

FCS Baccalaureate Programs

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Questions

1. What is the purpose of offering Bachelor degrees in certain Florida College?
2. Are these programs replicating already accessible programs in their regions at public Universities? Do they serve the same populations?
3. Are these programs undermining the traditional 2+2 system?
4. Is there evidence that the existence of bachelor degree program in the FCS is leading colleges to dilute their traditional missions of access, workforce development, and transfer?
5. What financial impact do these programs have on students, the colleges, other institutions, and the state?
6. Is the bachelor degree approval process in the state Board of Education robust or in need of reform? How does it ensure a focus on the workforce, access, needless replication, and other essentials? Should it be strengthened?

Florida Statutes 1007.33

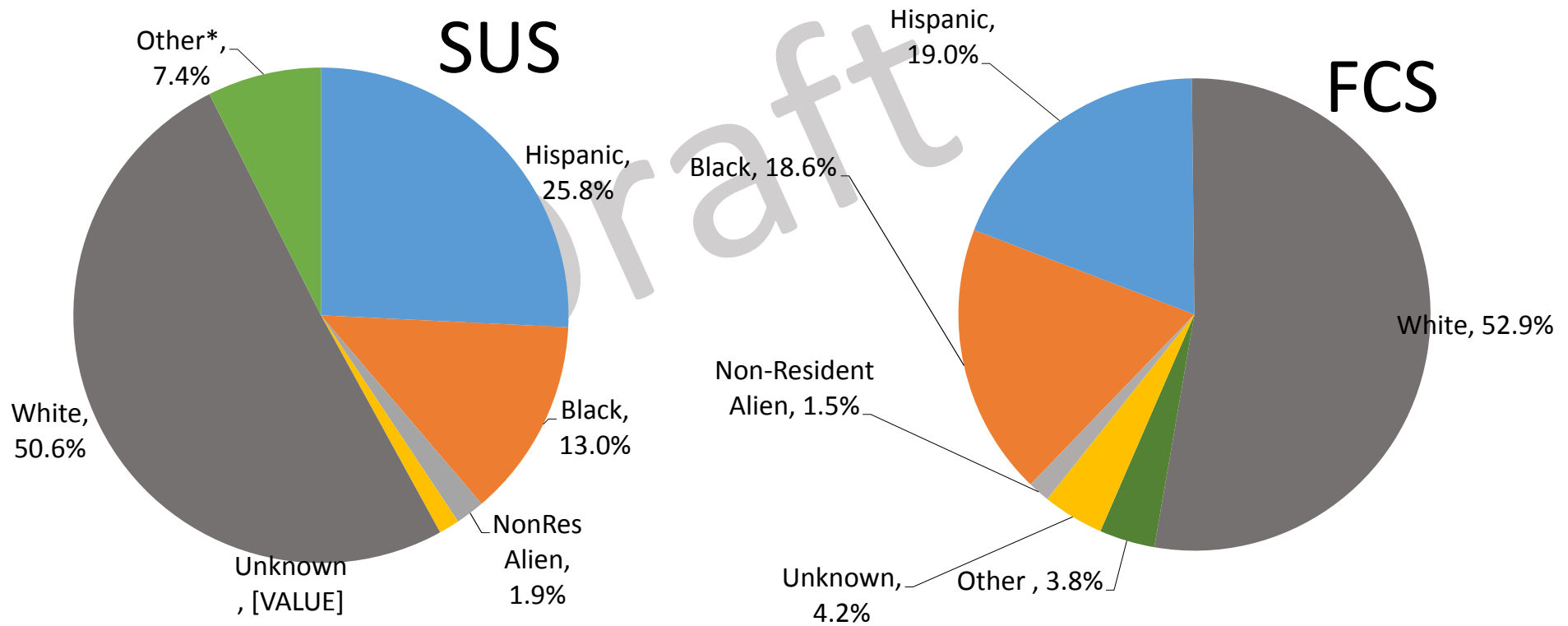
Site-determined baccalaureate degree access

The Legislature recognizes that public and private postsecondary educational institutions play an essential role in improving the quality of life and economic well-being of the state and its residents.

The Legislature also recognizes that economic development needs and the educational needs of place-bound, nontraditional students have increased the demand for local access to baccalaureate degree programs.

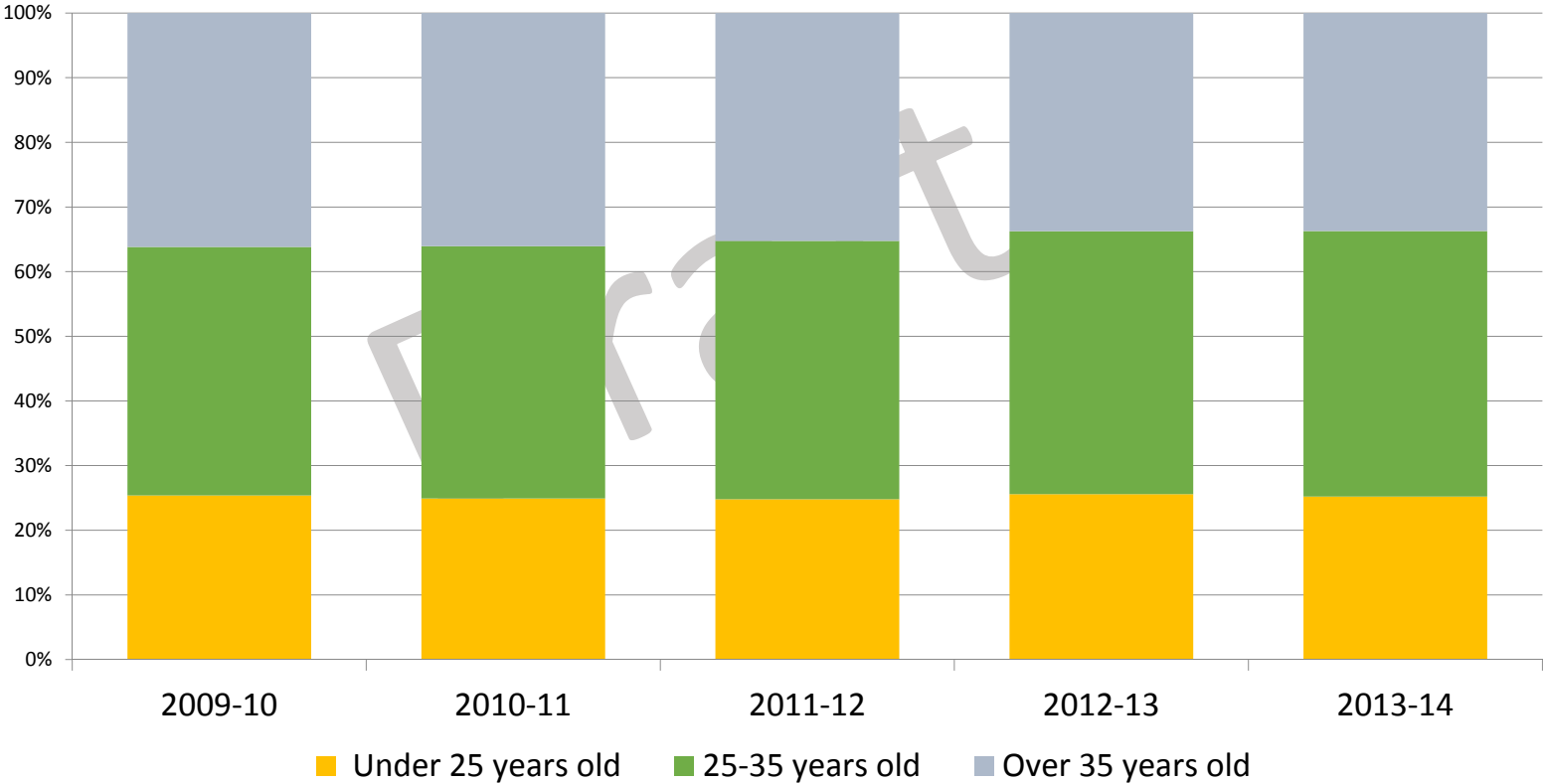
It is therefore the intent of the Legislature to further expand access to baccalaureate degree programs through the use of Florida College System institutions.

SUS / FCS Baccalaureate Enrollments by Race/Ethnicity, 2013-14

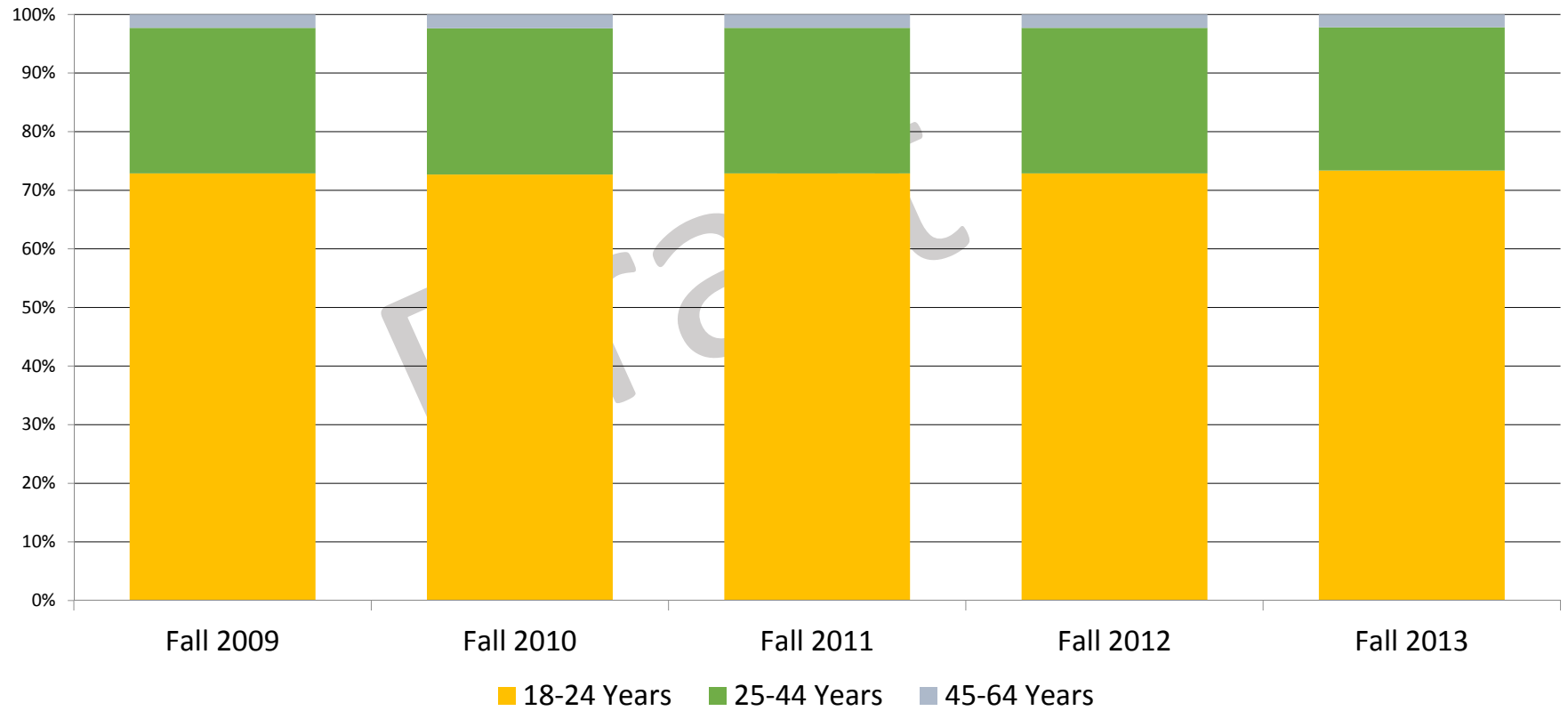


*Other includes: Asian, Native Indian, Pacific Islander, Multiple Race

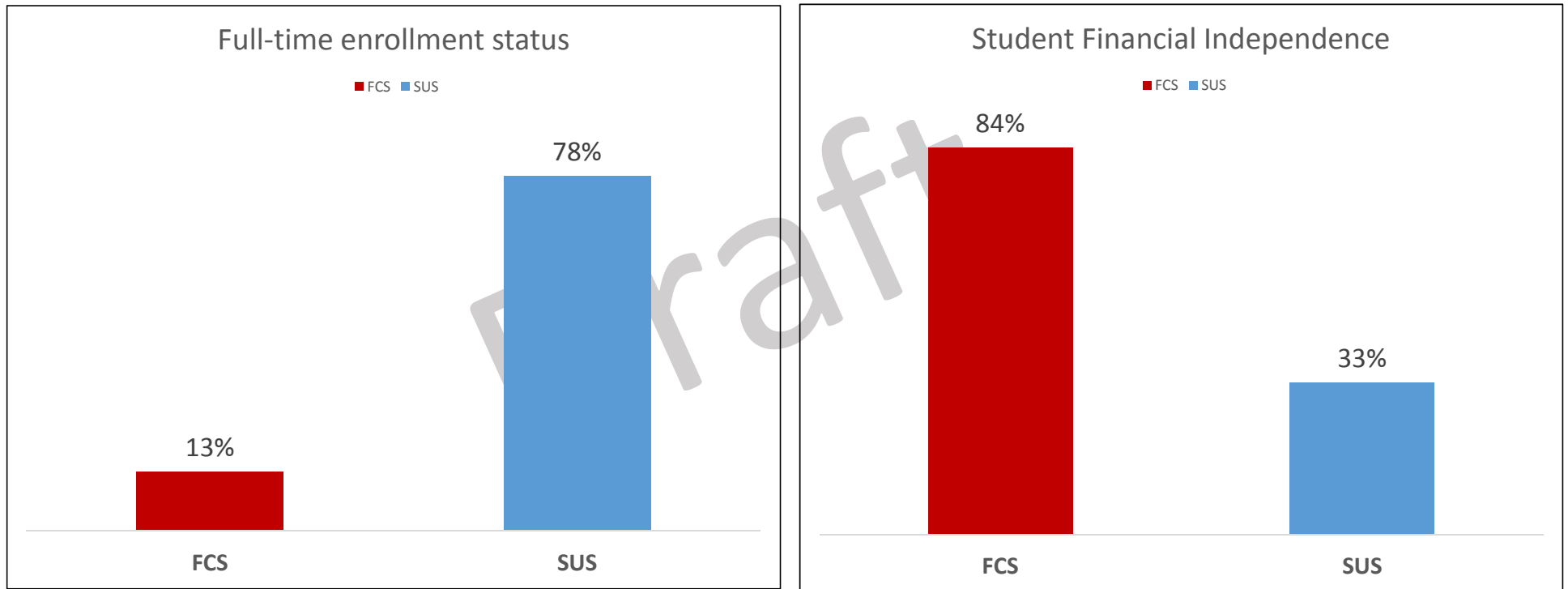
FCS Baccalaureate Enrollments by Age, 2009-10 to 2013-14



SUS BOG Upper Division Enrollments by Age Fall 2007 to 2011



FCS Baccalaureate impact on Students



Source:
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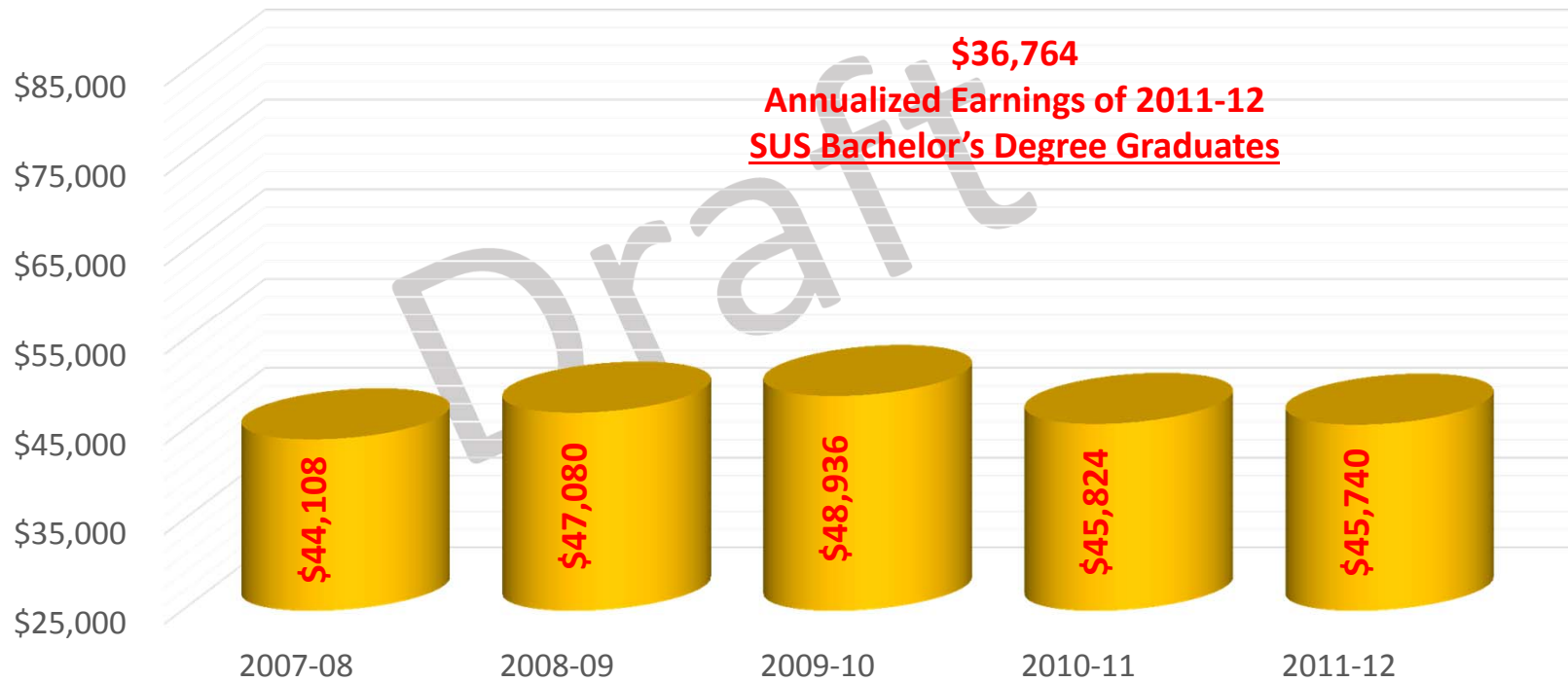
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Baccalaureate Tuition - Relative Cost to Students

	2004-2005	2013-2014	10 Year Change
Florida Public 2 Year	\$2,195	\$3,140	43.1% +\$945
Florida Public 4 Year	\$3,767	\$6,336	68.2% +\$2,569
Florida Private Non Profit 4 Year	\$22,975	\$28,087	22.3% +5,112

- The FCS student costs (\$3,140) are less than one-half cost of enrolling in the SUS (\$6,336).
- The private non-profit 4 year student costs are 8.9 times more than FCS.

Average Annualized Salary of FCS Baccalaureate Completers

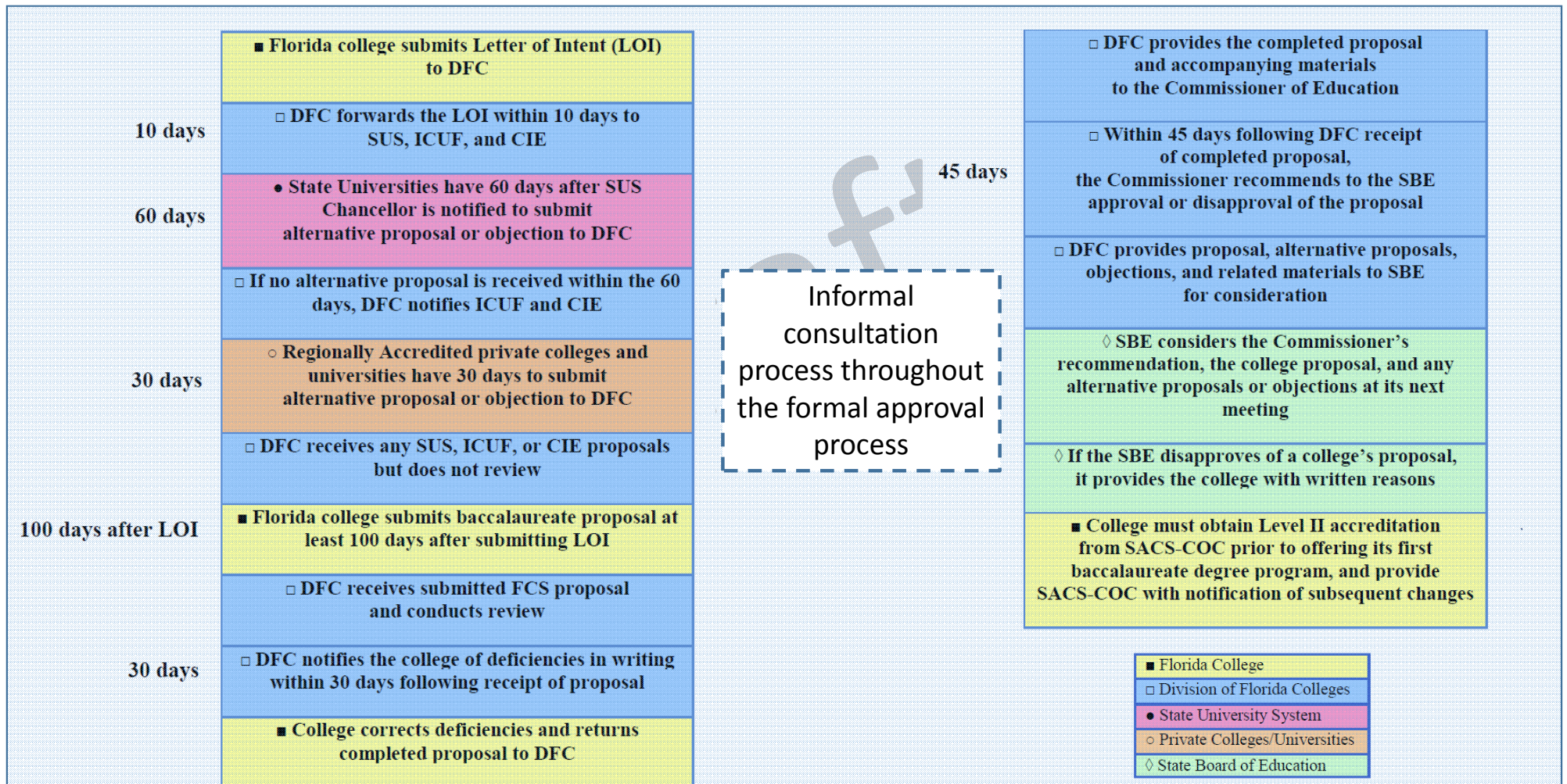


Source: FETPIP and FCS Research & Analytics

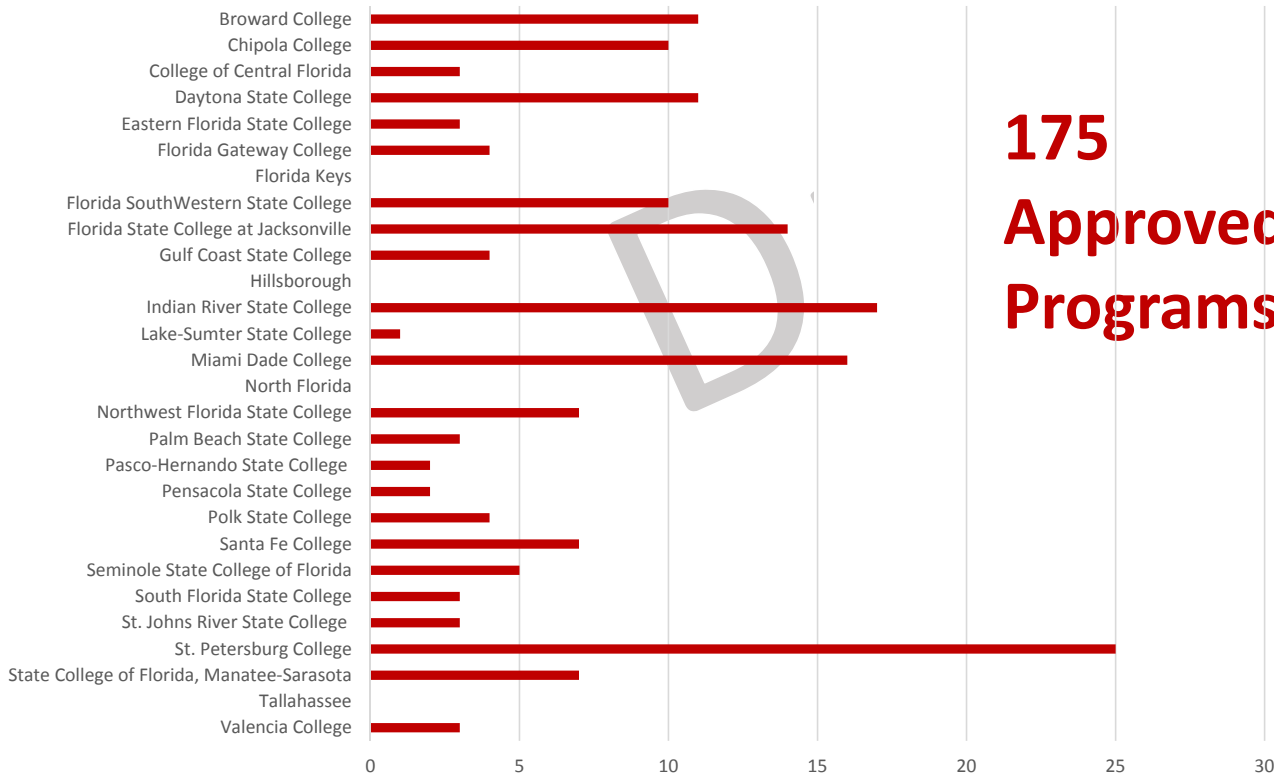
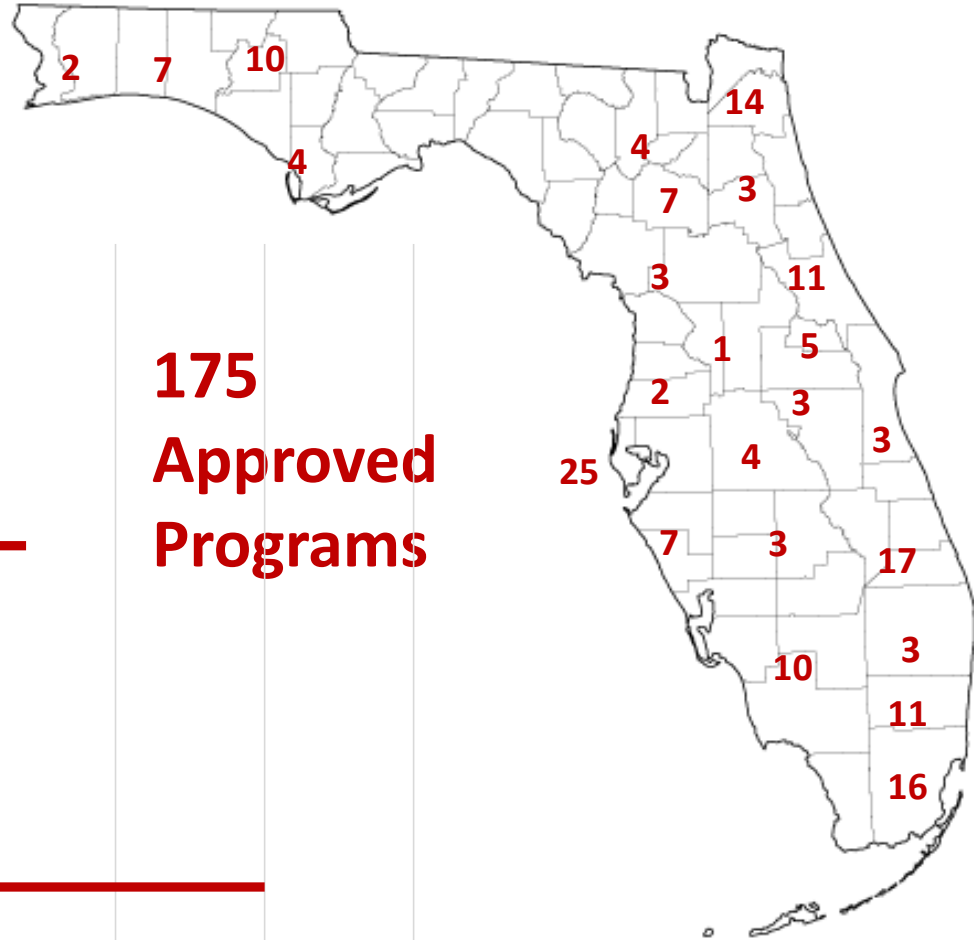
Baccalaureate Programs in the Florida College System – Guiding Principles and Policies

- Florida’s “2 + 2” articulation system is a national model for facilitating the transfer of students with two-year degrees earned at a Florida College System institution to upper-division studies at a public or private college/university.
- It is within the context of this “2 + 2” statewide articulation system that FCS baccalaureate programs are developed and operate.
- The Florida Legislature passed legislation in 2001 that outlines a process by which community colleges may seek approval by the State Board of Education to grant baccalaureate degrees in limited, high-demand areas, and the approval process is currently outlined in section (s.) 1007.33, Florida Statutes (F.S.).
- Currently, colleges are approved to offer approximately 175 programs in a variety of fields such as education, nursing and other health sciences, business, management, technology, and public safety

FCS Baccalaureate Program Approval Process



Regional Distribution of Approved FCS Baccalaureate Programs March, 18, 2014



FCS Baccalaureate as a Percentage of Total Enrollment by College



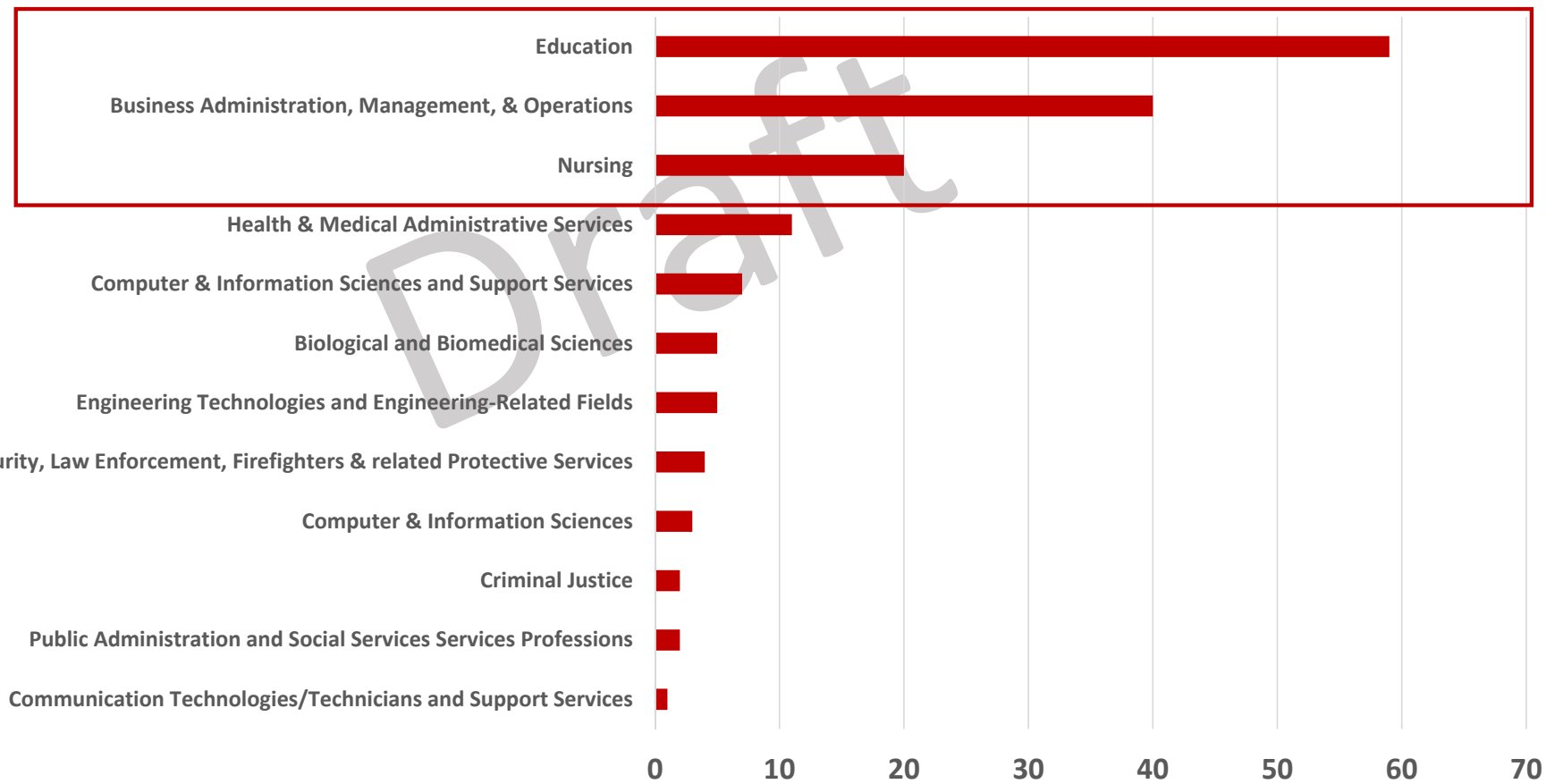
FCS Upper and Lower Division Program Distribution by College



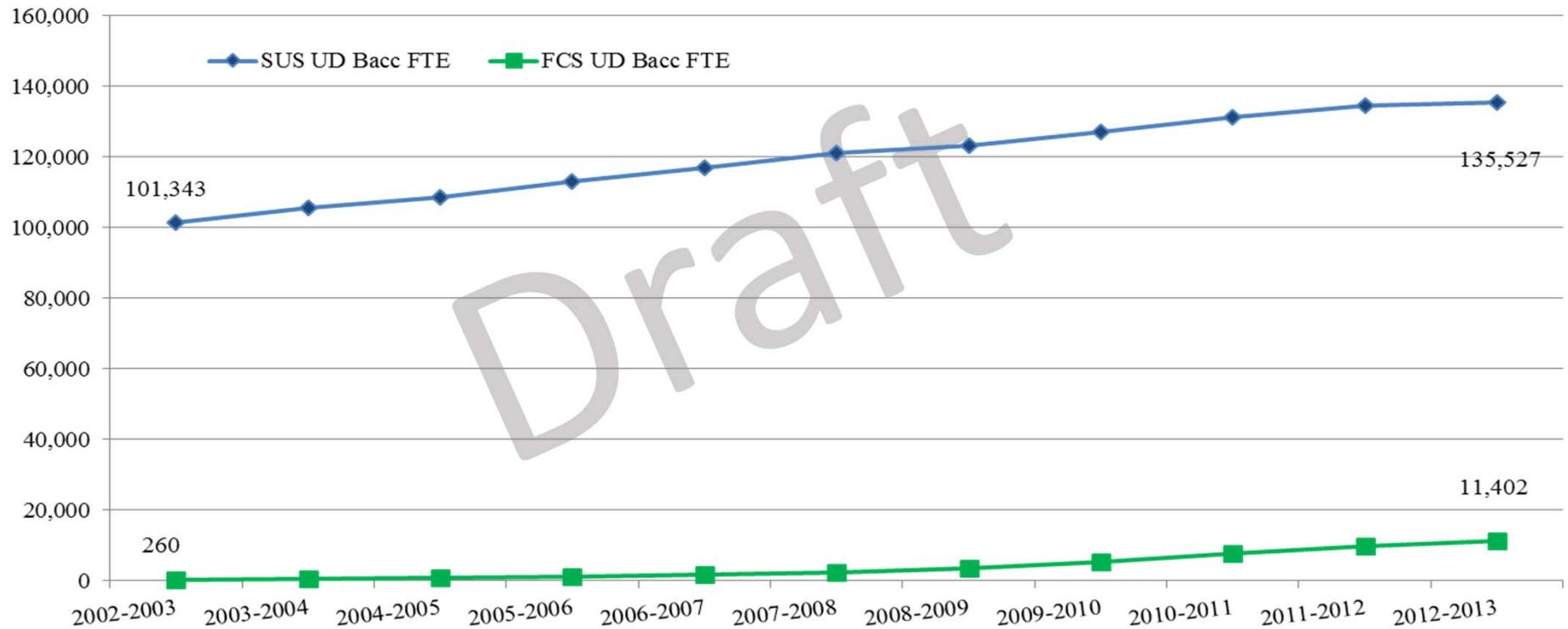
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Top Approved FCS Baccalaureate Programs by Category



FCS and SUS FTE Upper Division Enrollment Trends 2002-03 to 2012-13



Source: CCTCMIS, FCS Financial Policy and FCS Research & Analytics.
SUS Fact Book Table 12 converted to 30 credit hour FTE.

FCS Baccalaureate enrollment impact upper-division SUS enrollments

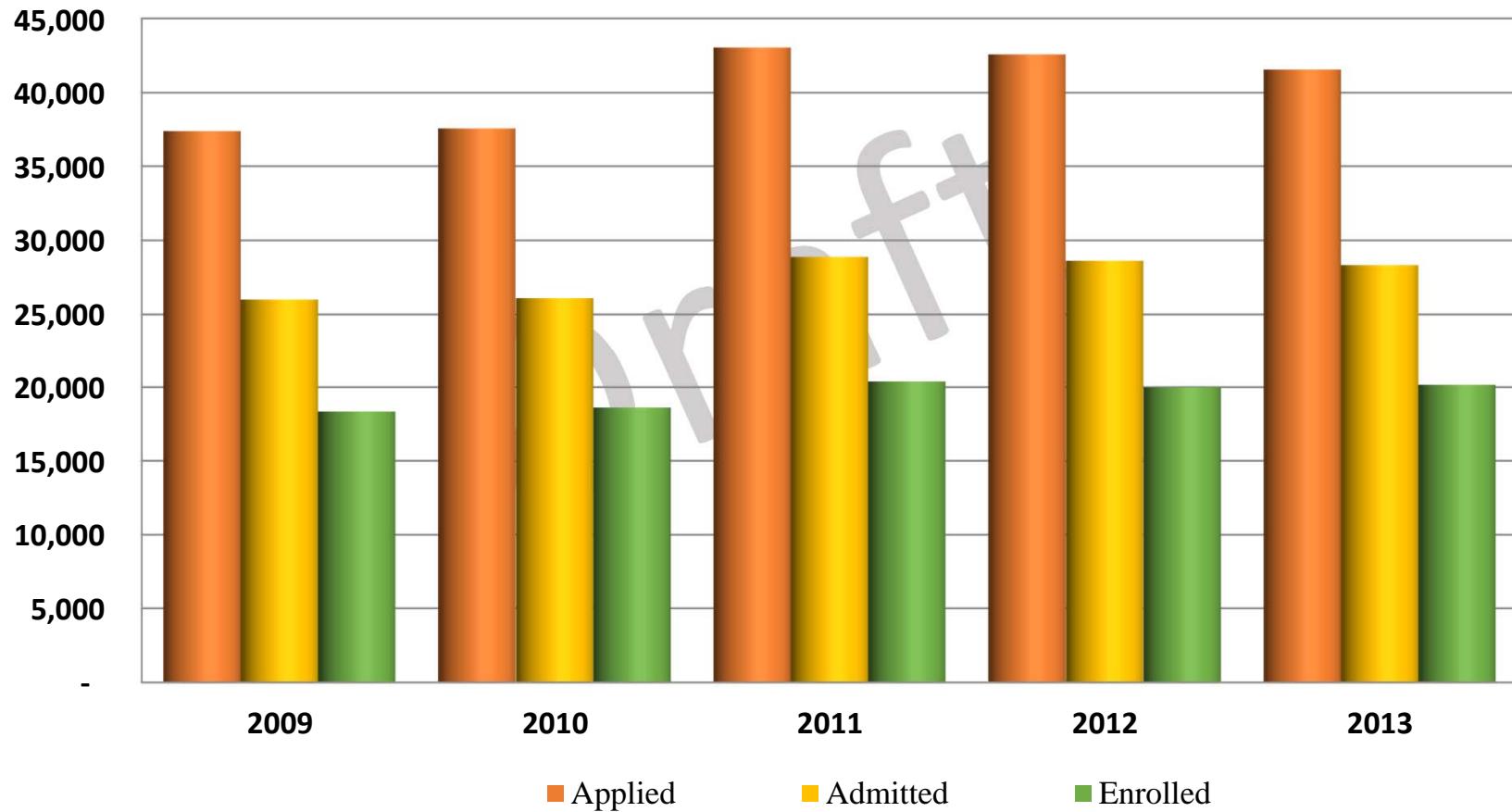
- ✓ SUS enrollments are **up 54.5%** since the establishment of FCS baccalaureate degrees
- ✓ SUS Exceptional Student Education program enrollments are **up 62.1%** since 2003-2004
- ✓ SUS Elementary Education program enrollments are **up 62.1%** between 2001 and 2008

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FCS Graduates in the State University System of Florida Fall 2009 to Fall 2013



Moving Forward

Legislative Recommendations

- Eliminate the statutory exception for baccalaureate program approval currently provided to St. Petersburg College. (St. Petersburg College has voluntarily complied with the standard baccalaureate program approval process since 2010 and has agreed to the elimination of the statutory exception).
- Reinforce the workforce orientation of the baccalaureate degrees within the Florida College System by explicitly eliminating any possibility of approval for Bachelor of Arts programs.

Given these recommendations and our belief in the consistency that exists between actual FCS baccalaureate degree programs and the legislation that allowed for their existence, the Council of Presidents for the Florida College System anticipates the expiration of the current moratorium on future programs. The Presidents will rely on guidance from the State Board of Education, and the Division of Florida Colleges, to ensure a timely and meaningful resumption of the baccalaureate degree program review and approval process.