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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 of funds; amending s. 1003.4156, F.S.; conforming 12 provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 13 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 Learning Consortium; amending ss. 1004.39, 1004.40, 17 and 1006.72, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes 18 19 made by the act; creating s. 1006.73, F.S.; establishing the Florida Virtual Campus to provide 20 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 Internet-based catalog of distance learning courses, 28

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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 and provide recommendations concerning the use and 33 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 assets and liabilities of the Florida Distance 38 39 Learning Consortium, the Florida Center for Library Automation, the College Center for Library Automation, 40 and FACTS.org to the Florida Virtual Campus; requiring 41 42 recommendations to the Legislature; creating s. 43 1006.735, F.S.; requiring the Florida Virtual Campus 44 to collaborate with specified postsecondary educational institutions to implement the Degree 45 Completion Pilot Project to recruit, recover, and 46 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 the Legislature; amending s. 1007.01, F.S.; conforming 52 53 a cross-reference; amending s. 1007.27, F.S.; 54 conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 1007.28, F.S., relating to a computer-55 56 assisted student advising system; amending s.

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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 changes made by the act; amending s. 1009.286, F.S., 61 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. 1009.531 and 1009.532, F.S.; revising eligibility 68 requirements for initial and renewal awards under the 69 70 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; amending ss. 1009.534, 1009.535, and 1009.536, F.S.; revising 71 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; amending s. 1009.60, F.S.; providing a duty of the 81 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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providing a duty of the Florida Fund for Minority 85 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 funding and expenditures; requiring the fund to 90 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 and pre-law program; amending ss. 1009.72 and 1009.73, 96 F.S.; revising requirements for matching funds under 97 98 the Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant Program and 99 the Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship Program; amending 100 ss. 1009.89 and 1009.891, F.S.; revising student eligibility requirements under the William L. Boyd, 101 102 IV, Florida resident access grant program and the 103 Access to Better Learning and Education Grant Program; 104 amending s. 1011.80, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the reporting for funding purposes of 105 106 certain students who are coenrolled in a K-12 education program and an adult education program; 107 amending s. 1012.885, F.S.; extending provisions 108 109 relating to remuneration of Florida College System 110 institution presidents; reenacting and amending s. 1012.886, F.S.; delaying the expiration of provisions 111 relating to the remuneration of Florida College System 112

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PCB HEAS 12-01 ORIGINAL 2012 113 institution administrative employees; amending s. 114 1012.975, F.S.; extending provisions relating to remuneration of state university presidents; 115 116 reenacting and amending s. 1012.976, F.S.; delaying 117 the expiration of provisions relating to the 118 remuneration of state university administrative 119 employees; providing effective dates. 120 121 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 122 123 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 124 282.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 125 State data center system; agency duties and 282.201 126 limitations.-A state data center system that includes all 127 primary data centers, other nonprimary data centers, and 128 computing facilities, and that provides an enterprise 129 information technology service as defined in s. 282.0041, is 130 established. 131 (4) SCHEDULE FOR CONSOLIDATIONS OF AGENCY DATA CENTERS.-By December 31, 2011, the following shall be 132 (b) 133 consolidated into the Northwest Regional Data Center: 134 1. The Department of Education's Knott Data Center in the 135 Turlington Building. 136 The Department of Education's Division of Vocational 2. Rehabilitation. 137 138 3. The Department of Education's Division of Blind 139 Services, except for the division's disaster recovery site in Daytona Beach. 140 Page 5 of 53

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Section 2. Effective upon the institution receiving 143 144 accreditation of its baccalaureate degree programs by the 145 Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges 146 and Schools, paragraph (z) of subsection (3) of section 1000.21, 147 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1000.21 Systemwide definitions.-As used in the Florida K-148 20 Education Code: 149

"Florida College System institution" except as 150 (3)otherwise specifically provided, includes all of the following 151 152 public postsecondary educational institutions in the Florida 153 College System and any branch campuses, centers, or other 154 affiliates of the institution:

155 South Florida State Community College, which serves (z) 156 DeSoto, Hardee, and Highlands Counties.

157 Section 3. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (4) of 158 section 1001.706, Florida Statutes, to read:

159 1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.-160

(4) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO FINANCE.-

161 The Board of Governors may transfer unused (e) 162 appropriations from the Education/General Student and Other Fees

163 Trust Fund, pursuant to s. 1011.4106(2), between institutions. 164 Section 4. Subsection (5) is added to section 1001.73,

165 Florida Statutes, to read:

#### 1001.73 University board empowered to act as trustee.-166 167 (5) A board of trustees of a state university may not transfer in excess of \$1 million in funds that are appropriated 168

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169	to the state university in the General Revenue Fund, the
170	Educational Enhancement Trust Fund, and the Education/General
171	Student and Other Fees Trust Fund between the Education and
172	General Activities category and other program categories. A
173	board of trustees may request additional transfer authority from
174	the Board of Governors. Upon approval of the additional transfer
175	authority by the Board of Governors, the Board of Governors may
176	request a budget amendment to transfer appropriations for a
177	state university between categories in excess of \$1 million.
178	Such transfers are subject to review and approval by the
179	Legislative Budget Commission.
180	Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
181	1003.4156, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
182	1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades
183	promotion
184	(1) Promotion from a school composed of middle grades 6,
185	7, and 8 requires that:
186	(a) The student must successfully complete academic
187	courses as follows:
188	1. Three middle school or higher courses in English. These
189	courses shall emphasize literature, composition, and technical
190	text.
191	2. Three middle school or higher courses in mathematics.
192	Each middle school must offer at least one high school level
193	mathematics course for which students may earn high school
194	credit. Successful completion of a high school level Algebra I
195	or geometry course is not contingent upon the student's
196	performance on the end-of-course assessment required under s.
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197 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I). However, beginning with the 2011-2012 198 school year, to earn high school credit for an Algebra I course, 199 a middle school student must pass the Algebra I end-of-course 200 assessment, and beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, to 201 earn high school credit for a geometry course, a middle school 202 student must pass the geometry end-of-course assessment.

203 3. Three middle school or higher courses in social 204 studies, one semester of which must include the study of state 205 and federal government and civics education. Beginning with 206 students entering grade 6 in the 2012-2013 school year, one of these courses must be at least a one-semester civics education 207 course that a student successfully completes in accordance with 208 s. 1008.22(3)(c) and that includes the roles and 209 210 responsibilities of federal, state, and local governments; the structures and functions of the legislative, executive, and 211 212 judicial branches of government; and the meaning and 213 significance of historic documents, such as the Articles of 214 Confederation, the Declaration of Independence, and the 215 Constitution of the United States.

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

5. One course in career and education planning to be completed in 7th or 8th grade. The course may be taught by any

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225 member of the instructional staff; must include career exploration using Florida CHOICES or a comparable cost-effective 226 227 program; must include educational planning using the online 228 student advising system established pursuant to s. 1006.73 known 229 as Florida Academic Counseling and Tracking for Students at the 230 Internet website FACTS.org; and shall result in the completion 231 of a personalized academic and career plan. The required 232 personalized academic and career plan must inform students of 233 high school graduation requirements, high school assessment and 234 college entrance test requirements, Florida Bright Futures 235 Scholarship Program requirements, state university and Florida 236 College System institution admission requirements, and programs through which a high school student can earn college credit, 237 238 including Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Advanced International Certificate of Education, dual 239 240 enrollment, career academy opportunities, and courses that lead to national industry certification. 241

243 A student with a disability, as defined in s. 1007.02(2), for 244 whom the individual education plan team determines that an end-245 of-course assessment cannot accurately measure the student's 246 abilities, taking into consideration all allowable 247 accommodations, shall have the end-of-course assessment results 248 waived for purposes of determining the student's course grade and completing the requirements for middle grades promotion. 249 Each school must hold a parent meeting either in the evening or 250 251 on a weekend to inform parents about the course curriculum and 252 activities. Each student shall complete an electronic personal

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253	education plan that must be signed by the student; the student's
254	instructor, guidance counselor, or academic advisor; and the
255	student's parent. The Department of Education shall develop
256	course frameworks and professional development materials for the
257	career exploration and education planning course. The course may
258	be implemented as a stand-alone course or integrated into
259	another course or courses. The Commissioner of Education shall
260	collect longitudinal high school course enrollment data by
261	student ethnicity in order to analyze course-taking patterns.
262	Section 6. Section 1004.09, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
263	Section 7. Section 1004.091, Florida Statutes, is
264	repealed.
265	Section 8. Subsection (5) of section 1004.39, Florida
266	Statutes, is amended to read:
267	1004.39 College of law at Florida International
268	University
269	(5) The Florida International University Board of Trustees
270	and the Board of Governors may accept grants, donations, gifts,
271	and moneys available for this purpose, including moneys for
272	planning and constructing the college. The Florida International
273	University Board of Trustees may procure and accept any federal
274	funds that are available for the planning, creation, and
275	establishment of the college of law. If the American Bar
276	Association or any other nationally recognized association for
277	the accreditation of colleges of law issues a third disapproval
278	of an application for provisional approval or for full approval
279	or fails to grant, within 5 years following the graduation of
280	the first class, a provisional approval, to the college of law
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281 at Florida International University, the Board of Governors 282 shall make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature 283 as to whether the college of law will cease operations at the 284 end of the full academic year subsequent to the receipt by the 285 college of law of any such third disapproval, or whether the 286 college of law will continue operations and any conditions for 287 continued operations. If the college of law ceases operations 288 pursuant to this section, the following conditions apply:

289 (a) The authority for the college of law at Florida International University and the authority of the Florida 290 International University Board of Trustees and the Board of 291 292 Governors provided in this section shall terminate upon the 293 cessation of operations of the college of law at Florida 294 International University. The college of law at Florida International University shall receive no moneys allocated for 295 296 the planning, construction, or operation of the college of law 297 after its cessation of operations other than moneys to be 298 expended for the cessation of operations of the college of law. 299 Any moneys allocated to the college of law at Florida 300 International University not expended prior to or scheduled to 301 be expended after the date of the cessation of the college of 302 law shall be appropriated for other use by the Legislature of 303 the State of Florida.

(b) Any buildings of the college of law at Florida
International University constructed from the expenditure of
capital outlay funds appropriated by the Legislature shall be
owned by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust
Fund and managed by the Florida International University Board

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PCB HEAS 12-01 ORIGINAL 2012 309 of Trustees upon the cessation of the college of law. 310 311 Nothing in this section shall undermine commitments to current 312 students receiving support as of the date of the enactment of 313 this section from the law school scholarship program of the 314 Florida Education Fund as provided in s. 1009.70(8). Students 315 attending the college of law at Florida International University shall be eligible for financial, academic, or other support from 316 317 the Florida Education Fund as provided in s. 1009.70(8) without the college's obtaining accreditation by the American Bar 318 Association. 319 320 Section 9. Subsection (5) of section 1004.40, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 321 322 1004.40 College of law at Florida Agricultural and 323 Mechanical University.-324 (5) The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University 325 Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors may accept grants, 326 donations, gifts, and moneys available for this purpose, 327 including moneys for planning and constructing the college. The 328 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees 329 may procure and accept any federal funds that are available for 330 the planning, creation, and establishment of the college of law. 331 If the American Bar Association or any other nationally 332 recognized association for the accreditation of colleges of law issues a third disapproval of an application for provisional 333 approval or for full approval or fails to grant, within 5 years 334 following the graduation of the first class, a provisional 335 336 approval, to the college of law at Florida Agricultural and

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337 Mechanical University, the Board of Governors shall make 338 recommendations to the Governor and Legislature as to whether 339 the college of law will cease operations at the end of the full 340 academic year subsequent to the receipt by the college of law of 341 any such third disapproval, or whether the college of law will 342 continue operations and any conditions for continued operations. 343 If the college of law ceases operations of the college of law 344 pursuant to this section, the following conditions apply:

345 (a) The authority for the college of law at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and the authority of the 346 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees 347 348 and the Board of Governors provided in this section shall terminate upon the cessation of operations of the college of law 349 350 at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. The college 351 of law at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University shall 352 receive no moneys allocated for the planning, construction, or 353 operation of the college of law after its cessation of 354 operations other than moneys to be expended for the cessation of 355 operations of the college of law. Any moneys allocated to the 356 college of law at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University 357 not expended prior to or scheduled to be expended after the date 358 of the cessation of the college of law shall be appropriated for 359 other use by the Legislature of the State of Florida.

(b) Any buildings of the college of law at Florida
Agricultural and Mechanical University constructed from the
expenditure of capital outlay funds appropriated by the
Legislature shall be owned by the Board of Trustees of the
Internal Improvement Trust Fund and managed by the Florida

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365	Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees upon
366	the cessation of the college of law.
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368	Nothing in this section shall undermine commitments to current
369	students receiving support as of the date of the enactment of
370	this section from the law school scholarship program of the
371	Florida Education Fund as provided in s. 1009.70(8). Students
372	attending the college of law at Florida Agricultural and
373	Mechanical University shall be eligible for financial, academic,
374	or other support from the Florida Education Fund as provided in
375	s. 1009.70(8) without the college's obtaining accreditation by
376	the American Bar Association.
377	Section 10. Subsections (2), (4), (5), (6), and (7) of
378	section 1006.72, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
379	1006.72 Licensing electronic library resources
380	(2) PROCESS TO IDENTIFY RESOURCESLibrary staff from
381	Florida College System institutions, state universities, school
382	districts, and public libraries shall implement a process that
383	annually identifies the electronic library resources for each of
384	the core categories established in this section. To the extent
385	possible, the Florida <u>Virtual Campus</u> <del>Center for Library</del>
386	Automation, the College Center for Library Automation, and the
387	Division of Library and Information Services within the
388	Department of State shall jointly coordinate this annual
389	process.
390	(4) POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION CORE RESOURCESFor purposes
391	of licensing electronic library resources <del>required by both the</del>
392	Florida Center for Library Automation and the College Center for
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393 Library Automation from funds appropriated to the Florida 394 Virtual Campus centers, Florida College System institution and 395 state university library staff shall identify the postsecondary 396 education core resources that will be available to all public 397 postsecondary education students.

398 FOUR-YEAR DEGREE CORE RESOURCES.-For purposes of (5) 399 licensing electronic library resources beyond the postsecondary 400 education core resources by the Florida Virtual Campus Center 401 for Library Automation from funds appropriated to the campus center, state university library staff, in consultation with 402 403 Florida College System institution library staff, shall identify 404 the 4-year degree core resources that will be available to all 4-year degree-seeking students in the State University System 405 406 and the Florida College System. The Florida Virtual Campus 407 Center for Library Automation shall include in the negotiated 408 pricing model any Florida College System institution interested 409 in licensing a resource.

410 TWO-YEAR DEGREE CORE RESOURCES.-For purposes of (6) 411 licensing electronic library resources beyond the postsecondary 412 education core resources by the Florida Virtual Campus College 413 Center for Library Automation from funds appropriated to the 414 campus center, Florida College System institution library staff 415 shall identify the 2-year degree core resources that will be 416 available to all Florida College System institution students. The Florida Virtual Campus College Center for Library Automation 417 shall include in the negotiated pricing model any state 418 419 university interested in licensing a resource. REPORT.-The chancellors and vice chancellors of the 420 (7)

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421	Florida College System and the State University System shall
422	annually report to the Executive Office of the Governor and the
423	chairs of the legislative appropriations committees the cost
424	savings realized as a result of the collaborative licensing
425	process identified in this section.
426	Section 11. Section 1006.73, Florida Statutes, is created
427	to read:
428	1006.73 Florida Virtual Campus
429	(1) The Florida Virtual Campus is established to provide
430	access to online student and library support services and to
431	serve as a statewide resource and clearinghouse for public
432	postsecondary education distance learning courses and degree
433	programs. The primary purposes of the Florida Virtual Campus are
434	to:
435	(a) Establish a single library automation system and
436	associated resources and services that all public postsecondary
437	educational institutions will use for purposes of supporting
438	their learning, teaching, and research needs.
439	(b) Enhance and expand educational access and increase
440	public postsecondary educational degree attainment across the
441	state.
442	(c) Address the educational needs of traditional students,
443	place-bound students, time-bound students, and adult learners.
444	(d) Increase workforce skills and expand professional
445	development opportunities.
446	(2) The chancellors of the Florida College System and the
447	State University System shall exercise joint oversight of the
448	Florida Virtual Campus and shall establish its governance and
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449	reporting structure, administrative and operational guidelines
450	and processes, staffing requirements, and operational budget.
451	All data center services needed by the Florida Virtual Campus
452	shall be provided by a primary data center established pursuant
453	to ss. 282.201 and 1004.649.
454	(3) The Florida Virtual Campus may contract for
455	administrative services with a public postsecondary educational
456	institution. The administrative overhead costs charged by the
457	institution may not exceed the actual cost for providing the
458	services and shall require a specific appropriation in the
459	General Appropriations Act.
460	(4) The Florida Virtual Campus shall:
461	(a) Develop and manage a library information portal and
462	automated library management tools for use by the Florida
463	College System institutions and state universities. The library
464	information portal and automated library management tools shall
465	include, but are not limited to, the following services and
466	functions:
467	1. A shared Internet-based catalog and discovery tool that
468	allow a user to search and, if authorized, access the aggregate
469	library holdings of the state's public postsecondary educational
470	institutions. The catalog and discovery tool shall allow the
471	user to search the library holdings of one institution, selected
472	institutions, or all institutions and, to the extent feasible,
473	include an interlibrary loan function that ensures the
474	authorized user can access the required library holding.
475	2. An Internet-based searchable collection of electronic
476	resources which shall include, but not be limited to, full-text
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477	journals, articles, databases, and electronic books that the		
478	Florida Virtual Campus licenses pursuant to s. 1006.72.		
479	3. An integrated library management system and its		
480	associated services which all public postsecondary educational		
481	institution academic libraries must use for purposes of		
482	acquiring, cataloging, circulating, and tracking library		
483	material.		
484	4. A statewide searchable database that includes an		
485	inventory of digital archives and collections held by public		
486	postsecondary educational institutions.		
487	(b) Develop and manage a statewide Internet-based catalog	-	
488	of distance learning courses, degree programs, and resources		
489	offered by public postsecondary educational institutions which		
490	is intended to assist in the coordination and collaboration of		
491	articulation and access pursuant to parts II and III of chapter	-	
492	1007. The campus shall establish operational guidelines and		
493	procedures for the catalog which must:		
494	1. Require participating institutions to provide		
495	information concerning the distance learning course to include		
496	information on the availability of the course; the type of		
497	required technology; any prerequisite course or technology		
498	competency or skill; the availability of academic support		
499	services and financial aid resources; and course costs, fees,		
500	and payment policies.		
501	2. Require that distance learning courses and degree		
502	programs meet applicable accreditation standards and criteria.		
503	3. Require that, at a minimum, the catalog is reviewed at	-	
504	the start of each academic semester to ensure that distance		
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505	learning courses and degree programs comply with all operational
506	guidelines and procedures.
507	4. Use an Internet-based analytic tool that allows for the
508	collection and analysis of data, including, but not limited to:
509	a. The number and type of students who use the catalog to
510	search for distance learning courses and degree programs.
511	b. The number and type of requests for information on
512	distance learning courses and degree programs that are not
513	listed in the catalog.
514	c. A summary of specific requests by course type or course
515	number, delivery method, offering institution, and semester.
516	5. Periodically obtain and analyze data from the Florida
517	College System and the State University System concerning:
518	a. Costs of distance learning courses and degree programs.
519	b. Graduation and retention rates of students enrolled in
520	distance learning programs.
521	c. Distance learning course completion.
522	(c) Implement a streamlined, automated, online admissions
523	application process for undergraduate transient students who are
524	currently enrolled and pursuing a degree at a public
525	postsecondary educational institution and who choose to enroll
526	in a course listed in the distance learning catalog established
527	pursuant to paragraph (b) which is offered by a public
528	postsecondary educational institution that is not the student's
529	degree-granting institution. The Florida Virtual Campus shall
530	work with the Florida College System and the State University
531	System to implement this process which requires all Florida
532	College System institutions and state universities to:

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533	1. Use the t	transient student admissions application	
534	available through	the statewide computer-assisted student	
535	advising system es	stablished pursuant to paragraph (d). This	
536	admissions applica	ation is the only application required for	the
537	enrollment of a tr	ransient student as defined in this paragray	ph.
538	2. Implement	the financial aid procedures required by	the
539	transient student	admissions application process.	
540	3. Transfer	credit awarded by the institutions offering	<u>g</u>
541	the distance learr	ning course to the transient student's degre	ee-
542	granting instituti	<u>_on.</u>	
543	4. By Decemb	per 1, 2012, provide for an interface betwee	en
544	the institutional	advising system and the statewide computer	_
545	assisted student a	advising system established pursuant to	
546	paragraph (d) in c	order to electronically send, receive, and	
547	process the transi	lent student admissions application.	
548	(d) Develop	and manage a statewide computer-assisted	
549	student advising s	system which shall support the process of	
550	advising, register	ring, and certifying students for graduatio	<u>n</u>
551	and include a degr	ree audit and an articulation component. The	<u>e</u>
552	<u>Florida College Sy</u>	stem institutions and state universities s	hall
553	<u>interface</u> institut	tional advising systems with the statewide	
554	computer-assisted	student system. At a minimum, the statewide	<u>e</u>
555	computer-assisted	student advising system shall:	
556	<u>1. Allow a s</u>	student to access the system at any time,	
557	<u>search public post</u>	secondary educational institutions, and	
558	identify course op	ptions that will meet the requirements of a	
559	selected path towa	ard a degree.	
560	2. Audit tra	anscripts of students enrolled in a public	
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561	postsecondary educational institution to assess current academic
562	standing, the impact of changing majors or institutions, the
563	requirements for a student to transfer to another institution,
564	and all requirements necessary for graduation.
565	3. Serve as the official statewide repository for the
566	common prerequisite manual, admissions information for
567	transferring programs, foreign language requirements, residency
568	requirements, and statewide articulation agreements.
569	4. Provide information relating to career descriptions and
570	corresponding educational requirements, admissions requirements,
571	and available sources of student financial assistance.
572	5. Provide the admissions application for transient
573	students pursuant to paragraph (c) which must include the
574	electronic transfer and receipt of information and records for:
575	a. Admissions and readmissions.
576	b. Financial aid.
577	c. Transfer of credit awarded by the institution offering
578	the distance learning to the transient student's degree-granting
579	institution.
580	(e) Coordinate the negotiation of statewide licensing of
581	electronic library resources and preferred pricing agreements,
582	issue purchase orders, and enter into contracts for the
583	acquisition of distance learning resources, student and library
584	support services, electronic resources, and other materials
585	necessary to carry out its duties under this section.
586	(f) Promote and provide recommendations concerning the use
587	and distribution of open-access textbooks and education
588	resources as a method for reducing costs, and work with public
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589	postsecondary educational institutions in developing a
590	standardized process for the review and approval of open-access
591	textbooks.
592	(g) Provide appropriate help desk support and training and
593	consultation services to institutions and students utilizing the
594	services and resources of the Florida Virtual Campus.
595	(h) Identify and evaluate new technologies and
596	instructional methods that can be used for improving distance
597	learning instruction, student learning, the efficient delivery
598	of student support services, and the overall quality of
599	undergraduate distance learning courses and degree programs.
600	(5) All assets and liabilities of the Florida Distance
601	Learning Consortium, the Florida Center for Library Automation,
602	the College Center for Library Automation, and FACTS.org are
603	transferred to the Florida Virtual Campus.
604	(6) Beginning December 1, 2012, and annually thereafter,
605	the chancellors of the Florida College System and the State
606	University System shall provide recommendations to the chairs of
607	the legislative appropriations committees on other resources and
608	services that should be included in the Florida Virtual Campus.
609	Section 12. Section 1006.735, Florida Statutes, is created
610	to read:
611	1006.735 Degree Completion Pilot Project
612	(1) The Florida Virtual Campus shall collaborate with the
613	University of West Florida, the University of South Florida,
614	Florida State College at Jacksonville, and St. Petersburg
615	College to implement the Degree Completion Pilot Project which
616	is designed to recruit, recover, and retain Florida's adult
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617	learners and assist them in completing an associate degree or a
618	baccalaureate degree that is aligned to high-wage, high-skill
619	workforce needs. For purposes of this section, an adult reentry
620	learner is a student who has completed at least 30 credit hours
621	but has left an institution in good standing prior to the
622	completion of his or her associate or baccalaureate degree.
623	Adult reentry learners who are veterans or active duty members
624	of the United States Armed Forces shall be targeted for
625	participation in the pilot project.
626	(2) The pilot project shall provide adult reentry learners
627	with a single point of access to information and links to
628	innovative online and accelerated distance learning courses,
629	student and library support services, and electronic resources
630	that will guide the adult reentry learner toward the successful
631	completion of a postsecondary degree.
632	(3) The pilot project shall include the associate, applied
633	baccalaureate, and baccalaureate degree programs selected by the
634	postsecondary educational institutions identified in subsection
635	(1), with partnering public postsecondary educational
636	institutions providing areas of specialization or concentration
637	as necessary.
638	(4) The pilot project shall be implemented beginning in
639	the 2012-2013 academic year and shall include the following
640	components:
641	(a) Use of the distance learning course catalog
642	established pursuant to s. 1006.73 to communicate course
643	availability to the adult learner.
644	(b) Development and implementation of an advising and
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645	student support system that includes the use of degree
646	completion specialists, that is based upon best practices and
647	processes, and that includes academic and career support
648	services designed specifically for the adult learner.
649	(c) Use of the streamlined, automated, online admissions
650	application process for transient students established pursuant
651	to s. 1006.73. The pilot project shall identify any additional
652	admissions and registration policies and practices that could be
653	further streamlined and automated for purposes of assisting the
654	adult learner.
655	(d) Development of new, and use of existing, competency-
656	based instructional and evaluation tools to assess prior
657	performance, experience, and education for the award of college
658	credit to reduce the time to complete an associate or
659	baccalaureate degree. The tools may include the use of the
660	American Council on Education's collaborative link between the
661	United States Department of Defense and higher education through
662	the review of military training and experiences for the award of
663	equivalent college credit for members of the United States Armed
664	Forces.
665	(e) Development and implementation of an evaluation
666	process that collects, analyzes, and provides information on the
667	pilot project to the participating postsecondary educational
668	institutions, the chairs of the legislative appropriations
669	committees, and the Executive Office of the Governor on the
670	effectiveness of the pilot project and the attainment of its
671	goals. Such a process shall include a management information
672	system that collects the appropriate student, programmatic, and
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673	fiscal data necessary to complete the evaluation of the pilot					
674	project.					
675	(f) Development and implementation of a statewide					
676	marketing campaign targeted towards recruiting adult learners,					
677	particularly veterans and active duty members of the United					
678	States Armed Forces, for enrollment in the degree programs					
679	offered through the pilot project.					
680	(5) For purposes of the pilot project, each institution's					
681	current tuition and fee structure shall be used. However, all					
682	participating institutions shall collaboratively identify the					
683	applicable cost components that are involved in the development					
684	and delivery of distance learning courses, collect information					
685	on these cost components, and submit the information to the					
686	Florida Virtual Campus.					
687	(6) The Florida Virtual Campus, in collaboration with the					
688	participating institutions, shall submit to the chairs of the					
689	legislative appropriations committees no later than August 1,					
690	2012, a detailed project plan that defines the major work					
691	activities, timeline, and cost for implementing the pilot					
692	project.					
693	Section 13. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section					
694	1007.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:					
695	1007.01 Articulation; legislative intent; purpose; role of					
696	the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors;					
697	Articulation Coordinating Committee					
698	(3) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with					
699	the Chancellor of the State University System, shall establish					
700	the Articulation Coordinating Committee which shall make					
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701 recommendations related to statewide articulation policies to 702 the Higher Education Coordination Council, the State Board of 703 Education, and the Board of Governors. The committee shall 704 consist of two members each representing the State University 705 System, the Florida College System, public career and technical 706 education, public K-12 education, and nonpublic education and 707 one member representing students. The chair shall be elected 708 from the membership. The committee shall:

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

Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 1007.27, FloridaStatutes, is amended to read:

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1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.-

716 (1)It is the intent of the Legislature that a variety of 717 articulated acceleration mechanisms be available for secondary 718 and postsecondary students attending public educational 719 institutions. It is intended that articulated acceleration serve 720 to shorten the time necessary for a student to complete the 721 requirements associated with the conference of a high school 722 diploma and a postsecondary degree, broaden the scope of 723 curricular options available to students, or increase the depth of study available for a particular subject. Articulated 724 acceleration mechanisms shall include, but not be limited to, 725 dual enrollment as provided for in s. 1007.271, early admission, 726 advanced placement, credit by examination, the International 727 Baccalaureate Program, and the Advanced International 728

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#### PCB HEAS 12-01 ORIGINAL 2012 729 Certificate of Education Program. Credit earned through the 730 Florida Virtual School shall provide additional opportunities 731 for early graduation and acceleration. Students of Florida 732 public secondary schools enrolled pursuant to this subsection 733 shall be deemed authorized users of the state-funded electronic 734 library resources that are licensed for Florida College System 735 institutions and state universities by the Florida Virtual 736 Campus Florida Center for Library Automation and the College 737 Center for Library Automation. Verification of eligibility shall 738 be in accordance with rules established by the State Board of 739 Education and regulations established by the Board of Governors 740 and processes implemented by Florida College System institutions 741 and state universities. 742 Section 15. Section 1007.28, Florida Statutes, is 743 repealed. 744 Section 16. Subsection (3) of section 1009.215, Florida 745 Statutes, is amended to read: 746 1009.215 Student enrollment pilot program for the spring 747 and summer terms.-748 Students who are enrolled in the pilot program and who (3) 749 are eligible to receive Bright Futures Scholarships under ss. 750 1009.53-1009.536 shall be eligible to receive the scholarship 751 award for attendance during no more than 2 semesters or the 752 equivalent in any fiscal year, including the summer term in the 753 spring and summer terms but are not eligible to receive the 754 scholarship for attendance during the fall term.

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755 Section 17. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (16) and 756 subsection (17) of section 1009.23, Florida Statutes, are 757 amended to read:

1009.23 Florida College System institution student fees.-

759 Each Florida College System institution may assess (16) (a) 760 a student who enrolls in a course listed in the Florida Higher 761 Education distance learning catalog, established pursuant to s. 762 1006.73 1004.09, a per-credit-hour distance learning course user 763 fee. For purposes of assessing this fee, a distance learning course is a course in which at least 80 percent of the direct 764 instruction of the course is delivered using some form of 765 766 technology when the student and instructor are separated by time 767 or space, or both.

(c) The link for the catalog must be prominently displayed within the advising and distance learning sections of the institution's website, using a graphic and description provided by the Florida <u>Virtual Campus</u> <del>Distance Learning Consortium</del>, to inform students of the catalog.

(17) Each Florida College System institution that accepts transient students, pursuant to s. <u>1006.73</u> <del>1004.091</del>, may establish a transient student fee not to exceed \$5 per distance learning course for processing the transient student admissions application.

778 Section 18. Paragraph (t) of subsection (14) and 779 paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (17) of section 1009.24, 780 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

781 1009.24 State university student fees.782 (14) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (15), each

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783 university board of trustees is authorized to establish the 784 following fees:

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

790 With the exception of housing rental rates and except as 791 otherwise provided, fees assessed pursuant to paragraphs (h)-(s) 792 shall be based on reasonable costs of services. The Board of 793 Governors shall adopt regulations and timetables necessary to 794 implement the fees and fines authorized under this subsection. 795 The fees assessed under this subsection may be used for debt 796 only as authorized under s. 1010.62.

797 (17) (a) A state university may assess a student who 798 enrolls in a course listed in the Florida Higher Education 799 distance learning catalog, established pursuant to s. 1006.73 800 1004.09, a per-credit-hour distance learning course fee. For 801 purposes of assessing this fee, a distance learning course is a 802 course in which at least 80 percent of the direct instruction of 803 the course is delivered using some form of technology when the 804 student and instructor are separated by time or space, or both.

(c) The link for the catalog must be prominently displayed within the advising and distance learning sections of the institution's website, using a graphic and description provided by the Florida <u>Virtual Campus</u> <del>Distance Learning Consortium</del>, informing students of the catalog.

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810 Section 19. Section 1009.286, Florida Statutes, is amended 811 to read:

812 1009.286 Additional student payment for hours exceeding
813 baccalaureate degree program completion requirements at <u>Florida</u>
814 College System institutions and state universities.-

815 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage each 816 undergraduate student who enrolls in a Florida College System 817 institution or state university to complete the student's respective baccalaureate degree program in the most efficient 818 way possible while providing for access to additional college 819 820 coursework. Therefore, the Legislature intends to enact a policy 821 that provides incentives for efficient baccalaureate degree completion. 822

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

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

(b) For a student who entered a Florida College System
 institution or a state university for the first time in the
 2011-2012 academic year and maintained continuous enrollment, a

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PCB HEAS 12-01 ORIGINAL 2012 838 surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate for each 839 credit hour in excess of 115 percent. 840 (c) For a student who enters a Florida College System 841 institution or a state university for the first time in the 842 2012-2013 academic year and thereafter, a surcharge equal to 100 843 percent of the tuition rate for each credit hour in excess of 844 110 percent. 845 Except as otherwise provided by law and for purposes (3) 846 of this section, the following credit hours shall be included when calculating the number of hours taken by a student: 847 All credit hours for courses taken at the Florida 848 (a) 849 College System institution or state university from which the 850 student is seeking a baccalaureate degree, including: 851 1. Failed courses. Courses that are dropped after the university's 852 2. 853 advertised last day of the drop and add period. 854 3. Courses from which a student withdraws, except as 855 provided in subsection (4). 856 4. Repeated courses, except repeated courses for which the 857 student has paid the full cost of instruction as provided in s. 858 1009.285. 859 (b) All credit hours earned at another institution and 860 accepted for transfer by the Florida College System institution 861 or state university and applied toward the student's 862 baccalaureate degree program. For purposes of this section, credit hours earned 863 (4) 864 under the following circumstances are not calculated as hours 865 required to earn a baccalaureate degree: Page 31 of 53

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PCB HEAS 12-01 ORIGINAL 2012 866 College credits earned through an articulated (a) 867 accelerated mechanism identified in s. 1007.27. 868 (b) Credit hours earned through internship programs. 869 Credit hours required for certification, (C) 870 recertification, or certificate programs. 871 Credit hours in courses from which a student must (d) 872 withdraw due to reasons of medical or personal hardship. 873 Credit hours taken by active-duty military personnel. (e) 874 (f) Credit hours required to achieve a dual major taken 875 while pursuing a baccalaureate degree. 876 Remedial and English as a Second Language credit (g) 877 hours. Credit hours earned in military science courses that 878 (h) 879 are part of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program. 880 (5) Each state university and Florida College System 881 institution shall implement a process for notifying students 882 regarding the provisions of this section. Notice must be 883 provided by a state university or a Florida College System 884 institution upon a student's initial enrollment in the 885 institution. Such notice must be provided a second time by a 886 Florida College System institution or state university when a 887 student has earned the credit hours required to complete the 888 baccalaureate degree program in which the student is enrolled. 889 The notice must include a recommendation that each student who 890 intends to earn credit hours at the institution in excess of the credit hours required for the baccalaureate degree program in 891 which the student is enrolled meet with his or her academic 892 893 advisor.

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894	(6) For pur	poses of this section, the term "state	
895	university" inclu	des the institutions identified in s.	
896	1000.21(6) and th	ne term "Florida College System institu	tion"
897	includes the inst	titutions identified in s. 1000.21(3).	
898	<del>(7) The pre</del>	visions of this section become effecti	<del>ve for</del>
899	<del>students who ente</del>	er a Florida College System institution	<del>-or-a</del>
900	state university	for the first time in the 2011-2012 ac	ademic
901	year and thereaft	<del>.er.</del>	
902	Section 20.	Paragraph (c) is added to subsection	(2) of
903	section 1009.531,	Florida Statutes, and subsection (7)	of that
904	section is amende	ed, to read:	
905	1009.531 Fl	orida Bright Futures Scholarship Progra	am;
906	student eligibili	ty requirements for initial awards	
907	(2)		
908	(c) For stu	idents graduating from high school in t	he 2012-
909	2013 academic yea	ar and thereafter, a student is eligible	e to
910	<u>accept an initial</u>	award for 2 years following high school	ol
911	graduation and to	accept a renewal award for 5 years fo	llowing
912	<u>high school gradu</u>	ation. A student who applies for an awa	ard by
913	<u>high school gradu</u>	ation and who meets all other eligibil	ity
914	requirements, but	who does not accept his or her award,	may
915	reapply during su	ubsequent application periods up to 2 ye	ears
916	after high school	graduation. For a student who enlists	in the
917	United States Arm	ned Forces immediately after completion	of high
918	school, the 2-yea	ar eligibility period for his or her in	itial
919	award and the 5-y	year renewal period shall begin upon the	e date of
920	separation from a	active duty. For a student who is received	ving a
921	<u>Florida Bright Fu</u>	tures Scholarship award and discontinu	es his or
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922	her education to enlist in the United States Armed Forces, the
923	remainder of his or her 5-year renewal period shall commence
924	upon the date of separation from active duty. If a course of
925	study is not completed after 5 academic years, an exception of 1
926	year to the renewal timeframe may be granted due to a verifiable
927	illness or other documented emergency pursuant to s.
928	<u>1009.40(1)(b)4.</u>
929	(7) To be eligible for an <u>initial award and each renewal</u>
930	award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, a
931	student must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid
932	which is complete and error free prior to disbursement.
933	Section 21. Subsection (3) of section 1009.532, Florida
934	Statutes, is amended to read:
935	1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
936	student eligibility requirements for renewal awards
937	(3) A student who is initially eligible prior to the 2010-
938	2011 academic year and is enrolled in a program that terminates
939	in an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree may receive an
940	award for a maximum of 110 percent of the number of credit hours
941	required to complete the program. A student who is enrolled in a
942	program that terminates in a career certificate may receive an
943	award for a maximum of 110 percent of the credit hours or clock
944	hours required to complete the program up to 90 credit hours.
945	For a student who is initially eligible in the 2010-2011
946	academic term and thereafter, the student may receive an award
947	for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours
948	required to complete an associate degree program or a
949	baccalaureate degree program, or the student may receive an
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950	award for a maximum of 100 percent of the credit hours or clock	
951	hours required to complete up to 90 credit hours of a program	
952	that terminates in a career certificate. For a student who is	
953	initially eligible in the 2012-2013 academic term and	
954	thereafter, the student may receive an award for a maximum of	
955	100 percent of the number of credit hours required to complete	
956	<u>an associate degree program or a baccalaureate degree program</u>	
957	or, for a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, the	
958	student may receive an award for a maximum of 100 percent of the	<u>;</u>
959	number of credit hours or equivalent clock hours required to	
960	complete one of the following at a Florida public or nonpublic	
961	educational institution that offers these specific programs: for	<u>.</u>
962	an applied technology diploma program as defined in s.	
963	1004.02(8), up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; for	<u>.</u>
964	a technical degree education program as defined in s.	
965	1004.02(14), up to the number of hours required for a specific	
966	degree not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours;	
967	or for a career certificate program as defined in s.	
968	1004.02(21), up to the number of hours required for a specific	
969	certificate not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock	
970	hours. A student who transfers from one of these program levels	
971	to another <u>program level</u> becomes eligible for the higher of the	
972	two credit hour limits.	
973	Section 22. Subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section	
974	1009.534, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:	
975	1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award	
976	(2) Effective January 1, 2008, A Florida Academic Scholar	
977	who is enrolled in a public <u>or nonpublic</u> postsecondary	
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978 educational education institution is eligible for an award equal 979 to the amount specified in the General Appropriations Act to 980 assist with the payment of tuition and fees required to pay 981 tuition and fees. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic 982 postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award 983 equal to the amount that would be required to pay for the 984 average tuition and fees of a public postsecondary education 985 institution at the comparable level.

986 (3) To be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida 987 Academic Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent of a 988 cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale with an 989 opportunity for restoration one time as provided in this 990 chapter. For the 2012-2013 academic year, to be eligible for a 991 renewal award as a Florida Academic Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent of a cumulative grade point average of 992 993 3.25 on a 4.0 scale with an opportunity for restoration one time 994 as provided in this chapter. Beginning in the 2013-2014 academic 995 year, to be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida Academic 996 Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent of a cumulative 997 grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale with an opportunity 998 for restoration one time as provided in this chapter.

999 (4) In each school district, the Florida Academic Scholar
1000 with the highest academic ranking shall receive an additional
1001 award equal to the amount specified in the General

1002 <u>Appropriations Act</u> of \$1,500 for college-related expenses. This 1003 award must be funded from the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship 1004 Program.

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5 (5) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (4), a Florida Page 36 of 53

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1006 Academic Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount 1007 specified in the General Appropriations Act. 1008 Section 23. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section 1009 1009.535, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1010 1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholars award.-1011 A Florida Medallion Scholar who is enrolled in a (2) 1012 public or nonpublic postsecondary educational institution is 1013 eligible for an award equal to the amount specified in the 1014 General Appropriations Act to assist with the payment of tuition and fees required to pay 75 percent of tuition and fees if the 1015 1016 student is enrolled in a state university or a baccalaureate 1017 degree program authorized pursuant to s. 1007.33. A Florida 1018 Medallion Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount required to pay 100 percent of tuition and fees for college 1019 1020 credit courses leading to an associate degree if the student is 1021 enrolled in a Florida College System institution. A student who 1022 is enrolled in a nonpublic postsecondary education institution 1023 is eligible for an award equal to the amount that would be required to pay 75 percent of the tuition and fees of a public 1024 1025 postsecondary education institution at the comparable level. 1026 To be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida (3) 1027 Medallion Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent of a 1028 cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale with an 1029 opportunity for restoration one time as provided in this chapter. Beginning in the 2012-2013 academic year, to be 1030 eligible for a renewal award as a Florida Medallion Scholar, a 1031 1032 student must maintain the equivalent of a cumulative grade point 1033 average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale with an opportunity for

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1034 restoration one time as provided in this chapter.

1035 (4) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a Florida Medallion 1036 Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount specified 1037 in the General Appropriations Act.

1038 Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and 1039 subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section 1009.536, Florida 1040 Statutes, are amended to read:

1041 1009.536 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award.—The 1042 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award is created within 1043 the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to recognize and 1044 reward academic achievement and career preparation by high 1045 school students who wish to continue their education.

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

1050 Completes the secondary school portion of a sequential (a) 1051 program of studies that requires at least three secondary school 1052 career credits taken over at least 2 academic years, and is 1053 continued in a planned, related postsecondary education program. 1054 If the student's school does not offer such a two-plus-two or 1055 tech-prep program, the student must complete a job-preparatory 1056 career education program selected by Workforce Florida, Inc., 1057 for its ability to provide high-wage employment in an occupation with high potential for employment opportunities. On-the-job 1058 training may not be substituted for any of the three required 1059 1060 career credits.

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1 (2) A Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar <u>who is enrolled</u> Page 38 of 53

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1062 in a public or nonpublic postsecondary educational institution 1063 is eligible for an award equal to the amount specified in the 1064 General Appropriations Act to assist with the payment of tuition 1065 and fees required to pay 75 percent of tuition and fees, if the 1066 student is enrolled in a public postsecondary education 1067 institution. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic 1068 postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award 1069 equal to the amount that would be required to pay 75 percent of 1070 the tuition and mandatory fees of a public postsecondary 1071 education institution at the comparable level.

1072 (3) To be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida Gold 1073 Seal Vocational Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent 1074 of a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale with 1075 an opportunity for restoration one time as provided in this chapter. Beginning in the 2012-2013 academic year, to be 1076 1077 eligible for a renewal award as a Florida Gold Seal Vocational 1078 Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent of a cumulative 1079 grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale with an opportunity 1080 for restoration one time as provided in this chapter.

1081 A student may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational (4)1082 Scholarship for 110 percent of the number of credit hours 1083 required to complete the program, up to 90 credit hours or the 1084 equivalent. For a student who is initially eligible in the 2010-1085 2011 academic term and thereafter, the student may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship for 100 percent of the 1086 number of credit hours required to complete the program, up to 1087 1088 90 credit hours or the equivalent. For a student who is 1089 initially eligible in the 2012-2013 academic term and

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1090 thereafter, the student may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational 1091 Scholarship for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit 1092 hours or equivalent clock hours required to complete one of the 1093 following at a Florida public or nonpublic educational 1094 institution that offers these specific programs: for an applied 1095 technology diploma program as defined in s. 1004.02(8), up to 60 1096 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; for a technical degree 1097 education program as defined in s. 1004.02(14), up to the number 1098 of hours required for a specific degree not to exceed 72 credit 1099 hours or equivalent clock hours; or for a career certificate 1100 program as defined in s. 1004.02(21), up to the number of hours 1101 required for a specific certificate not to exceed 72 credit 1102 hours or equivalent clock hours. 1103 (5) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a Florida Cold Seal

1104 Vocational Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount 1105 specified in the General Appropriations Act.

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

1109 1009.60 Minority teacher education scholars program.-There 1110 is created the minority teacher education scholars program, 1111 which is a collaborative performance-based scholarship program 1112 for African-American, Hispanic-American, Asian-American, and Native American students. The participants in the program 1113 include Florida's Florida College System institutions and its 1114 1115 public and private universities that have teacher education 1116 programs.

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(7) The Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc., shall

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PCB HEAS 12-01 ORIGINAL 2012 1118 use a contingency collections agency to collect repayments of 1119 defaulted scholarships. Section 26. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 1120 1121 1009.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1122 1009.605 Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.-(2)1123 1124 (b) The corporation shall report to the Department of Education, by the date established by the department, the 1125 1126 eligible students to whom scholarship moneys are disbursed each academic term, the annual balance of the corporation's assets 1127 and cash reserves, and any other information requested by the 1128 1129 department in accordance with s. 1009.94. By June 30 of each fiscal year, the corporation shall remit to the department any 1130 1131 appropriated funds that were not distributed for scholarships, less the 5 percent for administration, including administration 1132 1133 of the required training program, authorized pursuant to 1134 subsection (3). 1135 Section 27. Subsections (2), (5), (7), and (8) of section 1136 1009.70, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1137 1009.70 Florida Education Fund.-1138 (2) (a) The Florida Education Fund, a not-for-profit 1139 statutory corporation, is created from a challenge endowment 1140 grant from the McKnight Foundation and operates on income derived from the investment of endowment gifts and other gifts 1141 as provided by state statute and appropriate matching funds as 1142 1143 provided by the state. 1144 (b) The Legislature may appropriate funds to the Florida 1145 Education Fund to be used for scholarships under subsection (5).

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1146 Funds The amount appropriated to the Florida Education Fund shall be matched on a dollar-for-dollar the basis by funds of \$1 1147 for each \$2 contributed by private sources, and the expenditure 1148 1149 of appropriated funds shall be matched by a dollar-for-dollar 1150 expenditure of funds from private sources. The Florida Education 1151 Fund shall annually certify to the Legislature the amount of 1152 donations contributed prior to the disbursement of state appropriations between July 1, 1990, and June 30, 1991. Only the 1153 1154 new donations above the certified base shall be calculated for 1155 state matching funds during the first year of the program. In 1156 subsequent years, only the new donations above the certified 1157 prior year base shall be calculated for state matching funds.

1158 The corporation shall provide to the department a copy (C) 1159 of its certified financial statement and annual report, 1160 including the corporation's assets and cash reserve balances. The corporation shall also provide the department documentation 1161 which includes the name of each scholarship recipient, the 1162 1163 postsecondary educational institution attended, the discipline 1164 of study, and the amount awarded to each recipient. The corporation shall post a copy of its certified financial 1165 1166 statement and annual report on its website.

(5) The Board of Directors of the Florida Education Fund shall review and evaluate initial programs created by the McKnight Foundation and continue funding the <u>McKnight Doctoral</u> Black Doctorate Fellowship Program and the <u>McKnight</u> Junior Faculty Fellowship Program if the <u>evaluations are</u> evaluation is positive, and the board shall identify, initiate, and fund new and creative programs and monitor, review, and evaluate those

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1202 residents of the state before it extends its search to eligible 1203 nonresidents. However, for the purposes of subsection (8), the 1204 board of directors shall recruit eligible residents only. It is 1205 further the intent of the Legislature that the board of 1206 directors establish service terms, if any, that accompany the 1207 award of moneys from the fund.

1208 (8) Notwithstanding this section, for the 2012-2013 fiscal 1209 year, the Florida Education Fund may use available cash and cash 1210 equivalents to provide scholarships in the same dollar amount as provided in the 2011-2012 fiscal year There is created a legal 1211 1212 education component of the Florida Education Fund to provide the 1213 opportunity for minorities to attain representation within the 1214 legal profession proportionate to their representation within the general population. The legal education component of the 1215 1216 Florida Education Fund includes a law school program and a pre-1217 law program.

1218 (a) The law school scholarship program of the Florida 1219 Education Fund is to be administered by the Board of Directors 1220 of the Florida Education Fund for the purpose of increasing the 1221 number of minority students enrolled in law schools in this 1222 state by 200. Implementation of this program is to be phased in 1223 over a 3-year period.

1224 1. The board of directors shall provide financial,
1225 academic, and other support to students selected for
1226 participation in this program from funds appropriated by the
1227 Legislature.
1228 2. Student selection must be made in accordance with rules

1229 adopted by the board of directors for that purpose and must be

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1280 grant for each \$5,000 \$2,500 raised from private sources. 1281 Matching funds shall be generated through contributions made 1282 after July 1, 1986, and pledged for the purposes of this 1283 section. Pledged contributions shall not be eligible for 1284 matching prior to the actual collection of the total funds.

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1285 Section 29. Subsection (4) of section 1009.73, Florida 1286 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1009.73 Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship Program.-

1288 The moneys for the program shall be allocated by the (4) 1289 department among the institutions of higher education listed in 1290 subsection (1) on the basis of one \$2,000 challenge grant for 1291 each \$2,000 <del>\$1,000</del> raised from private sources. Matching funds 1292 shall be generated through contributions made after July 1, 1293 1990, and pledged for the purposes of this section. Pledged contributions shall not be eligible for matching prior to the 1294 actual collection of the total funds. The department shall 1295 1296 allocate to each of those institutions a proportionate share of 1297 the contributions received on behalf of those institutions and a 1298 share of the appropriations and matching funds generated by such 1299 institution.

Section 30. Subsection (4) of section 1009.89, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

1302 1009.89 The William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access 1303 grants.-

1304 (4) A person is eligible to receive such William L. Boyd,1305 IV, Florida resident access grant if:

(a) He or she meets the general requirements, including
residency, for student eligibility as provided in s. 1009.40,
except as otherwise provided in this section;

1309 (b)1. He or she is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate1310 student at an eligible college or university;

1311 2. He or she is not enrolled in a program of study leading1312 to a degree in theology or divinity; and

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PCB HEAS 12-01 ORIGINAL 2012 1313 3. He or she is maintaining the equivalent of a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for lower-division 1314 courses and the equivalent of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for upper-1315 1316 division courses making satisfactory academic progress as 1317 defined by the college or university in which he or she is enrolled; and 1318 1319 He or she submits a Free Application for Federal (C) 1320 Student Aid which is complete and error free prior to 1321 disbursement. Section 31. Subsection (4) of section 1009.891, Florida 1322 1323 Statutes, is amended to read: 1324 1009.891 The Access to Better Learning and Education Grant 1325 Program.-1326 A person is eligible to receive an access grant if: (4) 1327 (a) He or she meets the general requirements, including 1328 residency, for student eligibility as provided in s. 1009.40, 1329 except as otherwise provided in this section; 1330 He or she is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate (b)1. 1331 student at an eligible college or university in a program of study leading to a baccalaureate degree; 1332 1333 2. He or she is not enrolled in a program of study leading 1334 to a degree in theology or divinity; and 1335 He or she is maintaining the equivalent of a cumulative 3. 1336 grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for lower-division courses and the equivalent of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for upper-1337 1338 division courses making satisfactory academic progress as 1339 defined by the college or university in which he or she is 1340 enrolled; and Page 48 of 53

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1341 (c) He or she submits a Free Application for Federal
1342 Student Aid which is complete and error free prior to
1343 disbursement.

Section 32. Subsection (10) of section 1011.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1346 1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education 1347 programs.-

A high school student dually enrolled under s. 1348 (10)1349 1007.271 in a workforce education program operated by a Florida 1350 College System institution or school district career center 1351 generates the amount calculated for workforce education funding, 1352 including any payment of performance funding, and the proportional share of full-time equivalent enrollment generated 1353 1354 through the Florida Education Finance Program for the student's enrollment in a high school. If a high school student is dually 1355 1356 enrolled in a Florida College System institution program, 1357 including a program conducted at a high school, the Florida 1358 College System institution earns the funds generated for 1359 workforce education funding, and the school district earns the 1360 proportional share of full-time equivalent funding from the 1361 Florida Education Finance Program. If a student is dually 1362 enrolled in a career center operated by the same district as the 1363 district in which the student attends high school, that district 1364 earns the funds generated for workforce education funding and 1365 also earns the proportional share of full-time equivalent 1366 funding from the Florida Education Finance Program. If a student 1367 is dually enrolled in a workforce education program provided by a career center operated by a different school district, the 1368

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1369 funds must be divided between the two school districts 1370 proportionally from the two funding sources. A student may not 1371 be reported for funding in a dual enrollment workforce education 1372 program unless the student has completed the basic skills 1373 assessment pursuant to s. 1004.91. A student who is coenrolled 1374 in a K-12 education program and an adult education program may 1375 not be reported for purposes of funding in an adult education 1376 program, except that, for the 2011-2012 through the 2013-2014 1377 fiscal years year only, students who are coenrolled in core 1378 curricula courses for credit recovery or dropout prevention 1379 purposes and do not have a pattern of excessive absenteeism or 1380 habitual truancy or a history of disruptive behavior in school 1381 may be reported for funding for up to two courses per student. 1382 Such students are exempt from the payment of the block tuition 1383 for adult general education programs provided in s.

1384 1009.22(3)(c).

Section 33. Subsection (4) of section 1012.885, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

1387 1012.885 Remuneration of Florida College System 1388 institution presidents; limitations.-

(4) LIMITATION ON REMUNERATION.-Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the <u>2012-2013</u> <del>2011-2012</del> fiscal year, a Florida College System institution president may not receive more than \$200,000 in remuneration from appropriated state funds. Only compensation, as defined in s. 121.021(22), provided to a Florida College System institution president may be used in calculating benefits under chapter 121.

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1396 Section 34. Section 1012.886, Florida Statutes, is 1397 reenacted and amended to read:

1398 1012.886 Remuneration of Florida College System 1399 institution administrative employees; limitations.-

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

1401 (a) "Appropriated state funds" means funds appropriated
1402 from the General Revenue Fund or funds appropriated from state
1403 trust funds.

1404 (b) "Cash-equivalent compensation" means any benefit that1405 may be assigned an equivalent cash value.

(c) "Remuneration" means salary, bonuses, and cashequivalent compensation paid to a Florida College System institution administrative employee by his or her employer for work performed, excluding health insurance benefits and retirement benefits.

1411 (2)LIMITATION ON COMPENSATION.-Notwithstanding any other law, resolution, or rule to the contrary, a Florida College 1412 1413 System institution administrative employee may not receive more 1414 than \$200,000 in remuneration annually from appropriated state 1415 funds. Only compensation, as such term is defined in s. 1416 121.021(22), provided to a Florida College System institution 1417 administrative employee may be used in calculating benefits 1418 under chapter 121.

(3) EXCEPTIONS.—This section does not prohibit any party from providing cash or cash-equivalent compensation from funds that are not appropriated state funds to a Florida College System institution administrative employee in excess of the limit in subsection (2). If a party is unable or unwilling to

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1452 equivalent compensation paid to a state university
1453 administrative employee by his or her employer for work
1454 performed, excluding health insurance benefits and retirement
1455 benefits.

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

1463 EXCEPTIONS.-This section does not prohibit any party (3)1464 from providing cash or cash-equivalent compensation from funds 1465 that are not appropriated state funds to a state university 1466 administrative employee in excess of the limit in subsection 1467 (2). If a party is unable or unwilling to fulfill an obligation to provide cash or cash-equivalent compensation to a state 1468 1469 university administrative employee as permitted under this 1470 subsection, appropriated state funds may not be used to fulfill 1471 such obligation. This section does not apply to university 1472 teaching faculty or medical school faculty or staff.

1473 (4) EXPIRATION.—This section expires June 30, <u>2013</u> <del>2012</del>.
1474 Section 37. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
1475 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

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