

By the Committee on Education

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to state university building
3 designations; amending s. 1001.706, F.S.; requiring
4 the Board of Governors to adopt regulations regarding
5 the naming or renaming of state university facilities;
6 specifying elements that must be addressed in the
7 naming or renaming process; providing applicability;
8 repealing chapter 73-370, Laws of Florida, relating to
9 the designation of a Florida State University
10 facility; rescinding designation of a building located
11 at Florida State University, at the recommendation of
12 the university; providing legislative intent;
13 providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17 Section 1. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (7) of
18 section 1001.706, Florida Statutes, to read:

19 1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.—

20 (7) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO PROPERTY.—

21 (i) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations to
22 specify authority, procedures, and elements related to the
23 naming or renaming of any state university facility, as defined
24 in s. 267.062, authorized pursuant to paragraph (b). Such
25 regulations must specify elements addressing the respective
26 responsibilities of the Board of Governors and state university
27 boards of trustees and presidents, and procedural requirements
28 regarding transparency, public engagement, nongift-related and
29 gift-related considerations, approval, and other transparency

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30 and accountability requirements deemed appropriate by the Board
31 of Governors. The requirements of this paragraph apply when a
32 state university seeks to initially name a facility, seeks
33 legislative action to repeal an existing law in which the name
34 of a facility was legislatively designated, or seeks to rename
35 or remove the name of a facility previously designated in a law
36 that was subsequently repealed by the Legislature.

37 Section 2. Chapter 73-370, Laws of Florida, is repealed.

38 Section 3. (1) Notwithstanding s. 1001.706(7)(i), Florida
39 Statutes, as created by this act, the Legislature intends that
40 the repeal of chapter 73-370, Laws of Florida, as provided in
41 this act, implement the recommendation of the Florida State
42 University "President's Advisory Panel on University Namings and
43 Recognitions," to seek legislative action to legally remove the
44 legislatively designated facility name, which recommendation was
45 accepted by the president of Florida State University.

46 (2) The Legislature further intends that the repeal does
47 not constitute a legislative position regarding the ultimate
48 disposition of the original designation; rather, the Legislature
49 recognizes the university's transparent, collaborative, and
50 thorough review process, which resulted in the recommendation
51 that precipitated this repeal, and further intends that the
52 university is solely responsible for faithful implementation of
53 the panel's recommendations regarding this issue.

54 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.