

THE VALENCIA SESSION REPORT

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Senator Daniel Webster

2006 Legislative Session Adjourns, Valencia Fares Well in Capital Funds

Introduction

► At 4:10 pm Friday afternoon, May 4, the 2007 Legislative Session was adjourned sine die. The session ended with the passage of 345 bills out of over 2,500 filed. Of special note is the leadership

and skill of Senate Majority Leader Dan Webster, who worked hard to ensure appropriate capital funding for Valencia, including the college's full portion of the proposed Valencia/UCF Joint Use building to be constructed on the West Campus. Valencia also received funding for the signature building on the West Campus and for land acquisition for a Southeast campus. Please extend thanks to Sen. Webster and all of the members of Valencia's local legislative delegation - their names and contact information are contained at the end of this report.

Funding Issues

► Summary of Community College System and Related Budget Issues

- Operating funds for the community college system received \$1.655 billion, representing an increase of \$77.9 million, including the student fee increase. System highlights:
- Distance Learning - \$390,397
- Educator Preparation Institutes – \$3.79 million
- Baccalaureate Degrees - \$11,531,995
- Foundation Matching Grants - \$48,658,783
- SUCCEED, Florida/Jobs for Florida's Future- \$20 million
- Commission on Community Service - \$709,261
- College Reach Out Program (CROP) to be funded at \$3.39 million

- Performance Based Incentives - \$23,117,611
- Operating Costs for New Facilities - \$6,625,206
- Capacity (Formula Funding) - \$35.3 million
- Enrollment Workload Growth - \$2.1 million
- First Generation in College - \$2 million, funded through Office of Student Financial Assistance
- PECO Funding - \$544 million, a Florida Community College System record
- System Tuition Policy: A 5% increase is authorized for college credit and workforce (eg. A.S) programs.

► Valencia's percentage increase in operating funds is 4.4% - representing a revenues and fees appropriation increase of \$4,824,251. The District Board of Trustees received authorization to increase college credit program student fees by 5% and workforce program student fees by 5%.

Valencia 2006-2007 Appropriations

<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Amount Funded</u>	<u>Change from Current Year Funding</u>
Community College Program Fund (CCPF) Lottery	\$ 7,212,835	\$ 0
CCPF General Revenue	\$61,027,228	\$ 2,287,289
Performance Based Budget-General Revenue	\$ 2,030,816	\$ 155,905
Student Fees	\$44,191,065	\$ 2,381,057

TOTAL **\$114,021,764** **\$ 4,824,251**

(4.4% Increase)

► Operating Costs of New Facilities

The college receives as general revenue \$288,941 to be used specifically for operating costs of new facilities.

► CCPF Formula

It again appears that the legislature distributed its appropriation to the community college system in accordance with the Community College Program

Fund formula as set forth in law and as agreed upon by the presidents, legislative staff, and legislators.

► 2+2 Partnership Baccalaureate Incentives

CCPF Lottery Funds provided to the community colleges system include \$3,500,000 for eligible community colleges, private colleges and universities which are accredited by a regional accrediting organization recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, and state universities based on the eligible full-time equivalent enrollment in each 2+2 partnership baccalaureate program offered during the 2007-2008 academic year. The participating community college and the participating partner institution shall receive equal proportions of the per student incentive award. Programs with partnership articulation agreements to provide 2+2 baccalaureate degree programs at a community college during the 2007-2008 academic year are eligible for incentive funding. Community colleges with site-determined baccalaureate degree programs are eligible to receive funding for 2+2 baccalaureate degree programs created subsequent to the college's establishment of a site-determined baccalaureate program. Community colleges shall submit applications to the Department of Education requesting funds for eligible programs by April 15, 2008.

► Critical Jobs Initiative (CJI)

SUCCEED, Florida - Crucial Professionals Initiative was funded in part as follows:

Nursing, Allied Health, Teaching	\$19,850,000
DOE Grants Mgt.	\$ 150,000

The funds allocated to SUCCEED, Florida-Crucial Professionals for Teaching/Nursing/Allied Health are provided to increase the capacity of undergraduate programs at public and private postsecondary educational institutions to produce more certified teachers, nurses, and allied health professionals to enter the workforce in Florida. The Department of Education shall issue awards in an amount not less than \$150,000 and not more than \$500,000 for each program and shall give priority in the review process to institutions that can demonstrate cash or in-kind matching funds from business and industry for recruitment, marketing, facility use or equipment. The Department of Education shall establish application procedures for competitive processes, guidelines for implementation, accountability measures, and timelines for implementation. Programs receiving grants must submit periodic reports to the Department of Education documenting compliance with the performance measures established by the department. Funds may not

supplant current funding and must be used to establish new, expanded or redesigned programs. Institutions applying for funds shall not reduce funding or the current level of enrollment in existing programs.

► **Other Budget Provisions (expire in 1 yr.)**

Inmate Education No funds from general revenue appropriation Line 129 (CCPF and fees) are provided for instruction of state or federal inmates.

Fee Waivers Community colleges may grant fee waivers for Workforce Education programs for up to 8 percent of the fee revenues that would otherwise be collected.

Public Educational Capital Outlay (PECO) Funds

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount Funded</u>
Allied Health Bldg 10 - West part (ce)	\$ 13,502,371
Culinary Arts Labs addition w/local match - West comp (ce)	\$ 2,110,045
Gen ren/rem, elev,parking,util,HVAC,telecom sys,site imprv	\$ 7,835,348
Jt-Use Clsrms/Labs/Stu Svcs w/UCF - West part (ce)	\$ 11,250,000
Land acquisition - Southeast Campus part (spe)	\$ 2,000,000
Maj Ren/Rem, Emer replace-Chiller w/ loop,infras-West complete	\$ 7,458,925
Rem/rem Clsrms/Labs Bldgs 1,3,4 - West part	\$ 6,172,002
Sum-of Digits (Maintenance)	\$ 1,406,646

TOTAL PECO \$ 51,735,337

► In addition to the PECO list funding, Specific Appropriation 33, provides Valencia with \$3,750,000 to be used to fund the joint-use facility between Valencia Community College and the University of Central Florida.

► **Foundation Matching Funds**

In addition, the legislature fully funded the community college system's challenge matching programs at \$48.6 million, excluding facilities match. Valencia's Foundation received \$1,201,971 to match private contributions received by February 1, 2007.

Legislative Issues:

■ **Bills that Passed**

General Appropriations Act 2007, Conference Report on SB 2800

- Authorizes the \$71.85 billion state budget.

Appropriation Implementing Bill for the 2007 Budget SB 2802

- Provides specific authority for implementing the budget - expires in one year.

HB 0055 Relating to Domestic Violence/Employee Leave (Porth)

- This bill, which applies to community colleges, requires employers with 50 or more employees to allow employees who have been employed for at least 3 months to request or take up to three working days of leave with or without pay within a 12-month period if the employee is the victim of domestic violence and the leave is sought to:
 - seek an injunction for protection against domestic violence;
 - obtain medical care or mental health counseling;
 - obtain services from a victim-services organization;
 - make the employee's home secure or to seek new housing; or
 - to seek legal assistance to address issues arising from the act of domestic violence and to attend and prepare for court-related proceedings arising from the act of domestic violence.
- This bill requires employees to provide advance notice of the leave (except in cases of imminent danger) and use all available annual or vacation leave, personal leave, and sick leave available to the employee prior to using the leave provided for in this bill (unless this requirement is waived by the employer).
- This bill authorizes employers to require documentation of the act of domestic violence, requires employers to keep information relating to the employee's leave confidential, and prohibits employers from taking any disciplinary action against the employee for exercising rights under the bill. The bill specifies that the remedy for damages to an employee aggrieved under the bill is limited to a civil suit for damages or equitable relief in the circuit court.
- A tied bill, HB 0063, provides the public records exemption needed to keep confidential the information covered by this bill in public employee personnel files.

HB 0063 Relating to Pub. Rec./Domestic Violence Victim (Porth)

• This bill, related to HB 0055 above, provides exemption from public records requirements for certain records and time sheets submitted to an agency, including community colleges, by an employee who is victim of domestic violence; provides for future legislative review and repeal.

HB 0343 Relating to Student Financial Assistance/Need-based Students (Bean)

- The bill has two parts:
- *Need Based Aid for Vocational Certificate Students – Funded at \$2.2 million*
- Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG) for Career Education is a new financial aid program similar to the other FSAG programs.
- *Florida Work Experience Program (FWEP) – Funded at \$1,569,922*
- \$500,000 was added to this budget item for implementing the vocational component. The program was expanded to include postsecondary vocational students enrolled in community colleges or career technical centers who are pursuing a vocational certificate.

CS/SB 0412 Education/Children of POWs and MIAs (Military Affairs)

• Extends education benefits at state expense (fee waivers) to the dependent children of Florida resident parents who have been declared prisoners of war or missing in action since the Vietnam era. The bill includes the dependent children of parents who have been classified as POW or MIA while serving in the Armed Forces of the US or in the capacity of civilian personnel captured while serving with the consent or authorization of the US Government. The bill reduces the parent's Florida residency requirement from 5 years to 1 year prior to the event that caused the parent to be classified as POW or MIA.

SB 0420 Relating to State Retirement Programs (Lawson Jr.)

• The bill redefines "retiree" to include any officer or employee (including those of a community college) who retires under a state retirement system or a state optional annuity or retirement program or who is placed on disability retirement, and who begins to receive retirement benefits immediately after retirement from employment and provides those persons the option to participate in group insurance plans or self-insurance plans. This includes any officer or employee who retires under the Public Employee Optional Retirement Program and meets the age and service requirements to qualify.

• Through December 31, 2008, the bill allows any participant of the State Community College Optional retirement Program who has service credit in the defined benefit plan of the FRS to transfer a sum representing the present value of the employee's accumulated benefit obligation from the defined benefit plan to the optional retirement program. This option to transfer is extended to persons who are eligible for membership in or for renewed membership in the FRS.

HB 0529 Relating to HB 0699 Relating to Cable TV/Video Service Franchises "Consumer Choice Act of 2007" (Traviesa)

- Large bill, that affects (among many other matters) the public education, government and public access (PEG) channels.
- Grandfathers in existing PEG channels if the criterion to remain "activated" is met, which requires 10 hours per day of programming on average over a quarter. Five of the 10 hours per day cannot be repeated during the quarter. Static information screens or bulletin board programming cannot count toward the 10 hour per day use requirement.
- Failure to meet this requirement causes the channel to be de-activated and the service provider can reprogram the channel at its discretion.
- The PEGs may be located on the lowest digital tier of service, which does not mean it is available to all subscribers.
- The provider must notify the PEG 120 days prior to relocating the channel.
- The provider must provide connectivity to one origination point for each PEG up to 200 feet from the provider's activated video service distribution point.
- Copyright Issue: "To the extent that a PEG channel content provider has authority for the delivery of PEG content to a certificate holder, constitutes authorization for the certificate holder to carry such content, including at the provider's option, authorization to carry the content beyond the jurisdictional boundaries of the municipality or county."
- The certificate holder "shall use reasonable efforts to interconnect their networks for the purpose of providing PEG programming." The PEG shall bear the cost of such interconnection, and it must be as specified by the certificate holder.
- There is one active basic cable or video service outlet provided to K-12 public schools, public libraries, or local government administrative buildings, to the extent such buildings are located within 200 feet of the certificate holder's activated video distribution plant.

HB 0699 Relating to Veteran/Public Employment Preference (Sachs)

- Applies to community colleges - repeals specified provision of law regarding the expiration of preference in public employment and retention in public employment given to specified veterans and spouses after application of the preference. Now, the preference will not expire after it is extended by an employer.

HB 0721 Relating to Sales Tax/Postsecondary Bookstore (Proctor)

- Provides an express exemption from sales tax for commissions paid to a postsecondary educational institution by a person who is operating a bookstore at a location owned, leased or otherwise operated on behalf of that institution. Absent the exemption, the sales taxes imposed on the commissions would have been passed on in the form of higher costs to students for textbooks and supplies. It also provides a retroactive application, which is remedial but does not provide a right to refund for those who have paid it in the past.

Conference Committee Report on CS/SB 1064 Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program (King)

- Provides two changes to the current statutory provisions of section 1011.32, Florida Statutes, for the Community College Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program.
- The first change provides that the Legislature may approve a project for funding under this program. Currently, only the State Board of Education may approve projects.
- Secondly, the bill provides that any private matching funds for a project which is unexpended after the project is completed, shall revert to the community college's direct-support organization capital facilities matching account. Any unexpended state matching funds shall be returned to the fund from which those funds were appropriated.

SB 1232 Relating to Career & Professional Education (Gaetz)

- The bill is a comprehensive approach to revising career education within career and professional academies in Florida's public schools. In particular, the bill:
 - Defines career and professional academies as public high school academies that offer a rigorous and relevant curriculum that leads to industry-recognized certification in high demand occupations, a standard high school diploma, and opportunities for high school students to simultaneously earn college credit;

- Requires school districts to develop, in collaboration with local workforce boards and the postsecondary community, strategic five-year plans during the 2007-2008 school year that include provisions for at least one academy to be operational in the school district at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year;
- Requires the State Board of Education to establish a process for the continual review of newly proposed rigorous and relevant core high school courses to meet the requirements for industry standards and to address emerging academic and labor market needs;
- Requires the Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) to identify appropriate industry certifications based on the highest national standards available. The bill requires the Department of Education to work with Workforce Florida and Enterprise Florida to collect and analyze academic achievement and performance data of students participating in academies; and
- Amends the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) to provide a bonus weight for the funding of students enrolled in career and professional academies that result in industry certification.

SB 1270 Relating to Education (Oelrich)

- The State University System Governance bill, implements changes made necessary by the creation of the constitutionally authorized Board of Governors and clarifies its role in relation to the University Boards of Trustees, the State Board of Education, and the Department of Education.
- This bill provides a comprehensive revision of law relating to university governance including:
 - Conformity of statute to constitutional authority relating to the powers and duties of the Board of Governors;
 - Conformity of statute to constitutional authority relating to the powers and duties of the Legislature;
 - Transfer of responsibilities from the State Board of Education or the Commissioner of Education to the Board of Governors or the University Boards of Trustees in certain instances;
 - Preservation of the oversight role of the State Board of Education in public education, including in the areas of pre-K through 12 education, and community colleges;
 - Deletion of obsolete terminology;
 - Deletion of unnecessary references;
 - Correction of cross-references; and
 - Repeal of obsolete statutes.

SB 1710 Relating to State University Student Fees (Oelrich)

- The Committee Substitute provides for a tuition differential to be established by the Board of

Governors for certain universities with a cap of 30% or 40% depending on classification of the institution. The University Board of Trustees of a university which has been authorized by the Board of Governors to charge a tuition differential may establish a tuition differential lower than the maximum authorized by the Board of Governors.

- The growth of tuition plus the differential cannot exceed 15% for any fiscal year. Revenue generated by the tuition differential must be spent solely for improving the quality of direct undergraduate instruction and support services.
- The tuition differential will not be covered by the Bright Futures scholarship. Beneficiaries of prepaid contracts in effect on July 1, 2007 are exempt from the fee. Students who are presently enrolled and remain continuously enrolled will not be charged the fee.
- The bill also clarifies that activity and service fee revenue and athletic fee revenue may be transferred to the university Direct Support Organization for the purpose of paying and securing bonds for university capital outlay projects. The amount that can be transferred cannot exceed 5% of the most recent 12 month collection of the fee.
- The bill allows three universities, Florida, Florida State, and University of South Florida, to charge tuition premiums to students.

SB 1760 Relating to Custodian of Public Records (Justice)

- Applies to community colleges - authorizes custodian of public records to designate another officer or employee of agency to permit inspection and copying of public records.
- The bill also requires that designee be identified; requires custodians of said records and their designees to respond to requests to inspect and copy public records promptly and in good faith. A good faith response includes making reasonable efforts to determine from other officers or employees within the agency whether such a record exists and, if so, the location at which the record can be accessed.

SB 2484 Relating to Lodging & Food Service Establishments (Haridopolos)

- Revises membership provisions of DBPR's Hotels and Restaurants' Division advisory council to include a hospitality education administrator from a Florida institution of higher education; revises Hospitality Education Program; replaces director of education with Division as administrator of program; revises provisions regarding administration of program; provides for use of administrative fines.

HB 7085 Relating to FRS/Retirement Contribution Rates (Government Efficiency & Accountability Council)

- Current FRS contribution rates remain in effect for one more year.

HB 7147 Relating to Postsecondary Education (Pickens)

This bill provides for, in part, the following:

- Study of higher education enrollment forecasting models by OPPAGA
- DOE shall conduct a comprehensive review Statewide Course Numbering System
- By July 1, 2008, DOE shall develop and maintain a website listing all courses in the system and institutions that offer each course. All that participate in the system must include a statement in their catalogues advising the reader of the website address and its use.
- Creation of a business and education collaborative that is advisory to the Governor and legislature on economic goals.
- OPPAGA to study existing articulation policies
- CC Baccalaureate Degree Programs
- SBOE provides for review and approval in accordance with prescribed procedures;
- Authorizes a CC to offer BA in math and science which prepares graduates to enter a teaching position in math or science;
- Fees : authorizes Board of Trustees to establish fees consistent with the General Appropriations Act;
- Colleges cannot count out-of-state BA students for FTE;
- Colleges must fund start-up for a BA without new state appropriations unless special grant funds are appropriated by the legislature;
- A new BA degree program cannot accept students without a recurring legislative appropriation for this purpose;
- Maintains requirement of full-time faculty to teach 15 contact hours per week.

HB 7177 Relating to Florida Government Accountability Act (Policy & Budget Council)

- Provides for the review of "advisory committees for the Florida Community College System" by July 1, 2012, as part of the established review process for state agencies and their advisory committees. It is unclear how or if this affects individual community colleges.

HB 7183 Relating to Rules & Rulemaking (Government Efficiency & Accountability Council)

- Revises chapter 120 of Florida Statutes known as the Administrative Procedure Act (“the Act”). The bill modifies provisions of the Act by providing that:
 - “Rulemaking authority” means an agency only has rulemaking authority whenever the Legislature has explicitly authorized an agency to make rules;
 - Material incorporated by reference in a rule may not incorporate additional material unless the material is specifically identified;
 - Rulemaking responsibilities of an agency head, in certain circumstances, may not be delegated or Transferred;
 - An agency rule that incorporates by specific reference another rule of that agency automatically incorporates subsequent amendments to the referenced rule, unless contrary intent is indicated;
 - The Department of State is required to provide electronic notices prior to or at the same time as the printed Florida Administrative Weekly;
 - The Department of State is required to electronically publish the Florida Administrative Code on its website;
 - Materials incorporated by reference in a rule, after December 31, 2009, must be made available via an electronic link from the rule to the referenced material unless the agency has determined that posting such material would violate federal law.

■ Bills that Failed

SB 0684 Relating to Colleges/Transportation Access Fees (Oelrich)

- This bill would have authorized each community college to assess a transportation access fee, and would have required approval of the service charge by the Board of Trustees of the community college.

SB 0228 Relating to Bright Futures Scholarship Program (Lynn)

- This bill would have authorized students to use awards from the Bright Futures Scholarship Program for enrollment in summer term, and would have authorized DOE to reserve student's award if it would have been possible for student to raise his or her grade point average during summer term.

SB 0254 Relating to Textbook Affordability (Wise)

- This bill would have prohibited University and Community College employees from soliciting or accepting gifts for requiring students to purchase a particular textbook. Also would have required 45 days notice of required texts and that the notice be

posted on the College or University website. This bill also would have required the State Board of Education and Board of Governors to enact policies and procedures to further control textbook costs.

HB 0287 Relating to First Generation Matching Grant Programs (Flores)

- This bill would have made several changes to the First Generation Matching Grant Program, which provides financial aid for certain undergraduate students at state universities. The bill clarified that the existing program applies to state universities; conformed language relating to eligibility requirements; revised the basis for reserving proportionate allocations of appropriated funds; changed the date to reallocate remaining unmatched funds beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year; and permitted students to use an award for summer-term enrollment if funds are available, requiring that grants for summer-term enrollment may only be used at the institution awarding the grant.
- The bill would have created the First Generation Matching Grant Program for community colleges and the First Generation Matching Grant Program for private nonprofit colleges or universities eligible to participate in the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program (FRAG). Both programs would have been modeled after the First Generation Matching Grant Program for state universities.

SB 0388 Relating to Commissioner of Education/Cabinet (Wilson)

- This bill would have provided for a constitutional amendment to create the office of Commissioner of Education, who would return to being an elected member of the Cabinet and responsible for supervision of the free public education system in the manner prescribed by law, and to delete the power of State Board of Education to appoint the Commissioner of Education. Essentially, this Joint Resolution would have restored the Commissioner of Education as an elected member of the Cabinet with supervision of the free public education system in a manner prescribed by law.

SB 0446 Relating to Postsecondary Education Fee Waiver/Veteran (Fasano)

- This bill would have extended the educational tuition waiver benefit given to Floridians who are recipients of the Purple Heart and higher precedence combat decorations. The extended benefit would have included repayment of outstanding undergraduate student loans made prior to receipt of the combat decoration.

HB 0491 Relating to Veterans' Tuition Assistance Act (Scionti)

- This bill would have required state universities and community colleges to waive 50 percent of the in-state tuition rate for a person who:
 - Is a wartime veteran as defined in s. 1.01(14), Florida Statutes (F.S.);
 - Received an honorable discharge;
 - Is enrolled as a full-time, part-time, or summer-school student in any vocational or career course or undergraduate course that terminates in a degree or certificate;
 - Is a resident of Florida at the time he or she applies for the waiver and was a Florida resident for one year prior to such application; and
 - Submits to the state university and community college the DD-214 form issued at the time of separation from service or military order or other documentation issued regarding return from active duty as defined in 250.01(1), F.S.
- This bill set the waiver to cover 110 percent of the number of required credit hours of the degree or certificate program in which the student is enrolled.
- The fiscal impact of this bill was indeterminate due to the uncertainty of the number veterans who would have taken advantage of the 50 percent fee waiver. Community colleges and state universities could have faced a loss of revenue of up to \$12 million because the bill did not provide a funding source or specific appropriation to offset the fees waived.

HB 1313 Relating to Technical Centers/Colleges (Bean)

- This bill would have redesignated “technical centers” as “technical colleges.”

CS/SB 1954 Relating to Alcoholic Beverages (Regulated Industries Committee and Hill)

- This bill would have prohibited the sale, delivery or service of alcoholic beverages to persons under 21 years of age. The current prohibition is limited to alcoholic beverage licensed premises.
- The bill would have amended s. 322.056, F.S., to provide that all persons under 21 years of age who illegally possess alcohol or who misrepresent their age to illegally obtain alcohol may be subject to the suspension or revocation of their driving privilege.
- The bill would have required the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Board of Governors, to develop an annual report regarding the extent of alcohol abuse at the state universities. The university boards of trustees, to the extent delegated by the Board of Governors, and the community college boards of trustees would each have had to establish and annually evaluate a plan to reduce and

eliminate alcohol abuse, including underage alcohol use.

SB 2500 Relating to Early Voting Sites/Postsecondary/Community College (Aronberg)

- This bill would have authorized a supervisor of elections to designate any postsecondary institution or community college as an early voting site.

SB 2574 Relating to Discrimination in Public Education System (Deutch)

- This bill would have prohibited discrimination against students or employees in the state system of public K-20 education based on sexual orientation, and would have required that public K-20 education classes be available to students regardless of sexual orientation. The bill would have provided for guidance, counseling, and financial assistance services to all students in the K-20 education system, regardless of sexual orientation.

SB 2652 Relating to Public Postsecondary Education Faculty (Geller)

- This bill would have required institutions to increase the number of full-time faculty members with tenure or continuing-contract status or on tenure track or continuing-contract track. Also, the bill specified faculty member and salary goals to be met during a 5-year period and required institution plans and reporting.

SB 2698 Relating to Fla. Public Community College & Career Center (Lawson Jr.)

- This bill would have created the Florida Public Community College Career Center Working Student Assistance Program (Program) to provide financial support for working students whose employment income makes them ineligible to receive state or federal grants.
- This bill would have revised the determination of residency for tuition purposes by providing new definitions of a dependent, parent, and the time period required to establish residency prior to enrolling in an institution of higher education. Additionally, the bill provided for a reclassification procedure for persons who demonstrate residency for 12 consecutive months and that the residency is not for the purpose of enrolling in an institution of higher education. The bill further required the institutions to accept the residency classification made by other institutions under certain conditions.
- Finally, the bill would have added certain U.S. citizens and eligible non-U.S. citizens as residents for tuition purposes, provided such students attended a state public high school for the two years

immediately preceding postsecondary enrollment. The State Board of Education (SBE) and the Board of Governors (BOG) would have been required to adopt rules to establish residency classifications in conformance with the bill.

SB 2862 Relating to Tuition Rates/Baccalaureate Degree (Constantine) (Excess Hours)

- This bill, which in substantially the same form has failed twice and been vetoed by the Governor in the last three sessions, would have required community college students to pay 50% over the in-state tuition rate for any credit hours the student takes in excess of 120 percent of the number of credit hours required to earn an associate degree, with some exceptions.
- The bill contained similar language for baccalaureate students at state universities and community colleges.
- The Community College System's opposition to this bill is to the imposition of a "penalty" on students (only Florida residents are impacted) and to the overly burdensome implementation requirements. The colleges proposed that to achieve the results

being sought it made better sense to shift the focus from discouraging students to encouraging colleges to enhance programs to promote efficient completion of degrees by students. Unfortunately, the sponsor rejected this approach summarily, and work will continue to reach a solution.



Future House Speaker Dean Cannon

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