

Bill No. CS for SB 2456

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31

.
. .
. . .
. . . .
.

Senator Sullivan moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 12, between lines 24 and 25,

insert:

Section 6. Legislative intent.--It is the intent of the Legislature to create individually governed baccalaureate and master's degree oriented universities as a means of increasing the number of baccalaureate degrees in the community. These universities will also play a vital role in addressing the state's need for a larger trained workforce and in alleviating the teacher shortages facing public schools.

Section 7. Baccalaureate and master's degree oriented universities.--

(1) Baccalaureate and master's degree oriented universities are as follows:

(a) Suncoast University in Pinellas County.

(b) New College in Sarasota County, which shall be considered a university for purposes of this act.

(2) The universities will be developed using a

Bill No. CS for SB 2456

Amendment No. ____

1 combination of new and existing facilities, with initial
2 development at locations and facilities in the state's
3 existing postsecondary education systems.

4 (3) A community college may not convert to a
5 baccalaureate and master's degree oriented university.

6 Section 8. University mission.--The mission of the
7 baccalaureate and master's degree oriented universities is to
8 provide high-quality undergraduate education at an affordable
9 price, and to promote regional and statewide economic
10 development. Initially, course offerings will be limited to
11 core programs in the liberal arts and sciences, technology,
12 and a limited number of professional programs, including
13 business and education. The role of these universities is to
14 complement, not compete with, community colleges and
15 institutions in the State University System. This role will be
16 accomplished by encouraging interinstitutional cooperation and
17 by providing upper-division undergraduate opportunities to
18 community college transfer students, particularly students
19 with associate in science degrees transferring into
20 baccalaureate programs. An additional component of the role of
21 New College will be to continue to maintain its liberal arts
22 honors program of national distinction and to continue to be
23 the honors college of the State of Florida. The emphasis at
24 these new universities will be on teaching, not research.
25 Instruction will be primarily at the baccalaureate degree
26 level with a limited number of master's degree level courses
27 and programs. A baccalaureate and master's degree oriented
28 university shall contract with a local community college to
29 provide lower-division instruction. This primary mission does
30 not preclude one of these universities from entering into a
31 joint-use agreement with any institution in the State

Bill No. CS for SB 2456

Amendment No. ____

1 University System to offer master's and doctoral degree
2 programs on the baccalaureate and master's degree oriented
3 university campus.

4 Section 9. Operational plan.--The baccalaureate and
5 master's degree oriented universities shall begin admitting
6 students for classes beginning with the fall term of the
7 2002-2003 academic year. The Postsecondary Education Planning
8 Commission shall develop an operational plan for inaugurating
9 the universities and present its recommendations to the
10 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives, and the Governor by January 1, 2001.

12 Section 10. University boards of trustees.--

13 (1) Each baccalaureate and master's degree oriented
14 university must be governed by a board of trustees comprised
15 of nine members who must be residents of the county in which
16 the university is located. The trustees shall be appointed by
17 the Governor and confirmed by the Senate in regular session.

18 (2) The trustees shall serve terms of 4 years;
19 however, for the initial board of trustees, three members
20 shall be appointed for terms of 2 years, three members for
21 terms of 3 years, and three members for terms of 4 years. A
22 trustee may be reappointed. Three consecutive absences from
23 board meetings shall be considered a resignation.

24 (3) Members of the board of trustees shall receive no
25 salary but may receive reimbursement for expenses as provided
26 in section 112.061, Florida Statutes, including mileage to and
27 from official board meetings.

28 (4) At its first regular meeting after July 1 of each
29 year, each board of trustees shall:

30 (a) Elect a chair, whose duties shall be to preside at
31 all meetings of the board, to call special meetings thereof,

Bill No. CS for SB 2456

Amendment No. ____

1 and to attest to actions of the board.

2 (b) Elect a vice chair, whose duty shall be to act as
3 chair during the absence or disability of the elected chair.

4 (5) The university president shall be the executive
5 officer and corporate secretary of the board of trustees as
6 well as the chief administrative officer of the university.
7 All components of the institution and all aspects of its
8 operation shall be the responsibility of the board of trustees
9 through the president.

10 (6) The board of trustees shall have the power to take
11 action without the recommendation of the president and may
12 require the president to deliver to the board all data and
13 information required by the board in the performance of its
14 duties.

15 Section 11. University board of trustees to constitute
16 a corporation.--Each baccalaureate and master's degree
17 oriented university board of trustees is constituted a body
18 corporate by the name of "The Board of Trustees of
19 _____ University at _____, Florida." In all
20 suits against the board, service of process shall be made on
21 the chair of the board or, in the absence of the chair, on
22 another member of the board.

23 Section 12. University boards of trustees; powers and
24 duties.--

25 (1) Each university board of trustees is vested with
26 the responsibility to operate its respective university and
27 with the necessary authority for the proper operation and
28 improvement of the university in accordance with the rules of
29 the State Board of Education.

30 (2) Each university board of trustees shall adopt
31 rules, procedures, and policies consistent with law and rules

Bill No. CS for SB 2456

Amendment No. ____

1 of the State Board of Education relating to its mission and
2 responsibilities as set forth in law, its governance,
3 personnel, budget and finance, administration, programs,
4 curriculum and instruction, buildings and grounds, travel and
5 purchasing, technology, students, contracts and grants, and
6 university property.

7 (3) The rules, procedures, and policies for the board
8 of trustees include, but are not limited to, the following:

9 (a) Each board of trustees shall appoint, suspend, or
10 remove the president of the university. The board of trustees
11 may appoint a presidential search committee.

12 (b) Each board of trustees shall have responsibility
13 for the establishment and discontinuance of program and course
14 offerings; the provision of instructional and noninstructional
15 community services; the location of classes and services
16 provided; and the dissemination of information concerning the
17 programs and services.

18 (c) Each board of trustees shall constitute the
19 contracting agent of the university. A board of trustees may,
20 when acting as a body, make contracts, sue, and be sued in the
21 name of the board of trustees.

22 (d) Whenever the Department of Education finds it
23 necessary for the welfare and convenience of any university to
24 acquire private property for the use of the university, and
25 the property cannot be acquired by agreement satisfactory to
26 the board of trustees of the university and the parties
27 interested in or the owners of the private property, the
28 university board of trustees may exercise the right of eminent
29 domain after receiving approval from the State Board of
30 Education and may then proceed to condemn the property in the
31 manner provided by chapters 73 and 74, Florida Statutes.

Bill No. CS for SB 2456

Amendment No. ____

1 (e) Each board of trustees may purchase, acquire,
2 receive, hold, own, manage, lease, sell, dispose of, and
3 convey title to real property in the best interests of the
4 university, subject to rules adopted by the State Board of
5 Education.

6 (f) Each board of trustees may adopt rules,
7 procedures, and policies related to the appointment,
8 employment, and removal of personnel. The board shall
9 determine the compensation, including salaries and fringe
10 benefits, and other conditions of employment for such
11 personnel, including the president.

12 Section 13. Universities; admission of students.--Each
13 university shall govern admission of students, subject to this
14 section and rules of the State Board of Education.

15 (1) Minimum academic standards for undergraduate
16 admission to a university must require a student to complete
17 the requirements for a standard high school diploma as
18 prescribed by section 232.246, Florida Statutes. Among courses
19 taken to fulfill the 24 academic credit requirement, a student
20 must take high school courses that are adopted by the Board of
21 Regents and recommended by the State Board of Community
22 Colleges as college-preparatory academic courses.

23 (2) A university board of trustees may adopt rules
24 that provide for a limited number of students to be admitted
25 to the university, notwithstanding the admission requirements
26 of subsection (1), if there is evidence that the applicant is
27 expected to do successful academic work at the university. The
28 number of applicants admitted under this subsection may not
29 exceed 5 percent of the total number of freshmen who entered
30 the university the prior academic year.

31 (3) Nonresident students may be admitted to the

Bill No. CS for SB 2456

Amendment No. ____

1 university upon such terms as the university may establish.
 2 The terms shall include, but need not be limited to,
 3 completion of a secondary school curriculum that includes 4
 4 years of English and 3 years each of mathematics, science, and
 5 social sciences. The total number of nonresident applicants
 6 admitted under this subsection may not exceed 5 percent of the
 7 total number of freshmen who entered the university the prior
 8 academic year, except for the liberal arts honors program at
 9 New College.

10 Section 14. Student fees.--

11 (1) The student per credit hour matriculation and
 12 tuition fee must be the equivalent of 25 percent of the total
 13 per credit hour cost of instruction as determined annually by
 14 the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act.

15 (2) Each university board of trustees is authorized to
 16 establish separate activity and service and health fees. When
 17 duly established, the fees shall be collected as component
 18 parts of the matriculation and tuition fees and shall be
 19 retained by the university and paid into the separate activity
 20 and service and health funds.

21
22 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

23
24
25 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

26 And the title is amended as follows:

27 On page 2, line 1, after the semicolon,

28

29 insert:

30 providing legislative intent; providing for the

31 creation of baccalaureate and master's degree

Bill No. CS for SB 2456

Amendment No. ____

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31

oriented universities; directing the
Postsecondary Education Planning Commission to
develop an operational plan; providing for the
mission and governance of the new universities;
providing for admission standards and student
fees;