

The Florida Senate
PROFESSIONAL STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: Governmental Operations Committee

BILL: SB 2566

INTRODUCER: Senator Hill

SUBJECT: Mary L. Singleton Education Office/Building Designation

DATE: April 4, 2007

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Carrouth</u>	<u>Matthews</u>	<u>ED</u>	Favorable
2.	<u>McKay</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	<u>GO</u>	Pre-meeting
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I. Summary:

This bill authorizes the naming of the Department of Education office at 921 N. Davis Street in Jacksonville as the “Mary L. Singleton Education Office” and directs the Department of Education to erect suitable markers making the building designation.

This bill creates an undesignated section of 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. Ms. Singleton passed away in 1980.

Mary L. Singleton

A native Floridian, Ms. Mary L. Singleton was born and raised in Jacksonville. She graduated from Boylan-Haven Industrial Training School in 1943. After her high school graduation, Ms. Singleton attended Hampton Institute in Virginia, majoring in horticulture. She left Hampton Institute and later graduated from Florida A & M University where she received her B.S. in 1949. She returned to Jacksonville and taught at Matthew W. Gilbert Junior-Senior High School. She married Isadore Singleton in 1955.

Ms. Singleton was appointed to the Local Government Study Commission of Duval County by Governor Farris Bryant in 1965. She was elected to serve on the city council of Jacksonville in 1967 and was one of the first two women elected to the Jacksonville City Council. Singleton then was elected to the House of Representatives in 1972. She remained in office until 1976 when she was appointed Director of Florida’s Division of Elections, making her the highest

ranking African American in the executive branch of state government. She resigned and was then appointed Director of the Department of Banking and Finance's Division of Administration in 1979, where she worked until her death in 1980.

Throughout her career as a public servant, Ms. Singleton has brought greater attention to and championed the needs of children through quality childcare services and increased funding for early childhood education programs.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill designates the Department of Education office at 921 N. Davis Street in Jacksonville as the "Mary L. Singleton Education Office" and directs the Department of Education to erect suitable markers making the building designation. As Ms. Singleton passed away in 1980, a bill is not required to authorize the naming of the facility.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2007.

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:

The Department of Education indicates that the fiscal impact to erect a suitable marker is indeterminate and would depend on the size and materials used.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

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VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

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