

Amendment No. 3

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
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WITHDRAWN	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education Committee  
2 Representative Ahern offered the following:

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4 **Amendment to Amendment (126639) by Representative Rodrigues**  
5 **(with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 910-974 of the amendment and insert:

7 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 1001.71, Florida  
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 1001.71 University boards of trustees; membership.—

10 (1) Pursuant to s. 7(c), Art. IX of the State  
11 Constitution, each local constituent university shall be  
12 administered by a university board of trustees comprised of 13  
13 members as follows: 6 citizen members appointed by the Governor  
14 subject to confirmation by the Senate; 5 citizen members  
15 appointed by the Board of Governors subject to confirmation by  
16 the Senate; the chair of the faculty senate or the equivalent;

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17 and the president of the student body of the university. The  
18 appointed members shall serve staggered 5-year terms. In order  
19 to achieve staggered terms, beginning July 1, 2003, of the  
20 initial appointments by the Governor, 2 members shall serve 2-  
21 year terms, 3 members shall serve 3-year terms, and 1 member  
22 shall serve a 5-year term and of the initial appointments by the  
23 Board of Governors, 2 members shall serve 2-year terms, 2  
24 members shall serve 3-year terms, and 1 member shall serve a 5-  
25 year term. There shall be no state residency requirement for  
26 university board members, but the Governor and the Board of  
27 Governors shall consider diversity and regional representation.  
28 For purposes of this subsection, regional representation shall  
29 include the chair of a campus board established pursuant to s.  
30 1004.341.

31 Section 2. Effective July 2, 2020, Section 1004.341,  
32 Florida Statutes, is created to read:

33 1004.341 University of South Florida campuses.

34 (1) The St. Petersburg and Sarasota/Manatee campuses of the  
35 University of South Florida are hereby established.

36 (a) The St. Petersburg campus of the University of South  
37 Florida shall be known as the "University of South Florida St.  
38 Petersburg" and shall include any college of the University of  
39 South Florida that is headquartered or primarily located in  
40 Pinellas County.

41 (b) The Sarasota/Manatee campus of the University of South

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42 Florida shall be known as the "University of South Florida  
43 Sarasota/Manatee" and shall include any college of the  
44 University of South Florida that is headquartered or primarily  
45 located in Sarasota or Manatee County.

46 (2) The University of South Florida St. Petersburg and  
47 University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee shall each have a  
48 Campus Board and a Regional Chancellor. The Chair of the Board  
49 of Trustees of the University of South Florida, based upon  
50 recommendations of the President of the University of South  
51 Florida, shall appoint:

52 (a) Seven residents of Pinellas County to serve 4-year  
53 staggered terms on the Campus Board of the University of South  
54 Florida St. Petersburg. A member of the Board of Trustees of the  
55 University of South Florida who resides in Pinellas County shall  
56 jointly serve as a member of the Board of Trustees and as chair  
57 of the campus board. The chair of the faculty senate or the  
58 equivalent and the president of the student body of the campus  
59 shall serve as ex officio members.

60 (b) Four residents of Manatee County and three residents of  
61 Sarasota County to serve 4-year staggered terms on the Campus  
62 Board of the University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee. A  
63 member of the Board of Trustees of the University of South  
64 Florida who resides in Manatee or Sarasota County shall be  
65 selected by the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University  
66 of South Florida to jointly serve as a member of the Board of

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67 Trustees and as chair of the campus board. The chair of the  
68 faculty senate or the equivalent and the president of the  
69 student body of the campus shall serve as ex officio members.

70 (c) The Board of Trustees may reappoint a member to the  
71 campus board, other than the chair, for one additional term.

72 (3) Each campus board has the powers and duties provided  
73 by law, which include the authority to approve and submit an  
74 annual operating plan, budget and legislative budget request to  
75 the Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida.

76 (4) The Board of Trustees shall publish and approve an  
77 annual operating budget for each campus and a report on the  
78 distribution of funds including, student tuition and fees,  
79 preeminence and performance based funding, provided to each  
80 campus.

81 (5) The Board of Trustees must publish on its website a  
82 biennial regional impact report, beginning July 1, 2021, which  
83 details the specific increased investments in university  
84 programs located in Pinellas, Manatee and Sarasota Counties. The  
85 report shall include, at a minimum, trend information related to  
86 access to new degree programs for students in those counties,  
87 any changes in student enrollment and outcomes at each campus  
88 located in those counties, increased research conducted and  
89 research infrastructure added in those counties, and any fixed  
90 capital outlay projects or property acquisitions planned or  
91 completed in those counties.

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92       (6) The faculty and students at each campus shall be  
93 represented in the academic and student governance structures of  
94 the University of South Florida as determined by the Board of  
95 Trustees.

96 Section 3. Section 1004.335, Florida Statutes, is created to  
97 read:

98       1004.335 Accreditation consolidation of University of  
99 South Florida branch campuses.—

100       (1) The University of South Florida Consolidation Planning  
101 Study and Implementation Task Force is established to develop  
102 recommendations to improve service to students by phasing out  
103 the separate accreditation of the University of South Florida  
104 St. Petersburg and the University of South Florida  
105 Sarasota/Manatee, which were conferred by the Southern  
106 Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges  
107 (SACSCOC) pursuant to ss.1004.33 and 1004.34, respectively.

108       (2) The task force shall consist of the following members:

109       (a) One member appointed by the chair of the Board of  
110 Governors who will serve as chair;

111       (b) Two members appointed by the President of the Senate;

112       (c) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
113 Representatives;

114       (d) Two members appointed by the chair of the University of  
115 South Florida board of trustees;

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116 (e) One member appointed by the chair of the campus board  
117 of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg;

118 (f) One member appointed by the chair of the campus board  
119 of the University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee;

120 (g) The regional chancellor of the University of South  
121 Florida St. Petersburg;

122 (h) The regional chancellor of the University of South  
123 Florida Sarasota/Manatee;

124 (i) The president of the University of South Florida or his  
125 or her designee; and

126 (j) One student member appointed by the University of South  
127 Florida Alumni Association.

128 (3) The Board of Trustees shall assign personnel from each  
129 campus to staff the task force. The chair of the task force may  
130 consult experts in university mergers and consolidations to  
131 assist the task force in developing recommendations.

132 (4) No later than February 15, 2019, the task force must  
133 submit a report to the University of South Florida Board of  
134 Trustees, which includes, at a minimum, recommendations on the  
135 following:

136 (a) Identification of specific degrees in programs of  
137 strategic significance, including healthcare, science,  
138 technology, engineering, math, and other program priorities to  
139 be offered at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and  
140 the University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee and the

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141 timeline for programs being developed and delivered on each  
142 campus;

143 (b) Maintaining the unique identity of each campus and an  
144 assessment of whether a separate educational mission is  
145 beneficial to the future of each campus;

146 (c) Maintaining faculty input from all campuses during the  
147 review and development of general education requirements to  
148 reflect the distinctive identity of each campus;

149 (d) Developing the research capacity at each campus;

150 (e) Equitable distribution of programs and resources to  
151 establish pathways to admission for all students who require  
152 bridge programming and financial aid; and

153 (f) Establishing budget transparency and accountability  
154 regarding the review and approval of student fees among  
155 campuses, including fee differentials and athletic fees to  
156 enable the identification of the equitable distribution of  
157 resources to each campus, including the University of South  
158 Florida Health.

159 (g) Developing and delivering integrated academic programs,  
160 student and faculty governance, and administrative services to  
161 better serve the students, faculty and staff at the University  
162 of South Florida College of Marine Science, the University of  
163 South Florida Sarasota/Manatee and the University of South  
164 Florida St. Petersburg.

165 (5) No later than March 15, 2019, the Board of Trustees of

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166 the University of South Florida, after considering the  
167 recommendations of the task force, must adopt and submit to the  
168 Board of Governors an implementation plan that:

169 (a) Establishes timelines for each step that is necessary  
170 to terminate the separate accreditation for each campus no later  
171 than June 30, 2020, so that there is no lapse in institutional  
172 accreditation for any campus during the phasing-out process.

173 (b) Minimizes disruption to students attending any  
174 University of South Florida campus so that the consolidation of  
175 SACSCOC accreditation does not impede a student's ability to  
176 graduate within 4 years of initial first-time-in-college  
177 enrollment.

178 (c) Requires that on or before July 1, 2020, the entirety  
179 of the University of South Florida, including all campuses and  
180 other component units of the university, to operate under a  
181 single institutional accreditation from the SACSCOC.

182 (d) Requires that on each regularly scheduled submission  
183 date subsequent to July 1, 2020, the University of South Florida  
184 shall report consolidated data for all of the university's  
185 campuses and students to the Integrated Postsecondary Education  
186 Data System and to the Board of Governors. The Board of  
187 Governors shall use the consolidated data for purposes of  
188 determining eligibility for funding pursuant to ss. 1001.7065  
189 and 1001.92.

190 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 1001.7065 and

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191 1001.92 or any Board of Governors regulation to the contrary  
192 relating to the calculation of graduation rates and retention  
193 rates, a student who meets all of the following criteria may not  
194 be counted by the Board of Governors when calculating or  
195 confirming the graduation rate or the retention rate of the  
196 University of South Florida under those sections:

197 (a) The student was admitted to and initially enrolled  
198 before the spring 2020 semester as a first-time-in-college  
199 student at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg or the  
200 University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee.

201 (b) The student voluntarily disenrolled from all  
202 University of South Florida campuses without graduating before  
203 the date of termination of the separate SACSCOC accreditation of  
204 his or her admitting campus.

205 (7) This section expires July 1, 2020.

206 Section 4. Effective July 1, 2020, Sections 1004.33, and  
207 1004.34, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

208 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 1004.344, Florida  
209 Statutes, is amended to read:

210 1004.344 The Florida Center for the Partnerships for Arts  
211 Integrated Teaching.—

212 (1) The Florida Center for the Partnerships for Arts  
213 Integrated Teaching is created within the University of South  
214 Florida and shall be physically headquartered at the University  
215 of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee.

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216 Section 6. Except as otherwise provided, this act shall  
217 take effect upon becoming law.  
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221 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

222 Remove lines 1079-1094 of the amendment and insert:  
223 appropriations; amending s. 1001.71, F.S.; revising the  
224 membership of university boards of trustees; creating  
225 s. 1004.341, F.S.; establishing University of South  
226 Florida campuses; requiring campus boards and regional  
227 chancellors for the University of South Florida St.  
228 Petersburg and the University of South Florida  
229 Sarasota/Manatee; establishing membership requirements  
230 for the campus boards of the University of South  
231 Florida St. Petersburg and the University of South  
232 Florida Sarasota/Manatee; establishing powers and  
233 duties for campus boards; providing budget and  
234 reporting requirements for the University of South  
235 Florida Board of Trustees; requiring faculty and  
236 student representation from each campus in the academic  
237 and student government structures of the University of  
238 South Florida; creating s. 1004.335, F.S.; requiring  
239 the University of South Florida to adopt and submit a  
240 plan to phase out the separate accreditations of the

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241 University of South Florida St. Petersburg and the  
242 University of South Florida Manatee/Sarasota by a  
243 specified date; providing requirements for such plan;  
244 providing that certain students may not be included in  
245 specified graduation and retention rate calculations;  
246 providing for the future repeal of ss. 1004.33 and  
247 1004.34, F.S., relating to the University of South  
248 Florida St. Petersburg and Sarasota/Manatee,  
249 respectively; amending s. 1004.344; requiring the  
250 University of South Florida's Florida Center for the  
251 Partnership for Arts Integrated Teaching to be located  
252 at a certain branch campus; providing an effective  
253 date.