

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to charter technical career centers;
 3 amending s. 1002.34, F.S.; providing conditions for use of
 4 the designations "technical college" and "college";
 5 prohibiting certain degrees; providing an effective date.

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 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 9 Section 1. Subsection (20) is added to section 1002.34,
 10 Florida Statutes, to read:

11 1002.34 Charter technical career centers.--

12 (20) (a) A charter technical career center that was in
 13 operation prior to July 1, 2008, may use the designation
 14 "technical college" under the following conditions:

15 1. The charter technical career center must have the
 16 approval of the center's board of directors, the center's
 17 sponsor, the district school board that initially approved the
 18 center's charter, and the community college board of trustees
 19 that initially approved the center's charter to change the
 20 center's name.

21 2. The charter technical career center must have the
 22 approval of the center's board of directors, the center's
 23 sponsor, the district school board that initially approved the
 24 center's charter, and the community college board of trustees
 25 that initially approved the charter to offer one or more
 26 associate in applied science degree programs. Separate approval
 27 is required for each degree program the center plans to offer.

28 3. The charter technical career center must participate
 29 fully in the statewide course numbering system.

30 4. The charter technical career center must comply with
 31 all provisions of the statewide articulation agreement that
 32 relate to 2-year and 4-year public degree-granting institutions
 33 as adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to s.
 34 1007.23.

35 5. The charter technical career center must be accredited
 36 by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of
 37 Colleges and Schools. A charter technical career center that
 38 obtains the approvals required by subparagraphs 1. and 2. may
 39 use the designation "technical college" while the center pursues
 40 accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and
 41 Schools Commission on Colleges.

42 (b) A charter technical career center that begins
 43 operation after July 1, 2008 may not use the designation
 44 "technical college" unless specifically authorized by the
 45 Legislature.

46 (c) A charter technical career center may not use the
 47 designation "college."

48 (d) A charter technical career center that is sponsored by
 49 a school district may not offer associate in arts or associate
 50 in science degree programs unless specifically authorized by the
 51 Legislature.

52 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.