

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 18, 2003

SUBJECT: Report on university branch campus programmatic growth certifying the increase in baccalaureate programs at state university branch campuses in response to 2002-2003 budget proviso language

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Accept staff report summarizing the increase in complete baccalaureate programs for counties specified in budget proviso language, in order to forward the report to the Florida Legislature.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Chapter 2002-394, Laws of Florida.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Chapter 2002-394, Laws of Florida, directs the Florida Board of Education to certify the increase in the number of full degree programs to be offered by state universities in counties targeted by Specific Appropriation 166T. This appropriation provided “start-up funding to increase the number of courses and/or to provide for the offering of additional full degree programs for the purpose of increasing access to baccalaureate and graduate degrees on the branch campuses and centers”.

For the purpose of this report, the definition of a complete program is one in which substantially all of the courses required for graduation are offered at the branch campus. The actual number of “complete” programs in any single year is subject to fluctuations in student demand and local/state priorities.

Forty-seven degree programs achieved “complete” status directly or indirectly as a result of the 2002 appropriation. Twenty-one of these programs address the state’s areas of critical need in teacher education, nursing and information technology. In total, for the counties specified in proviso for specific appropriation 166T, the universities provided 238 complete degree programs, 88 partial programs that are expected to become complete programs, and 53 partial programs that are not expected to become complete programs in the near future.

Supporting Documentation Included:	Report on University Branch Campus Programmatic Growth
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