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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative(s) Pickens offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove line(s) 302-307 and insert:

5 Section 2. Section 1004.635, Florida Statutes, is created
6 to read:

7 1004.635 State University System Research and Economic
8 Development Investment Program.--

9 (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--It is the intent of the
10 Legislature to create an investment program in state
11 universities that enhances graduate education and enables state
12 universities to become nationally competitive in science and
13 technology-based economic development.

14 (2) GENERAL PROVISIONS.--There is created the State
15 University System Research and Economic Development Investment
16 Program to provide matching funds to eligible institutions to
17 construct and acquire cutting-edge, state-of-the-art science and
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18 engineering research facilities and specialized equipment to
19 support research programs, foster economic development, and
20 accelerate Florida's innovation economy. The program shall be
21 administered by the Board of Governors of the State University
22 System.

23 (3) INSTITUTIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.--To be eligible to
24 participate in the State University System Research and Economic
25 Development Investment Program, a state university must meet
26 each of the following criteria:

27 (a) The number of nonprofessional doctoral degrees awarded
28 each year must exceed 250. For purposes of this section,
29 nonprofessional doctoral degrees do not include degrees awarded
30 in law, medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine. At least
31 25 percent of the nonprofessional doctoral degrees must be in a
32 mathematics, science, technology, engineering, or health-related
33 discipline as defined by Classification of Instructional Program
34 codes.

35 (b) The number of postdoctoral appointees reported in the
36 most recent NSF/NIH Survey of Graduate Students and
37 Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering must exceed 200.

38 (c) The 4-year undergraduate graduation rate must equal 40
39 percent or higher.

40 (d) Expenditures from externally awarded contracts and
41 grants must be a minimum of \$100 million per year.

42 (e) The university must have a proven track record of
43 securing patents and licenses leading to products in the
44 marketplace over the last 5 years.

45 (f) At least 75 percent of the entering freshmen each
46 academic year who are classified as residents for tuition

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47 purposes pursuant to s. 1009.21 must be eligible to receive
48 Florida Bright Futures Scholarships.

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50 The Board of Governors shall develop uniform guidelines,
51 definitions, and reporting formats for a university to use to
52 demonstrate that it meets each of the criteria described in this
53 subsection. The Board of Governors shall determine the
54 eligibility status of a state university to participate in the
55 program.

56 (4) USE OF FUNDS.--Funds appropriated for the State
57 University System Research and Economic Development Investment
58 Program shall be used by the Board of Governors to match funds
59 raised by an eligible university from nonuniversity sources on a
60 one-time dollar-for-dollar basis.

61 Section 3. For the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the sum of
62 \$150,000,000 is appropriated from nonrecurring general revenue
63 funds to the Board of Governors of the State University System
64 of which \$50 million shall be allocated for the 21st Century
65 World Class Scholars Program, \$50 million shall be allocated for
66 the Centers of Excellence Program, and \$50 million shall be
67 allocated for the State University System Research and Economic
68 Development Investment Program.

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70 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

71 Between line(s) 35 and 36, insert:
72 creating s. 1004.635, F.S.; creating the State University
73 System Research and Economic Development Investment
74 Program to provide matching funds to institutions to
75 construct and acquire facilities and equipment to support

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76 | research programs and foster economic development;
77 | providing for administration by the Board of Governors of
78 | the State University System; specifying eligibility
79 | criteria for state university participation; providing for
80 | the matching of appropriated funds;