

By Senator Hill

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See HB

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to admission to state  
3           universities; providing the popular name the  
4           "Thurgood Marshall University Opportunity Act";  
5           amending s. 1007.261, F.S.; authorizing each  
6           university to use race as one of the criteria  
7           for admission; amending ss. 1004.39 and  
8           1004.40, F.S.; deleting a restriction that  
9           prohibits the college of law at Florida  
10          International University and the college of law  
11          at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical  
12          University from using race as a preference in  
13          the admissions process; providing an effective  
14          date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18           Section 1. This act shall be known by the popular name  
19 the "Thurgood Marshall University Opportunity Act."

20           Section 2. Subsection (11) is added to section  
21 1007.261, Florida Statutes, to read:

22           1007.261 State universities; admissions of  
23 students.--Each university board of trustees is authorized to  
24 adopt rules governing the admission of students, subject to  
25 this section and rules of the State Board of Education.

26           (11) Each university may use race as one of the  
27 criteria for admission.

28           Section 3. Subsection (6) of section 1004.39, Florida  
29 Statutes, is amended to read:

30           1004.39 College of law at Florida International  
31 University.--

1           (6) The college of law at Florida International  
2 University shall be dedicated to providing opportunities for  
3 minorities to attain representation within the legal  
4 profession proportionate to their representation in the  
5 general population; however, the college of law shall not  
6 include preferences in the admissions process for applicants  
7 on the basis of ~~race~~, national origin, or gender.

8           Section 4. Subsection (6) of section 1004.40, Florida  
9 Statutes, is amended to read:

10           1004.40 College of law at Florida Agricultural and  
11 Mechanical University.--

12           (6) The college of law at Florida Agricultural and  
13 Mechanical University shall be dedicated to providing  
14 opportunities for minorities to attain representation within  
15 the legal profession proportionate to their representation in  
16 the general population; however, the college of law shall not  
17 include preferences in the admissions process for applicants  
18 on the basis of ~~race~~, national origin, or gender.

19           Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
20 law.