

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Budget Subcommittee on Higher Education Appropriations

BILL: SB 1558

INTRODUCER: Senator Evers

SUBJECT: Leadership Board for Applied Research and Public Service

DATE: February 28, 2012 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Harkey	deMarsh-Mathues	HE	Favorable
2.	Bryant	Hamon	BHI	Favorable
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I. Summary:

This bill repeals the Leadership Board for Applied Research and Public Service, which is located at Florida State University.

This bill repeals s. 1004.58, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

The Leadership Board for Applied Research and Public Service was created in 1998¹ for the purpose of focusing, coordinating, and maximizing university resources on current issues and events affecting Florida’s residents and elected officials. The board² was required to:

- Place emphasis on being responsive to and providing accurate, timely, useful, and relevant information to decision makers in state and local governments;
- Set forth a process to provide comprehensive guidance and advice for improving the types and quality of services to be delivered by the state universities;
- Better identify and define the missions and roles of existing institutes and centers at each state university;

¹ Ch. 98-65, L.O.F.

² The board is comprised of the Chancellor of the State University System, or the chancellor’s designee, serving as chair; the director of the Office of Planning and Budgeting of the Executive Office of the Governor; the secretary of the Department of Management Services; the director of Economic and Demographic Research; the director of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability; the President of the Florida League of Cities; the President for the Florida Association of Counties; the President of the Florida School Board Association; and five additional university president members, designated by the chancellor, to rotate annually.

- Work to eliminate duplication and confusion over conflicting roles and missions; and
- Involve more students in learning with applied research and public service activities.

The board was required to be organizationally separate from academic departments and to be staffed by the Institute of Science and Public Affairs at Florida State University (FSU).

Though the board has not convened as a board in recent years, the activities of the board have continued addressing issues identified by the Board of Governors' staff.³ The current services provided by the board include annually updating the database of minority graduates of state university system institutions for use by departments in their recruiting efforts and maintaining EXPERT NET, a search tool for expertise in the university system that is used by economic development entities, including Enterprise Florida.⁴

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

According to FSU administrators, the activities currently performed by staff at the university could be continued if the statute creating the board were repealed. Staff in the FSU Institute of Science and Public Affairs would continue to provide services to the Board of Governors, within existing resources.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

³ Letter from Robert B. Bradley, Vice President for Planning and Programs, Florida State University, January 27, 2012, on file with the committee.

⁴ *Id.*

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.