REQUESTOR: SENATOR SNORT

DRAFT REQUEST #2011-20,408

TYPE OF DRAFT REQUESTED: BILL

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BACKGROUND: With limited resources, flat revenues, and a public increasingly dissatisfied with the public sector, no government program can operate on a business-as-usual basis. There are no sacred cows when it comes to the need for reform, and higher education is no exception. Every aspect of the delivery of higher education services must be reexamined to promote efficiency and relevance. The state can no longer afford to give students unlimited time to decide on a major or to finish a degree. Also, professors must emphasize teaching.

STATEMENT OF ISSUE TO BE ADDRESSED:

- Require college students to finish a degree in four years. Students can change majors one time.
- Three-fourths of all teaching must be done by professors, not graduate students. Phase this requirement in over 5 years.
- Exempt faculty whose research is externally funded.