

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: SB 714

SPONSOR: Senator Lawson

SUBJECT: Herbert F. Morgan Building

DATE: January 5, 2004 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Dormady</u>	<u>O'Farrell</u>	<u>ED</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
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I. Summary:

SB 714 designates the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University-Florida State University College of Engineering Building as the "Herbert F. Morgan Building." The bill also authorizes Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) to erect markers designating the building as the Herbert F. Morgan Building.

This bill creates an undesignated section of Florida law. The Division of Statutory Revision will determine whether it is included in the Florida Statutes or remains as a law.

The act will take effect upon becoming law.

II. Present Situation:

Section 267.062, F.S., requires approval in law before naming a state building or other facility for a living person. Pursuant to this requirement, if a university wishes to name a building or facility after a living person, the designation must be approved by the Legislature.

Herbert F. Morgan is recently deceased. Accordingly, FAMU is not required to receive legislative approval to name the College of Engineering Building after him. Even though legislative action is not required in this instance, however, no legal restriction prohibits the Legislature from approving the building name.

Herbert F. Morgan was a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1974 to 1986, during which time he served as chairman of the Appropriations and Rules Committees. During his time as a legislator, he twice received the Allen Morris Award designating the most effective member of the House of Representatives. He played a significant role in revising the Florida

government's budgeting system, while working to better schools and improve care for the disabled and mentally ill. He sponsored the Women's Equity in Athletics Act as well as numerous other bills beneficial to higher education in Florida. He received many awards for effectiveness in committee work and debate.

In 1966, Mr. Morgan received a bachelor's degree in business from Florida State University (FSU), where he received the university's highest award, the James D. Westcott Distinguished Service Medal. He also received an honorary doctoral degree from FSU in 2003. FSU and Tallahassee Community College (TCC) recently established a joint scholarship in Mr. Morgan's name.

In addition to his legislative service, Mr. Morgan served as chief executive officer of the Florida Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. He also served as chairman of the Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center Board of Directors and as chairman of the TCC Board of Trustees.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

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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.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

FAMU will incur the cost of erecting a suitable marker for the newly designated building. The usual cost for these markers is approximately \$250.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

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