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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative(s) Mealor offered the following:

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3 **Amendment to Senate Amendment (963452) (with title**  
4 **amendment)**

5 On page 10, line(s) 4-16,  
6 remove: all of said lines

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8 and insert:

9 Section 2. Section 1004.635, Florida Statutes, is created  
10 to read:

11 1004.635 State University System Research and Economic  
12 Development Investment Program.--

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

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

27       (3) INSTITUTIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.--

28       (a) To be eligible to participate in the State University  
29 System Research and Economic Development Investment Program at  
30 Funding Level 1, a state university must meet each of the  
31 following criteria:

32       1. The number of nonprofessional doctoral degrees awarded  
33 each year must exceed 250. For purposes of this section,  
34 nonprofessional doctoral degrees do not include degrees awarded  
35 in law, medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine. At least  
36 25 percent of the nonprofessional doctoral degrees must be in a  
37 mathematics, science, technology, engineering, or health-related  
38 discipline as defined by Classification of Instructional Program  
39 codes.

40       2. The number of postdoctoral appointees reported in the  
41 most recent NSF/NIH Survey of Graduate Students and  
42 Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering must exceed 200.

43       3. The 4-year undergraduate graduation rate must equal 40  
44 percent or higher.

45       4. Expenditures from externally awarded contracts and  
46 grants must be a minimum of \$100 million per year.

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47 5. The university must have a proven track record of  
48 securing patents and licenses leading to products in the  
49 marketplace over the last 5 years.

50 6. At least 75 percent of the entering freshmen each  
51 academic year who are classified as residents for tuition  
52 purposes pursuant to s. 1009.21 must be eligible to receive  
53 Florida Bright Futures Scholarships.

54 7. The Basic Classification of the university, according  
55 to the 2005 Carnegie Classifications, must be as a research  
56 university with very high research activity.

57 (b) To be eligible to participate in the State University  
58 System Research and Economic Development Investment Program at  
59 Funding Level 2, a state university must meet, at a minimum, the  
60 requirements of subparagraphs (a)4. and 7.

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62 The Board of Governors shall develop uniform guidelines,  
63 definitions, and reporting formats for a university to use to  
64 demonstrate that it meets each of the criteria described in this  
65 subsection. The Board of Governors shall determine the  
66 eligibility status of a state university to participate in the  
67 program.

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

73 Section 3. For the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the sum of  
74 \$95,000,000 is appropriated from nonrecurring general revenue  
75 funds to the Board of Governors of the State University System  
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76 of which \$20 million shall be allocated for the 21st Century  
77 World Class Scholars Program, \$30 million shall be allocated for  
78 the Centers of Excellence Program, \$36.5 million shall be  
79 allocated for Funding Level 1 of State University System  
80 Research and Economic Development Investment Program, and \$8.5  
81 million shall be allocated for Funding Level 2 of the State  
82 University System Research and Economic Development Investment  
83 Program.

84 Section 4. For the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the sum of \$5  
85 million is appropriated from nonrecurring general revenue to the  
86 State Board of Education for the Dr. Philip Benjamin Matching  
87 Grant Program for Community Colleges to match donations for  
88 scholarships for first-generation-in-college students.

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

93 On page 10, line(s) 28 through page 12, line 11  
94 remove: all of said lines

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and insert:

97 An act relating to special postsecondary education  
98 programs; creating s. 1004.226, F.S.; creating the 21st  
99 Century Technology, Research, and Scholarship Enhancement  
100 Act; providing legislative findings and intent; providing  
101 definitions; creating the Florida Technology, Research,  
102 and Scholarship Board within the Board of Governors of the  
103 State University System; providing for members of the  
104 board; providing for terms; providing for board members to

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105 | be reimbursed for per diem and expenses incurred in the  
106 | performance of their duties; requiring that the Board of  
107 | Governors of the State University System provide staff  
108 | support and other support for the board; requiring that  
109 | the board provide recommendations for the 21st Century  
110 | World Class Scholars Program and the Centers of Excellence  
111 | Program; authorizing the board to form committees and  
112 | consult with certain other entities; providing for the  
113 | 21st Century World Class Scholars Program to provide  
114 | matching funds to state universities to pay salaries and  
115 | support research in science and technology; providing  
116 | guidelines for the board to consider in developing its  
117 | criteria for an award of matching funds; requiring a  
118 | minimum investment of private funds; specifying the  
119 | purposes of the Centers of Excellence; identifying the  
120 | entities that are eligible to submit proposals for a  
121 | center of excellence; requiring that the board develop  
122 | criteria for approving proposals to create or expand a  
123 | Center of Excellence; requiring that the board solicit  
124 | proposals and notify state universities and research  
125 | centers of a call for proposals; requiring that a Center  
126 | of Excellence approved under the act report on its  
127 | achievement of objectives; requiring certain documentation  
128 | if funds are approved for a Center of Excellence in excess  
129 | of a specified amount; requiring that the board submit an  
130 | annual report to the Governor and Legislature; creating s.  
131 | 1004.635, F.S.; creating the State University System  
132 | Research and Economic Development Investment Program to  
133 | provide matching funds to institutions to construct and

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134       acquire facilities and equipment to support research  
135       programs and foster economic development; providing for  
136       administration by the Board of Governors of the State  
137       University System; specifying eligibility criteria for  
138       state university participation; providing for the matching  
139       of appropriated funds; providing appropriations; providing  
140       for future repeal of s. 1004.226, F.S.;