

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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

BILL: CS/SB 680
SPONSOR: Education Committee and Senator Saunders
SUBJECT: Florida Gulf Coast University
DATE: March 25, 2003 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Woodruff	O'Farrell	ED	Favorable/CS
2.	_____	_____	HC	_____
3.	_____	_____	AED	_____
4.	_____	_____	AP	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____

I. Summary:

The bill authorizes Florida Gulf Coast University to offer a Bachelor of Science in Human Performance degree program with a concentration in athletic training.

II. Present Situation:

Florida Gulf Coast University was authorized to offer a Bachelor of Science in Human Performance degree in the fall of 2002. The university is requesting authorization to add a concentration in athletic training to that degree program. Any program that requires state licensure of its graduates must be approved by the Legislature. Athletic trainers are licensed under the provisions of s. 468.707, F.S.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill would provide the necessary authorization from the Legislature for Florida Gulf Coast University to add a concentration in athletic training to its Bachelor of Science degree in Human Performance in compliance with statutory requirements.

The effective date of the bill is upon becoming a law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Florida Gulf Coast University states that it has the necessary faculty, facilities and financial resources within its existing budget and its requested enrollment plan to absorb the expenses associated with the athletic training program.

Funding for the enrollment plan is determined by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act. Florida Gulf Coast University estimates it will have 24 students in the first year of the program and increase that number to 64 by year five of the program.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.