STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
June 19, 2007

SUBJECT: Revisions to Community College Baccalaureate Approval Process

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

House Bill 7147 to amend Section 1007.33, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 1007.33 provides authority for community colleges to develop proposals to deliver specified baccalaureate degree programs to meet local workforce needs. The proposal must be submitted to the State Board of Education for approval. The statute is clear that a community college may not terminate its associate in arts or associate in science degree programs and that the primary mission continues to be the provision of associate degrees that provide access to a university.

House Bill 7147 amends Section 1007.33 as follows:

♦ Community colleges may develop proposals to deliver baccalaureate degree programs in math and science that would prepare students to enter a teaching position in those fields.

♦ A notice of intent to submit a proposal for a baccalaureate program shall be submitted to the State Board of Education (state board) with a brief description and estimated timeframe for implementation, at least 90 days prior to submitting a proposal.

♦ State universities have 60 days to submit an alternative proposal to offer the baccalaureate degree on the community college campus. If the state board does not receive a proposal from a state university within the 60-day time period or if the university proposal is not approved, the state board shall provide the regionally accredited private colleges and universities 30 days to submit an alternative proposal.

♦ Information is provided on what the alternative proposals should include.

♦ The state board must consider the alternative proposals in making its decision to approve or deny a community college's proposal.

♦ If no alternative proposal is received or approved and the state board determines that a community college proposal is deficient, the board must notify the community college of the deficiencies in writing and provide the college the opportunity to correct the deficiencies.

♦ Approval by the state board of a community college proposal to deliver a specified baccalaureate degree program does not alter the governance relationship of the community college with its local board of trustees or the state board.

Supporting Documentation Included: Copy of HB 7147; Copy of revised Baccalaureate Approval Flow Chart

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