

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2015 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Higher Education**

**SB 446 — Florida College System Boards of Trustees**

by Senator Bradley

The bill requires the Board of Trustees for St. Johns River State College to be comprised of seven members from the three-county area that the college serves. The bill also requires board members to serve staggered 4-year terms.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming a law.

*Vote: Senate 38-0; House 112-1*

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**HB 461 — Independent Nonprofit Higher Educational Facilities Financing**  
by Reps. Sullivan, Moraitis and others (SB 622 by Senators Montford and Bean)

The bill expands the types of projects that the Higher Education Facilities Financing Authority may finance for independent nonprofit higher education colleges and universities. Specifically, the bill expands the definition of authorized projects that may be used by participating institutions to include projects such as, dining halls, research facilities, athletic facilities, healthcare facilities, parking, and other structures useful for the instruction of students, conducting research, or the operation of an educational institution, including equipment and machinery.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2015.

*Vote: Senate 40-0; House 108-5*

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**HB 7005 — OGSR/Commission for Independent Education**

by Government Operations Subcommittee and Rep. Ingoglia (SB 7004 by Higher Education)

The bill removes the scheduled repeal of exemptions from public records and meetings requirements for investigatory records and probable cause panel meetings associated with disciplinary proceedings initiated by the Commission for Independent Education.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2015.

*Vote: Senate 36-0; House 116-1*