Reducing Success Gaps

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Florida senate bill 1720 launched a statewide reform of developmental education that included optional, corequisite enrollment in developmental education coursework, major-specific developmental course offerings, and enhanced academic advising in the Fall semester of 2014. These reforms led to an 18-percentage point increase in gateway English composition for Black students. This increase lowered the achievement gap between Black and White students from eighteen percent pre-reform (2013) to eight percent post-reform (2016). This Points of Interest shows that following the implementation of Florida senate bill 1720, Black students narrowed achievement gaps in gateway English courses.

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