#### SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based only on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

SUBJECT:	Sen. Sullivan Legal Education				
DATE:	April 21, 2000	REVISED:			
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### I. Summary:

The bill expresses legislative intent to foster legal education.

This bill neither amends nor creates a Florida Statute.

#### II. Present Situation:

Florida currently has six accredited law schools: Florida State University, The University of Florida, Nova Southeastern University, Stetson University, St. Thomas University, and the University of Miami. Florida Coastal School of Law received accreditation in 1999 and will be eligible in 2000. Barry University at Orlando Law School is eligible for ABA accreditation this spring.

The Legislature provides funding support for the public law schools at Florida State University and the University of Florida, and provides financial aid to selected minority law students at public and private schools through the Minority Participation in Law Education Program, a component of the Florida Education Fund.

## **III.** Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill expresses legislative intent to enact provisions of law that will foster legal education.

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2000.

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# IV. **Constitutional Issues:** A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions: None. B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues: None. C. Trust Funds Restrictions: None. **Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:** A. Tax/Fee Issues: None. B. Private Sector Impact: None. C. Government Sector Impact: None. VI. **Technical Deficiencies:** None. **Related Issues:** VII. None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.

VIII.

**Amendments:** 

None.