

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the University of South Florida
 3 Lakeland; creating s. 1004.345, F.S.; establishing and
 4 designating the University of South Florida Lakeland
 5 campus; providing legislative intent; requiring the Board
 6 of Trustees to appoint a Campus Board; providing
 7 membership, powers, and duties of the Campus Board;
 8 providing that the university is administered by a Campus
 9 Executive Officer; requiring the President of the
 10 University of South Florida to consult with the Campus
 11 Board before hiring or terminating the Campus Executive
 12 Officer; providing duties and powers of the Campus
 13 Executive Officer; providing that students enrolled at a
 14 branch campus of the university have the same rights as
 15 other students; requiring the University of South Florida
 16 to provide for a system of student registration that meets
 17 certain conditions; providing an effective date.

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

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 21 Section 1. Section 1004.345, Florida Statutes, is created
 22 to read:

23 1004.345 The University of South Florida Lakeland.--

24 (1) The Lakeland campus of the University of South Florida
 25 is established and shall be known as the "University of South
 26 Florida Lakeland."

27 (a) The Legislature intends that the University of South
 28 Florida Lakeland be operated and maintained as a separate

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29 organizational and budget entity of the University of South
30 Florida, and that all legislative appropriations for the
31 University of South Florida Lakeland be set forth as separate
32 line items in the annual General Appropriations Act.

33 (b) The University of South Florida Lakeland shall have a
34 Campus Board and a Campus Executive Officer.

35 (c) The Legislature intends that the University of South
36 Florida Lakeland operate under separate accreditation from the
37 Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges
38 and Schools when separate accreditation is in the best interest
39 of the campus. The Campus Board shall ensure that sufficient
40 student enrollment, faculty, and administration are in place
41 before requesting that the Board of Trustees of the University
42 of South Florida apply for separate accreditation for the
43 University of South Florida Lakeland. Upon approval by the Board
44 of Trustees of the University of South Florida, the President of
45 the University of South Florida shall begin the application
46 process for separate accreditation on behalf of the Board of
47 Trustees of the University of South Florida. If the application
48 is not approved, or is provisionally approved, the President of
49 the University of South Florida shall correct any identified
50 deficiencies and shall continue to work for separate
51 accreditation.

52 (2) The Board of Trustees of the University of South
53 Florida shall appoint, from a list of candidates recommended by
54 the President of the University of South Florida, four residents
55 of the Lakeland campus service area to serve on the Campus
56 Board. The fifth member of the Campus Board shall be selected by

57 the Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida from
58 among its membership, and that trustee shall serve jointly as a
59 member of the Board of Trustees of the University of South
60 Florida and the Campus Board. A trustee who serves jointly on
61 the Campus Board must be a resident of the Lakeland campus
62 service area, unless none of the appointed members of the Board
63 of Trustees of the University of South Florida meet this
64 criteria, in which case any trustee may be appointed to serve
65 jointly on the Campus Board. The Board of Trustees of the
66 University of South Florida shall ensure, to the greatest extent
67 possible, that each county in the Lakeland campus service area
68 is represented among the membership of the Campus Board. Each
69 member of the Campus Board shall be appointed to a 4-year term
70 and may be reappointed for one additional 4-year term. However,
71 for purposes of staggering the terms of the initial appointees,
72 the Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida shall
73 select and appoint one member to serve a term of 1 year, one
74 member to serve a term of 2 years, and one member to serve a
75 term of 3 years, each of whom may be reappointed to a subsequent
76 4-year term. The Campus Board has the powers and duties provided
77 by law, which include the authority to:

78 (a) Review and approve an annual legislative budget
79 request to be submitted to the Board of Trustees of the
80 University of South Florida. The Campus Executive Officer shall
81 prepare the legislative budget request in accordance with
82 guidelines established by the Board of Governors of the State
83 University System. This request must include items for campus
84 operations and fixed capital outlay.

85 (b) Approve and submit an annual operating plan and budget
86 for review and consultation by the Board of Trustees of the
87 University of South Florida. The campus operating budget must
88 reflect the actual funding available to that campus from
89 separate line-item appropriations contained in each annual
90 General Appropriations Act. Such line-item appropriations must
91 initially reflect the funds reported to the Legislature for the
92 University of South Florida Lakeland campus for the 2007-2008
93 fiscal year and any additional funds provided in the legislative
94 appropriation for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

95 (c) Enter into central support services contracts with the
96 Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida for any
97 services that the Lakeland campus cannot provide more
98 economically, including payroll processing, accounting,
99 technology, construction administration, and other desired
100 services. However, all legal services for the campus must be
101 provided by a central services contract with the university. The
102 Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida and the
103 Campus Board shall determine in a letter of agreement any
104 allocation or sharing of student fee revenue between the
105 University of South Florida's main campus and the Lakeland
106 campus.

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108 The Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida may
109 lawfully delegate other powers and duties to the Campus Board
110 for the efficient operation and improvement of the campus and
111 for the purpose of vesting in the campus the attributes
112 necessary to meet the requirements for separate accreditation by

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113 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

114 (3) The University of South Florida Lakeland shall be
115 administered by a Campus Executive Officer who shall be
116 appointed by, report directly to, and serve at the pleasure of
117 the President of the University of South Florida. The President
118 shall consult with the Campus Board before hiring or terminating
119 the Campus Executive Officer. The Campus Executive Officer has
120 authority and responsibility as provided in law, including the
121 authority to:

122 (a) Administer campus operations within the annual
123 operating budget as approved by the Campus Board.

124 (b) Recommend to the Campus Board an annual legislative
125 budget request that includes funding for campus operations and
126 fixed capital outlay.

127 (c) Recommend to the Campus Board an annual campus
128 operating budget.

129 (d) Recommend to the Campus Board appropriate services and
130 terms and conditions to be included in annual central support
131 services contracts.

132 (e) Carry out any additional responsibilities assigned or
133 delegated by the President of the University of South Florida
134 for the efficient operation and improvement of the campus,
135 especially any authority necessary for the purpose of vesting in
136 the campus attributes necessary to meet the requirements for
137 separate accreditation.

138 (4) Students enrolled at the University of South Florida,
139 including those enrolled at a branch campus, have the same
140 rights and obligations as provided by law, policy, or rule

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141 adopted by the University of South Florida, the Board of
142 Governors of the State University System, the Department of
143 Education, or any other lawful entity. The University of South
144 Florida shall provide a comprehensive and coordinated system of
145 student registration so that a student enrolled at any campus of
146 the University of South Florida has the ability to register for
147 courses at any other campus of the University of South Florida.

148 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.