

# Community College Baccalaureate Proposal Updates and Recommendations

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# HB 7147—An Act Relating to Postsecondary Education

- Clarifies that community colleges offering baccalaureate degrees remain under the authority of the State Board of Education and the community college's board of trustees

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- Amends s. 1007.33 (3) F.S. to read:

“A community college may also develop proposals to deliver baccalaureate degree programs in math and science which would prepare graduates to enter a teaching profession in math or science.”

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- Delineates new responsibilities for the SBE
  - Notice of intent shall be submitted to the SBE (including a brief description of the program and an estimated timeframe for implementation) at least 90 days prior to submitting the proposal
  - Current practice is for DCC to receive the proposal 60 days after the letter of intent

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- Delineates new responsibilities for the SBE
  - The SBE shall advise state universities and each regionally accredited private college and university that is chartered in and has its primary campus located in the state [of Florida] of the community college's notice of intent

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- Delineates new responsibilities for the SBE
  - State universities shall have 60 days to submit an alternative proposal to offer the baccalaureate degree program 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 as meeting the requirements for alternative proposals**, the State Board shall provide the regionally accredited private colleges and universities 30 days to submit an alternative proposal

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- Partnership agreements are approved by local Boards of Trustees and their upper-division college/university partners
- Under this new law, the State Board has the authority to determine if an alternative proposal meets the requirements for submission and is, thus, an “approved” alternative proposal

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- All Alternative Proposals must include:
  1. The extent to which students will be able to complete the degree in the community college district
  2. The level of financial commitment of the college or university to the **development, implementation, and maintenance** of the specified degree program, including **timelines**

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- All Alternative Proposals must include:  
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  3. The extent to which faculty at both the community college and the college or university will collaborate in the development and offering of the curriculum
  4. The ability of the community college and the college or university to develop and approve the curriculum for the specified degree program within 6 months after a signed agreement

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- All Alternative Proposals must include:  
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  5. The extent to which the student may incur additional costs above what the student would expect to incur if the program were offered by the community college

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- The State Board of Education must consider the alternative proposals in making its decision **to approve or deny a community college's proposal**
- This provision of the new law reinforces the State Board's role and authority to approve or deny a community college baccalaureate degree proposal

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- If no alternative proposal is received or approved and the State Board of Education determines that a community college proposal is deficient, the state board must notify the community college of the deficiencies in writing and provide the community college the opportunity to correct the deficiencies
- **This feedback loop currently exists** from the cross-functional review team to the institution between September and December of each year

# Recommendations

- Designate DCC to coordinate the baccalaureate proposal process on behalf of the SBE
- Change the deadline for full community college proposals to September 1 (90 days from letter of intent) to comply with the new legislation
- Require DCC to update the SBE monthly or as needed/requested throughout the process (June-February)

# Summary

- Process is essentially unchanged
- DCC will ensure that SBE requirements under HB 7147 are carried out
- Alternative proposals must address all required criteria in order to be valid
- SBE must consider alternative proposals when deciding to approve or deny a community college baccalaureate proposal

# Timeline Summary

- **June 1** —community college letters of intent are due
  - Immediately notify SUS and regionally accredited private colleges and universities
- **August 1** —SUS alternative proposals are due
  - Immediately notify regionally accredited private institutions of SUS proposal status
- **September 1** —regionally accredited private institution alternative proposals are due
- **September 1** —full community college baccalaureate proposals are due
- **September through December** —DCC coordinates review of community college baccalaureate proposals
- **January/February** —SBE considers alternative proposals and votes to approve or deny community college baccalaureate proposals

# 2007 Letters of Intent

- **Broward Community College**
  - Education (BS, five certification areas)
- **Daytona Beach Community College**
  - Education (BS, seven certification areas)
- **Chipola College**
  - Education (BS, two certification areas)
  - Social Work (BSW)
    - Nursing (BS)
- **Edison College**
  - Education (BS, one certification area)
  - Nursing (BS)
  - Supervision and Management (BAS)
- **Palm Beach Community College**
  - Supervision and Management (BAS)