

## HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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Bill Subject: Postsecondary Education  
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**I. Amendments Contained in Message**

**House Amendment 1 to Senate Amendment 640144--50037 (body)**

**II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message**

Revises college-ready diploma requirements to allow BOR and SBCC to determine criteria.

Adds contribution of Hispanics and Women to school curricula.

Provides fee waivers for postsecondary education to persons adversely affected by the Lake Apopka restoration land buy out.

Provides that college-level dual enrollment courses be weighted the same as honors and AP classes in determining GPAs.

Removes requirement that local distance learning classes be reviewed by the SBCC.

Provides for the posting or notification of alternative remedial options.

Amends the Dr. Phillip Benjamin Academic Improvement Trust Fund for Community Colleges to put scholarships on par with other uses and to make the qualifications for the scholarship less tied to academic achievement. It also authorizes use of the fund for loans and need-based grants.

Revises language concerned with nonpublic career education schools to address fair consumer practices, in addition to minimum educational standards.

Revises high school graduation requirements to include an additional ½ credit of physical education and American Heart Association personal fitness programs.

Provides for decentralization of certain financial aid programs such that institutions are charged with award distribution and eligibility determinations.

Revises provisions relating to the College Reach-Out Program to remove requirement that participating institutions also be participating in a federal program.

Includes provisions of SB 2214 regarding the Florida Pre-paid College Program.

Revises provisions relating to BOR and student government associations.