount~~  
 1100 ~~specified in the General Appropriations Act.~~

1101 Section 25. Subsection (7) of section 1009.60, Florida  
 1102 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (8), and a new subsection  
 1103 (7) is added to that section to read:

1104 1009.60 Minority teacher education scholars program.—There  
 1105 is created the minority teacher education scholars program,  
 1106 which is a collaborative performance-based scholarship program  
 1107 for African-American, Hispanic-American, Asian-American, and  
 1108 Native American students. The participants in the program  
 1109 include Florida's Florida College System institutions and its  
 1110 public and private universities that have teacher education  
 1111 programs.

1112 (7) The Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc., shall  
 1113 use a contingency collections agency to collect repayments of  
 1114 defaulted scholarships.

1115 Section 26. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
 1116 1009.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1117 1009.605 Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.—

1118 (2)

1119 (b) The corporation shall report to the Department of



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1120 Education, by the date established by the department, the  
 1121 eligible students to whom scholarship moneys are disbursed each  
 1122 academic term, the annual balance of the corporation's assets  
 1123 and cash reserves, and any other information requested by the  
 1124 department in accordance with s. 1009.94. By June 30 of each  
 1125 fiscal year, the corporation shall remit to the department any  
 1126 appropriated funds that were not distributed for scholarships,  
 1127 less the 5 percent for administration, including administration  
 1128 of the required training program, authorized pursuant to  
 1129 subsection (3).

1130 Section 27. Subsections (2), (5), (7), and (8) of section  
 1131 1009.70, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1132 1009.70 Florida Education Fund.—

1133 (2) (a) The Florida Education Fund, a not-for-profit  
 1134 statutory corporation, is created from a challenge endowment  
 1135 grant from the McKnight Foundation and operates on income  
 1136 derived from the investment of endowment gifts and other gifts  
 1137 as provided by state statute and appropriate matching funds as  
 1138 provided by the state.

1139 (b) The Legislature may appropriate funds to the Florida  
 1140 Education Fund to be used for scholarships under subsection (5).  
 1141 Funds ~~The amount~~ appropriated to the Florida Education Fund  
 1142 shall be matched on a dollar-for-dollar ~~the~~ basis by funds of \$1  
 1143 ~~for each \$2~~ contributed by private sources, and the expenditure  
 1144 of appropriated funds shall be matched by a dollar-for-dollar  
 1145 expenditure of funds from private sources. The Florida Education  
 1146 Fund shall annually certify to the Legislature the amount of  
 1147 donations contributed prior to the disbursement of state

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1148 ~~appropriations between July 1, 1990, and June 30, 1991. Only the~~  
1149 ~~new donations above the certified base shall be calculated for~~  
1150 ~~state matching funds during the first year of the program. In~~  
1151 ~~subsequent years, only the new donations above the certified~~  
1152 ~~prior year base shall be calculated for state matching funds.~~

1153 (c) The corporation shall provide to the department a copy  
1154 of its certified financial statement and annual report,  
1155 including the corporation's assets and cash reserve balances.  
1156 The corporation shall also provide the department documentation  
1157 which includes the name of each scholarship recipient, the  
1158 postsecondary educational institution attended, the discipline  
1159 of study, and the amount awarded to each recipient. The  
1160 corporation shall post a copy of its certified financial  
1161 statement and annual report on its website.

1162 (5) The Board of Directors of the Florida Education Fund  
1163 shall review and evaluate initial programs created by the  
1164 McKnight Foundation and continue funding the McKnight Doctoral  
1165 ~~Black Doctorate~~ Fellowship Program and the McKnight Junior  
1166 Faculty Fellowship Program if the evaluations are ~~evaluation is~~  
1167 positive, and the board shall identify, initiate, and fund new  
1168 and creative programs and monitor, review, and evaluate those  
1169 programs. The purpose of this commitment is to broaden the  
1170 participation and funding potential for further significant  
1171 support of higher education in this state. In addition, the  
1172 board shall:

1173 (a) Hold such meetings as are necessary to implement ~~the~~  
1174 ~~provisions of~~ this section.

1175 (b) Select a chairperson annually.

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1176 (c) Adopt and use an official seal in the authentication  
1177 of its acts.

1178 (d) Make rules for its own government.

1179 (e) Administer this section.

1180 (f) Appoint an executive director to serve at its pleasure  
1181 and perform all duties assigned by the board. The executive  
1182 director shall be the chief administrative officer and agent of  
1183 the board.

1184 (g) Maintain a record of its proceedings.

1185 (h) Delegate to the chairperson of the board the  
1186 responsibility for signing final orders.

1187 (i) Utilize existing higher education organizations,  
1188 associations, and agencies to carry out its educational programs  
1189 and purposes with minimal staff employment.

1190 (j) Be empowered to enter into contracts with the Federal  
1191 Government, state agencies, or individuals.

1192 (k) Receive bequests, gifts, grants, donations, and other  
1193 valued goods and services. Such bequests and gifts shall be used  
1194 only for the purpose or purposes stated by the donor.

1195 (7) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Board of  
1196 Directors of the Florida Education Fund recruit eligible  
1197 residents of the state before it extends its search to eligible  
1198 nonresidents. ~~However, for the purposes of subsection (8), the~~  
1199 ~~board of directors shall recruit eligible residents only.~~ It is  
1200 further the intent of the Legislature that the board of  
1201 directors establish service terms, if any, that accompany the  
1202 award of moneys from the fund.

1203 (8) Notwithstanding this section, for the 2012-2013 fiscal

1204 year, the Florida Education Fund may use available cash and cash  
 1205 equivalents to provide scholarships in the same dollar amount as  
 1206 provided in the 2011-2012 fiscal year ~~There is created a legal~~  
 1207 ~~education component of the Florida Education Fund to provide the~~  
 1208 ~~opportunity for minorities to attain representation within the~~  
 1209 ~~legal profession proportionate to their representation within~~  
 1210 ~~the general population. The legal education component of the~~  
 1211 ~~Florida Education Fund includes a law school program and a pre-~~  
 1212 ~~law program.~~

1213 ~~(a) The law school scholarship program of the Florida~~  
 1214 ~~Education Fund is to be administered by the Board of Directors~~  
 1215 ~~of the Florida Education Fund for the purpose of increasing the~~  
 1216 ~~number of minority students enrolled in law schools in this~~  
 1217 ~~state by 200. Implementation of this program is to be phased in~~  
 1218 ~~over a 3-year period.~~

1219 ~~1. The board of directors shall provide financial,~~  
 1220 ~~academic, and other support to students selected for~~  
 1221 ~~participation in this program from funds appropriated by the~~  
 1222 ~~Legislature.~~

1223 ~~2. Student selection must be made in accordance with rules~~  
 1224 ~~adopted by the board of directors for that purpose and must be~~  
 1225 ~~based, at least in part, on an assessment of potential for~~  
 1226 ~~success, merit, and financial need.~~

1227 ~~3. Support must be made available to students who enroll~~  
 1228 ~~in private, as well as public, law schools in this state which~~  
 1229 ~~are accredited by the American Bar Association.~~

1230 ~~4. Scholarships must be paid directly to the participating~~  
 1231 ~~students.~~

1232 ~~5. Students who participate in this program must agree in~~  
1233 ~~writing to sit for The Florida Bar examination and, upon~~  
1234 ~~successful admission to The Florida Bar, to practice law in the~~  
1235 ~~state for a period equal to the amount of time for which the~~  
1236 ~~student received aid, up to 3 years, or repay the amount of aid~~  
1237 ~~received.~~

1238 ~~(b) The minority pre-law scholarship loan program of the~~  
1239 ~~Florida Education Fund is to be administered by the Board of~~  
1240 ~~Directors of the Florida Education Fund for the purpose of~~  
1241 ~~increasing the opportunity of minority students to prepare for~~  
1242 ~~law school.~~

1243 ~~1. From funds appropriated by the Legislature, the board~~  
1244 ~~of directors shall provide for student fees, room, board, books,~~  
1245 ~~supplies, and academic and other support to selected minority~~  
1246 ~~undergraduate students matriculating at eligible public and~~  
1247 ~~independent colleges and universities in Florida.~~

1248 ~~2. Student selection must be made in accordance with rules~~  
1249 ~~adopted by the board of directors for that purpose and must be~~  
1250 ~~based, at least in part, on an assessment of potential for~~  
1251 ~~success, merit, and financial need.~~

1252 ~~3. To be eligible, a student must make a written agreement~~  
1253 ~~to enter or be accepted to enter a law school in this state~~  
1254 ~~within 2 years after graduation or repay the scholarship loan~~  
1255 ~~amount plus interest at the prevailing rate.~~

1256 ~~4. Recipients who fail to gain admission to a law school~~  
1257 ~~within the specified period, may, upon admission to law school,~~  
1258 ~~be eligible to have their loans canceled.~~

1259 ~~5. Minority pre-law scholarship loans shall be provided to~~

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1260 ~~34 minority students per year for up to 4 years each, for a~~  
 1261 ~~total of 136 scholarship loans. To continue receiving~~  
 1262 ~~scholarship loans, recipients must maintain a 2.75 grade point~~  
 1263 ~~average for the freshman year and a 3.25 grade point average~~  
 1264 ~~thereafter. Participants must also take specialized courses to~~  
 1265 ~~enhance competencies in English and logic.~~

1266 ~~6. The board of directors shall maintain records on all~~  
 1267 ~~scholarship loan recipients. Participating institutions shall~~  
 1268 ~~submit academic progress reports to the board of directors~~  
 1269 ~~following each academic term.~~

1270 Section 28. Subsection (4) of section 1009.72, Florida  
 1271 Statutes, is amended to read:

1272 1009.72 Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant Program.—

1273 (4) The amounts appropriated for the program shall be  
 1274 allocated by the department on the basis of one \$5,000 challenge  
 1275 grant for each \$5,000 ~~\$2,500~~ raised from private sources.  
 1276 Matching funds shall be generated through contributions made  
 1277 after July 1, 1986, and pledged for the purposes of this  
 1278 section. Pledged contributions shall not be eligible for  
 1279 matching prior to the actual collection of the total funds.

1280 Section 29. Subsection (4) of section 1009.73, Florida  
 1281 Statutes, is amended to read:

1282 1009.73 Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship Program.—

1283 (4) The moneys for the program shall be allocated by the  
 1284 department among the institutions of higher education listed in  
 1285 subsection (1) on the basis of one \$2,000 challenge grant for  
 1286 each \$2,000 ~~\$1,000~~ raised from private sources. Matching funds  
 1287 shall be generated through contributions made after July 1,

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1288 | 1990, and pledged for the purposes of this section. Pledged  
 1289 | contributions shall not be eligible for matching prior to the  
 1290 | actual collection of the total funds. The department shall  
 1291 | allocate to each of those institutions a proportionate share of  
 1292 | the contributions received on behalf of those institutions and a  
 1293 | share of the appropriations and matching funds generated by such  
 1294 | institution.

1295 |       Section 30. Subsection (10) of section 1011.80, Florida  
 1296 | Statutes, is amended to read:

1297 |       1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education  
 1298 | programs.—

1299 |       (10) A high school student dually enrolled under s.  
 1300 | 1007.271 in a workforce education program operated by a Florida  
 1301 | College System institution or school district career center  
 1302 | generates the amount calculated for workforce education funding,  
 1303 | including any payment of performance funding, and the  
 1304 | proportional share of full-time equivalent enrollment generated  
 1305 | through the Florida Education Finance Program for the student's  
 1306 | enrollment in a high school. If a high school student is dually  
 1307 | enrolled in a Florida College System institution program,  
 1308 | including a program conducted at a high school, the Florida  
 1309 | College System institution earns the funds generated for  
 1310 | workforce education funding, and the school district earns the  
 1311 | proportional share of full-time equivalent funding from the  
 1312 | Florida Education Finance Program. If a student is dually  
 1313 | enrolled in a career center operated by the same district as the  
 1314 | district in which the student attends high school, that district  
 1315 | earns the funds generated for workforce education funding and

1316 also earns the proportional share of full-time equivalent  
 1317 funding from the Florida Education Finance Program. If a student  
 1318 is dually enrolled in a workforce education program provided by  
 1319 a career center operated by a different school district, the  
 1320 funds must be divided between the two school districts  
 1321 proportionally from the two funding sources. A student may not  
 1322 be reported for funding in a dual enrollment workforce education  
 1323 program unless the student has completed the basic skills  
 1324 assessment pursuant to s. 1004.91. A student who is coenrolled  
 1325 in a K-12 education program and an adult education program may  
 1326 not be reported for purposes of funding in an adult education  
 1327 program, ~~except that,~~ for the 2011-2012 through the 2013-2014  
 1328 fiscal years ~~year-only~~, students who are coenrolled in core  
 1329 curricula courses for credit recovery or dropout prevention  
 1330 purposes and do not have a pattern of excessive absenteeism or  
 1331 habitual truancy or a history of disruptive behavior in school  
 1332 may be reported for funding for up to two courses per student.  
 1333 Such students are exempt from the payment of the block tuition  
 1334 for adult general education programs provided in s.  
 1335 1009.22 (3) (c).

1336 Section 31. Subsection (4) of section 1012.885, Florida  
 1337 Statutes, is amended to read:

1338 1012.885 Remuneration of Florida College System  
 1339 institution presidents; limitations.—

1340 (4) LIMITATION ON REMUNERATION.—Notwithstanding the  
 1341 provisions of this section, for the 2012-2013 ~~2011-2012~~ fiscal  
 1342 year, a Florida College System institution president may not  
 1343 receive more than \$200,000 in remuneration from appropriated



1344 state funds. Only compensation, as defined in s. 121.021(22),  
 1345 provided to a Florida College System institution president may  
 1346 be used in calculating benefits under chapter 121.

1347 Section 32. Section 1012.886, Florida Statutes, is  
 1348 reenacted and amended to read:

1349 1012.886 Remuneration of Florida College System  
 1350 institution administrative employees; limitations.—

1351 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

1352 (a) "Appropriated state funds" means funds appropriated  
 1353 from the General Revenue Fund or funds appropriated from state  
 1354 trust funds.

1355 (b) "Cash-equivalent compensation" means any benefit that  
 1356 may be assigned an equivalent cash value.

1357 (c) "Remuneration" means salary, bonuses, and cash-  
 1358 equivalent compensation paid to a Florida College System  
 1359 institution administrative employee by his or her employer for  
 1360 work performed, excluding health insurance benefits and  
 1361 retirement benefits.

1362 (2) LIMITATION ON COMPENSATION.—Notwithstanding any other  
 1363 law, resolution, or rule to the contrary, a Florida College  
 1364 System institution administrative employee may not receive more  
 1365 than \$200,000 in remuneration annually from appropriated state  
 1366 funds. Only compensation, as such term is defined in s.  
 1367 121.021(22), provided to a Florida College System institution  
 1368 administrative employee may be used in calculating benefits  
 1369 under chapter 121.

1370 (3) EXCEPTIONS.—This section does not prohibit any party  
 1371 from providing cash or cash-equivalent compensation from funds

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1372 that are not appropriated state funds to a Florida College  
 1373 System institution administrative employee in excess of the  
 1374 limit in subsection (2). If a party is unable or unwilling to  
 1375 fulfill an obligation to provide cash or cash-equivalent  
 1376 compensation to a Florida College System institution  
 1377 administrative employee as permitted under this subsection,  
 1378 appropriated state funds may not be used to fulfill such  
 1379 obligation. This section does not apply to Florida College  
 1380 System institution teaching faculty.

1381 (4) EXPIRATION.—This section expires June 30, 2013 ~~2012~~.  
 1382 Section 33. Subsection (4) of section 1012.975, Florida  
 1383 Statutes, is amended to read:

1384 1012.975 Remuneration of state university presidents;  
 1385 limitations.—

1386 (4) LIMITATION ON REMUNERATION.—Notwithstanding the  
 1387 provisions of this section, for the 2012-2013 ~~2011-2012~~ fiscal  
 1388 year, a state university president may not receive more than  
 1389 \$200,000 in remuneration from public funds. Only compensation,  
 1390 as defined in s. 121.021(22), provided to a state university  
 1391 president may be used in calculating benefits under chapter 121.

1392 Section 34. Section 1012.976, Florida Statutes, is  
 1393 reenacted and amended to read:

1394 1012.976 Remuneration of state university administrative  
 1395 employees; limitations.—

1396 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

1397 (a) "Appropriated state funds" means funds appropriated  
 1398 from the General Revenue Fund or funds appropriated from state  
 1399 trust funds.

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1400 (b) "Cash-equivalent compensation" means any benefit that  
 1401 may be assigned an equivalent cash value.

1402 (c) "Remuneration" means salary, bonuses, and cash-  
 1403 equivalent compensation paid to a state university  
 1404 administrative employee by his or her employer for work  
 1405 performed, excluding health insurance benefits and retirement  
 1406 benefits.

1407 (2) LIMITATION ON COMPENSATION.—Notwithstanding any other  
 1408 law, resolution, or rule to the contrary, a state university  
 1409 administrative employee may not receive more than \$200,000 in  
 1410 remuneration annually from appropriated state funds. Only  
 1411 compensation, as such term is defined in s. 121.021(22),  
 1412 provided to a state university administrative employee may be  
 1413 used in calculating benefits under chapter 121.

1414 (3) EXCEPTIONS.—This section does not prohibit any party  
 1415 from providing cash or cash-equivalent compensation from funds  
 1416 that are not appropriated state funds to a state university  
 1417 administrative employee in excess of the limit in subsection  
 1418 (2). If a party is unable or unwilling to fulfill an obligation  
 1419 to provide cash or cash-equivalent compensation to a state  
 1420 university administrative employee as permitted under this  
 1421 subsection, appropriated state funds may not be used to fulfill  
 1422 such obligation. This section does not apply to university  
 1423 teaching faculty or medical school faculty or staff.

1424 (4) EXPIRATION.—This section expires June 30, 2013 ~~2012~~.  
 1425 Section 35. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
 1426 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2012.