



1 Courtelis University Facility Enhancement  
2 Challenge Grant Program; deleting provisions  
3 providing for the reversion of trust fund  
4 moneys to conform to changes made by the act;  
5 providing for the Board of Governors to approve  
6 the naming of a facility in honor of a donor;  
7 providing an effective date.  
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Subsections (9) and (11) of section  
12 1011.32, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

13 1011.32 Community College Facility Enhancement  
14 Challenge Grant Program.--

15 (9) In order for a project to be eligible under this  
16 program, it must be survey recommended under the provisions of  
17 s. 1013.31 and included in the community college's 5-year  
18 capital improvement plan, and it must receive ~~prior~~ approval  
19 from the State Board of Education or the Legislature.

20 (11) Any private matching project funds for a project  
21 which that are unexpended after the a project is completed  
22 shall revert to the community college's direct-support  
23 organization capital facilities matching account. ~~Fifty~~  
24 ~~percent of such unexpended funds shall be reserved for the~~  
25 ~~community college which originally received the private~~  
26 ~~contribution for the purpose of providing private matching~~  
27 ~~funds for future facility construction projects as provided in~~  
28 ~~this section~~. The balance of any such unexpended state  
29 matching funds shall be returned to the fund from which those  
30 funds were appropriated ~~General Revenue Fund~~.  
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1           Section 2. Section 1013.79, Florida Statutes, is  
2 amended to read:

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

5           (1) The Legislature recognizes that the universities  
6 do not have sufficient physical facilities to meet the current  
7 demands of their instructional and research programs. It  
8 further recognizes that, to strengthen and enhance  
9 universities, it is necessary to provide facilities in  
10 addition to those currently available from existing revenue  
11 sources. It further recognizes that there are sources of  
12 private support that, if matched with state support, can  
13 assist in constructing much-needed facilities and strengthen  
14 the commitment of citizens and organizations in promoting  
15 excellence throughout the state universities. Therefore, it is  
16 the intent of the Legislature to establish a trust fund to  
17 provide the opportunity for each university to receive support  
18 for challenge grants for instructional and research-related  
19 capital facilities within the university.

20           (2) There is ~~hereby~~ established the Alec P. Courtelis  
21 University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program for  
22 the purpose of assisting universities build high priority  
23 instructional and research-related capital facilities,  
24 including common areas connecting such facilities. The  
25 associated foundations that serve the universities shall  
26 solicit gifts from private sources to provide matching funds  
27 for capital facilities. For the purposes of this act, private  
28 sources of funds shall not include any federal, state, or  
29 local government funds that a university may receive.

30           (3)(a) There is established the Alec P. Courtelis  
31 Capital Facilities Matching Trust Fund to facilitate ~~for the~~

1 ~~purpose of providing matching funds from private contributions~~  
2 ~~for~~ the development of high priority instructional and  
3 research-related capital facilities, including common areas  
4 connecting such facilities, within a university. All  
5 appropriated funds deposited into the trust fund shall be  
6 invested pursuant to s. 17.61. Interest income accruing to  
7 that portion of the trust fund shall increase the total funds  
8 available for the challenge grant program.

9 (b) Effective July 1, 2009, the Alec P. Courtelis  
10 Capital Facilities Matching Trust Fund is terminated.

11 (c) The State Board of Education shall pay any  
12 outstanding debts and obligations of the terminated fund as  
13 soon as practicable, and the Chief Financial Officer shall  
14 close out and remove the terminated funds from various state  
15 accounting systems using generally accepted accounting  
16 principles concerning warrants outstanding, assets, and  
17 liabilities.

18 (d) By June 30, 2008, all private funds and associated  
19 interest earnings held in the Alec P. Courtelis Capital  
20 Facilities Matching Trust Fund shall be transferred to the  
21 originating university's individual program account.

22 (4) Each university shall establish, pursuant to s.  
23 1011.42, a facilities matching grant program account as a  
24 depository for private contributions provided under this  
25 section. Once a project is under contract, funds appropriated  
26 as state matching funds may be transferred to the university's  
27 account once the Board of Governors certifies receipt of the  
28 private matching funds pursuant to subsection (5). State funds  
29 that are not needed as matching funds for the project for  
30 which appropriated shall be transferred, together with any  
31 accrued interest, back to the state fund from which such funds

1 were appropriated. The transfer of unneeded state funds shall  
2 occur within 30 days after final completion of the project or  
3 within 30 days after a determination that the project will not  
4 be completed. The Legislature may appropriate funds to be  
5 transferred to the trust fund. The Public Education Capital  
6 Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund or the, Capital Improvement  
7 Trust Fund, Division of Sponsored Research Trust Fund, and  
8 Contracts and Grants Trust Fund shall not be used as the  
9 source of the state match for private contributions. All  
10 appropriated funds deposited into the trust fund shall be  
11 invested pursuant to the provisions of s. 17.61. Interest  
12 income accruing to that portion of the trust fund shall  
13 increase the total funds available for the challenge grant  
14 program. Interest income accruing from the private donations  
15 shall be returned to the participating foundation upon  
16 completion of the project. The State Board of Education shall  
17 administer the trust fund and all related construction  
18 activities.

19 (5)(4) A ~~No~~ project may not shall be initiated unless  
20 all private funds for planning, construction, and equipping  
21 the facility have been received and deposited in the separate  
22 university program account designated for this purpose trust  
23 fund and the state's share for the minimum amount of funds  
24 needed to begin the project has been appropriated by the  
25 Legislature. The Board of Governors shall establish a method  
26 for validating the receipt and deposit of private matching  
27 funds. The Legislature may appropriate the state's matching  
28 funds in one or more fiscal years for the planning,  
29 construction, and equipping of an eligible facility. However,  
30 these requirements shall not preclude the university from  
31 expending available funds from private sources to develop a

1 prospectus, including preliminary architectural schematics or  
2 ~~and/or~~ models, for use in its efforts to raise private funds  
3 for a facility. Additionally, any private sources of funds  
4 expended for this purpose are eligible for state matching  
5 funds should the project materialize as provided for in this  
6 section.

7 ~~(6)(5)~~ To be eligible to participate in the Alec P.  
8 Courtelis University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant  
9 Program ~~Capital Facilities Matching Trust Fund~~, a university  
10 shall raise a contribution equal to one-half of the total cost  
11 of a facilities construction project from private  
12 nongovernmental sources which shall be matched by a state  
13 appropriation equal to the amount raised for a facilities  
14 construction project subject to the General Appropriations  
15 Act.

16 ~~(7)(6)~~ If the state's share of the required match is  
17 insufficient to meet the requirements of subsection ~~(6)(5)~~,  
18 the university shall renegotiate the terms of the contribution  
19 with the donors. If the project is terminated, each private  
20 donation, plus accrued interest, reverts to the foundation for  
21 remittance to the donor.

22 ~~(8)(7)~~ By October ~~September~~ 1 of each year, the ~~State~~  
23 Board of Governors Education shall transmit to the Legislature  
24 a list of projects that ~~which~~ meet all eligibility  
25 requirements to participate in the Alec P. Courtelis  
26 University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program  
27 ~~Capital Facilities Matching Trust Fund~~ and a budget request  
28 that ~~which~~ includes the recommended schedule necessary to  
29 complete each project.

30 ~~(9)(8)~~ In order for a project to be eligible under  
31 this program, it must be included in the university 5-year

1 capital improvement plan and must receive ~~prior~~ approval from  
2 the ~~State Board of~~ Governors or Education and the Legislature.

3 ~~(10)(9)~~ A ~~No~~ university's project may not ~~shall~~ be  
4 removed from the approved 3-year PECO priority list because of  
5 its successful participation in this program until approved by  
6 the Legislature and provided for in the General Appropriations  
7 Act. When such a project is completed and removed from the  
8 list, all other projects shall move up on the 3-year PECO  
9 priority list. A university shall not use PECO funds,  
10 including the Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee and the  
11 building fee, to complete a project under this section.

12 ~~(10)~~ ~~Any project funds that are unexpended after a~~  
13 ~~project is completed shall revert to the Capital Facilities~~  
14 ~~Matching Trust Fund. Fifty percent of such unexpended funds~~  
15 ~~shall be reserved for the university which originally received~~  
16 ~~the private contribution for the purpose of providing private~~  
17 ~~matching funds for future facility construction projects as~~  
18 ~~provided in this section. The balance of such unexpended funds~~  
19 ~~shall be available to any state university for future facility~~  
20 ~~construction projects conducted pursuant to this section.~~

21 (11) The surveys, architectural plans, facility, and  
22 equipment shall be the property of the State of Florida. A  
23 facility constructed pursuant to this section may be named in  
24 honor of a donor at the option of the university and the ~~State~~  
25 Board of Governors ~~Education~~. No facility shall be named after  
26 a living person without prior approval by the Legislature.

27 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.  
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1                   STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
2                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
3   Senate Bill 1064

4 The Committee Substitute:

5 Streamlines the administrative process for the Alex P.  
6 Courtelis Challenge Grant Program as well as updates the  
7 statutes to conform to current administrative practices.  
8 This bill requires each university to maintain a separate  
9 account for private matching funds which eliminates the need  
10 to transfer private match funds from universities to the  
11 state's Courtelis Matching Grant Trust Fund. Since the  
12 Courtelis Matching Grant Trust Fund will no longer be a  
13 repository of private match and has not received state match  
14 appropriations in recent years, the bill terminates the  
15 Courtelis Matching Grant Trust Fund on July 1, 2009, giving  
16 the Department of Education two years to phase out the fund.

17 It also requires unneeded or reverted funds to be returned to  
18 the fund from which appropriated for both the Courtelis  
19 Matching Grant Program and the Community College Matching  
20 Grant Program.

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