

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Atwater

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to building and facility designations; amending s. 267.062, F.S.; authorizing the boards of trustees of state universities to name campus buildings and facilities for living persons; requiring the Board of Governors to adopt uniform policies; reserving the right of the Legislature to name buildings or facilities; amending s. 1013.79, F.S.; conforming a provision; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 267.062, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

267.062 Naming of state buildings and other facilities.--

(1) Except as specifically provided by law, no state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or other similar facility shall be named for any living person.

However, any such building or facility on the campus of a state university may be named for any living person in accordance with policies adopted by the university board of trustees. The Board of Governors must adopt a uniform set of policies to be used by each university board of trustees in naming a building or facility for any living person. The Legislature may enact legislation to name a building or facility for any living person, which naming may not be superseded by a university board of trustees.

1 Section 2. Subsection (11) of section 1013.79, Florida
2 Statutes, is amended to read:

3 1013.79 University Facility Enhancement Challenge
4 Grant Program.--

5 (11) The surveys, architectural plans, facility, and
6 equipment shall be the property of the State of Florida. A
7 facility constructed pursuant to this section may be named in
8 honor of a donor at the option of the university ~~and the State~~
9 ~~Board of Education. No facility shall be named after a living~~
10 ~~person without prior approval by the Legislature.~~

11 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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13 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
15 Senate Bill 1186

16 The Committee Substitute includes a requirement for the Board
17 of Governors to adopt a uniform set of policies to be used by
18 each university board of trustees in naming a building or
19 facility for a living person. Language was also added which
20 expressly maintains the right of the Legislature to name a
21 university building or facility and precludes a university
22 board of trustees from superseding such legislative action.
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