

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Update

January 21, 2009

SUBJECT: State College Pilot Project Report

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State College Pilot Project was established by the passage of SB 1716 by the 2008 Legislature with Section 1004.875(1), Florida Statutes: "The Legislature finds that it is in the best interest of the state to provide the residents of the state affordable access to baccalaureate degree programs that are designed to meet regional and statewide employment needs."

Section 1004.875(2)(a), Florida Statutes, designated Chipola College, Daytona Beach College, Edison College, Indian River College, Miami Dade College, Okaloosa-Walton College, Polk College, Santa Fe College and St. Petersburg College, in collaboration with the Florida College System Task Force, to recommend to the Legislature an approval process for the transition of baccalaureate-degree-granting community colleges to state colleges in order to meet the employment needs of Florida, criteria for the transition of institutions in the Florida College System to state colleges, a program approval process, and a funding model for the Florida College System.

Supporting Documentation Included: Final Report of the State College Pilot Project

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