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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Education (Bullard) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the resolving clause
and insert:

That the Florida Senate stands with Israeli universities
and institutions of higher learning, and stands against the
academic boycott of Israeli universities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida Senate encourages
and welcomes bipartisan support in recognition of Israel's right
to academic freedom and collaboration with institutions around
the world.



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the resolving clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled
A resolution expressing opposition to the academic
boycott of Israeli universities and institutions of
higher learning, and support of academic and political
freedom and collaboration with Israeli universities.

WHEREAS, Israel is the only country in the Middle East
which is a democracy, and

WHEREAS, Israel is a strong ally of the United States, and
this alliance is based on shared values and interests, and
invaluable cooperation in military technology, cyber security,
medicine, biotechnology, agriculture, bilateral trade and
commerce, as well as educational, research, and cultural
exchanges, and

WHEREAS, some groups have proposed an academic boycott as a
means of insinuating that Israel discriminates against
Palestinian Arabs, and

WHEREAS, Israeli universities are in reality open to all
people, regardless of gender, creed, race, or nationality, and
fully encourage academic freedom, and

WHEREAS, the academic boycott of Israeli universities and
institutions of higher learning is antithetical to the
principles of academic freedom and to the free and open exchange
of ideas, NOW, THEREFORE,