

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 4089 Leadership Board for Applied Research and Public Service

SPONSOR(S): Ingram

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee	13 Y, 0 N	Guilford	Ahearn
2) Education Committee			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The bill repeals the law creating the Leadership Board for Applied Research and Public Service (Leadership Board). The Leadership Board was created in 1998 to serve as an advisory board to the Florida Board of Regents and other entities and was staffed by the Institute of Science and Public Affairs at Florida State University (FSU). The Leadership Board is no longer active.

The purpose of the Leadership Board was to focus, coordinate, and maximize university resources on current issues and events affecting Florida's residents and elected officials. The Leadership Board was required to identify and define the missions and roles of existing institutes and centers housed within each of Florida's state universities; 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 Leadership Board was composed of 13 members and was originally chaired by the Commissioner of Education or the Commissioner's designee. The Legislature changed the membership requirements in 2007, removing the Commissioner of Education or the Commissioner's designee and designating the Chancellor of the State University System or the Chancellor's designee, to serve as chair. Other required members of the board included, 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 of the Florida Association of Counties; the President of the Florida School Board Association; and five university presidents, designated by the Chancellor or his designee, to rotate annually.

In the 1998-99 Fiscal Year, \$450,000 was appropriated to FSU to support the Leadership Board. The Leadership Board has received no further appropriations.

By January 1 of each year, the Leadership Board was required to prepare a report for the Board of Governors to be submitted to the Governor and to the Legislature that summarized the work and recommendations of the Leadership Board in meeting its purpose and mission. The last report prepared by the Leadership Board was dated December 31, 2004.

The bill does not have a fiscal impact.

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2012.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Present Situation

The Leadership Board was created in 1998 to serve as an advisory board to the Florida Board of Regents¹ and other entities.² The Leadership Board was staffed by the Institute of Science and Public Affairs at Florida State University. The purpose of the Leadership Board was to focus, coordinate, and maximize university resources on current issues and events affecting Florida's residents and elected officials. The Leadership Board was required to identify and define the missions and roles of existing institutes and centers housed within each of Florida's state universities; work to eliminate duplication and confusion over conflicting roles and missions; and involve more students in learning with applied research and public service activities.³

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Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill repeals s. 1004.58, F.S., which created the Leadership Board for Applied Research and Public Service. The Leadership Board is no longer active and has not been funded since the 1998-99 Fiscal Year. Additionally, there has been no annual report produced since 2004.

The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, the Board of Governors, and Florida State University support the repeal of this section of law.⁹

¹ The Florida Board of Regents was the governing body for the State University System of Florida until it was abolished on July 1, 2001. Section 3, ch. 2002-387, L.O.F. In 2002, the Florida Board of Governors became the governing body of the State University System of Florida. Art. IX, s. 7(d), Fla. Const.

² Section 22, ch. 98-65, L.O.F.; *see also* s. 1004.58, F.S.

³ Section 1004.58(1), F.S.

⁴ Section 101, ch. 2007-217, L.O.F.

⁵ Section 1004.58(2), F.S.

⁶ Email, Florida House of Representatives, Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee (Nov. 17, 2011).

⁷ Section 1004.58(3), F.S.

⁸ Email, Florida State University, Office of the Provost (Nov. 15, 2011).

⁹ The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, *Increased Accountability and Oversight of University Centers and Institutes Is Needed*, Report No. 10-41, at 4, (May 2010), available at

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Repeals s. 1004.58, F.S., relating to the Leadership Board for Applied Research and Public Service.

Section 2. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2012.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable. This bill does not appear to affect county or municipal governments.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None.