

By the Committee on Education and Senator Klein

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the State University System;
3 designating the tennis court complex at the
4 University of West Florida the "Harold
5 'Skeeter' Carson Tennis Complex"; designating
6 the Lifelong Learning Center on the Boca Raton
7 Campus of Florida Atlantic University the
8 "Barry and Florence Friedberg Lifelong Learning
9 Center"; designating the swim/dive office and
10 training facility at the University of Florida
11 the "Wayne and Jimmie Carse Swimming and Diving
12 Complex"; renaming Flint Hall at the University
13 of Florida as "Keene-Flint Hall"; designating
14 the residence hall known as 2nd Court, Pei
15 Residence Halls, located at New College of the
16 University of South Florida the "Peggy Bates
17 Residence Hall"; designating the library tower
18 on the campus of Florida International
19 University the "Steven and Dorothea Green
20 Library"; designating the recording facility
21 donated to Florida State University as
22 "Critchfield Hall"; authorizing the respective
23 universities to erect suitable markers;
24 amending s. 240.605, F.S.; renaming the Florida
25 Resident Access Grant Program as the William L.
26 Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant
27 Program; providing an effective date.
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29 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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1 Section 1. The tennis court complex at the University
2 of West Florida is hereby designated the "Harold 'Skeeter'
3 Carson Tennis Complex" in honor of the university's first
4 tennis coach and his untiring and extraordinary contribution
5 to the community and to his profession.

6 Section 2. The Lifelong Learning Center on the Boca
7 Raton Campus of Florida Atlantic University, the first
8 lifelong learning center to be constructed on any of the
9 university's seven campuses for use by the Lifelong Learning
10 Society, is hereby designated the "Barry and Florence
11 Friedberg Lifelong Learning Center" in recognition of the
12 generosity, dedication, and active support of Barry and
13 Florence Friedberg.

14 Section 3. The swim/dive office and training facility
15 at the University of Florida is hereby designated the "Wayne
16 and Jimmie Carse Swimming and Diving Complex" in recognition
17 of the generosity of Wayne and Jimmie Carse to the university
18 and its students.

19 Section 4. Flint Hall at the University of Florida is
20 hereby renamed "Keene-Flint Hall" in recognition of Kenneth K.
21 Keene's generosity to the university and its students.

22 Section 5. The residence currently known as 2nd Court,
23 Pei Residence Halls, located on the Sarasota/Manatee Campus of
24 New College of the University of South Florida, is hereby
25 designated the "Peggy Bates Residence Hall" in recognition of
26 the tireless and dedicated services of Dr. Margaret L. Bates
27 to New College and the Sarasota/Manatee community.

28 Section 6. The library tower located on the campus of
29 Florida International University is hereby designated the
30 "Steven and Dorothea Green Library" in recognition of the
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1 generosity of Steven and Dorothea Green to the university
2 libraries and to the Art Museum.

3 Section 7. The recording facility donated to Florida
4 State University by Echelon International Development
5 Corporation is hereby designated "Critchfield Hall" in
6 recognition of Dr. Jack Critchfield's generosity to Florida
7 State University and his many personal, professional, and
8 philanthropic contributions to the State of Florida.

9 Section 8. The respective universities are authorized
10 to erect suitable markers for the designations made by this
11 act.

12 Section 9. Section 240.605, Florida Statutes, is
13 amended to read:

14 240.605 The William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident
15 access grants.--

16 (1) The Legislature finds and declares that
17 independent nonprofit colleges and universities eligible to
18 participate in the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident
19 Access Grant Program are an integral part of the higher
20 education system in this state and that a significant number
21 of state residents choose this form of higher education. The
22 Legislature further finds that a strong and viable system of
23 independent nonprofit colleges and universities reduces the
24 tax burden on the citizens of the state. Because the William
25 L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program is not
26 related to a student's financial need or other criteria upon
27 which financial aid programs are based, it is the intent of
28 the Legislature that the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident
29 Access Grant Program not be considered a financial aid program
30 but rather a tuition assistance program for its citizens.

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1 (2) The William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access
2 Grant Program shall be administered by the Department of
3 Education. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for
4 the administration of the program.

5 (3) The department shall issue through the program a
6 William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grant to any
7 full-time degree-seeking undergraduate student registered at
8 an independent nonprofit college or university which is
9 located in and chartered by the state; which is accredited by
10 the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of
11 Colleges and Schools; which grants baccalaureate degrees;
12 which is not a state university or state community college;
13 and which has a secular purpose, so long as the receipt of
14 state aid by students at the institution would not have the
15 primary effect of advancing or impeding religion or result in
16 an excessive entanglement between the state and any religious
17 sect. Any independent college or university that was eligible
18 to receive tuition vouchers on January 1, 1989, and which
19 continues to meet the criteria under which its eligibility was
20 established, shall remain eligible to receive William L. Boyd,
21 IV, Florida resident access grant payments.

22 (4) A person is eligible to receive such William L.
23 Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grant if:

24 (a) He or she meets the general requirements,
25 including residency, for student eligibility as provided in s.
26 240.404, except as otherwise provided in this section; and

27 (b)1. He or she is enrolled as a full-time
28 undergraduate student at an eligible college or university;

29 2. He or she is not enrolled in a program of study
30 leading to a degree in theology or divinity; and

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1 3. He or she is making satisfactory academic progress
2 as defined by the college or university in which he or she is
3 enrolled.

4 (5)(a) Funding for the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida
5 Resident Access Grant Program shall be based on a formula
6 composed of planned enrollment and the state cost of funding
7 undergraduate enrollment at public institutions pursuant to s.
8 240.271. However, the amount of the William L. Boyd, IV,
9 Florida resident access grant issued to a full-time student
10 shall be 30 percent in 1996-1997, 35 percent in 1997-1998, and
11 40 percent in 1998-1999 and thereafter of the full cost to the
12 state per academic year of an undergraduate student in public
13 postsecondary education established pursuant to s. 240.209 or
14 an amount as specified in the General Appropriations Act. The
15 William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grant may be paid
16 on a prorated basis in advance of the registration period. The
17 department shall make such payments to the college or
18 university in which the student is enrolled for credit to the
19 student's account for payment of tuition and fees.
20 Institutions shall certify to the department the amount of
21 funds disbursed to each student and shall remit to the
22 department any undisbursed advances or refunds within 60 days
23 of the end of regular registration. Students shall not be
24 eligible to receive the award for more than 9 semesters or 14
25 quarters, except as otherwise provided in s. 240.404(3).

26 (b) If the combined amount of the William L. Boyd, IV,
27 Florida resident access grant issued pursuant to this act and
28 all other scholarships and grants for tuition or fees exceeds
29 the amount charged to the student for tuition and fees, the
30 department shall reduce the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida

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1 resident access grant issued pursuant to this act by an amount
2 equal to such excess.

3 (c) For the 1997-1998 fiscal year only, funding for
4 the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grant shall
5 be the amount set forth in the General Appropriations Act.

6 This paragraph is repealed on July 1, 1998.

7 Section 10. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
8 law.

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10 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
11 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
12 SB 752

13 The Committee Substitute differs from SB 752 in that the
14 following designations are made:

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16 the "Harold 'Skeeter' Carson Tennis Complex".

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18 of Florida as the "Wayne and Jimmie Carse Swimming and Diving
19 Complex".

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22 of the University of South Florida as the "Peggy Bates
23 Residence Hall".

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25 "Steven and Dorthea Green Library".

26 The recording facility donated to Florida State University by
27 Echelon International Development Corporation as "Critchfield
28 Hall".

29 The "Florida Resident Access Grant Program" as the "William L.
30 Boyd, IV Florida Resident Access Grant Program".

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