

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Rehwinkel Vasilinda offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

5 Section 1. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
6 Government Accountability (OPPAGA) shall review s. 1004.28,  
7 Florida Statutes, to determine whether revisions are necessary  
8 to provide an exemption from public meeting requirements for any  
9 portion of a meeting of the board of directors of a university  
10 direct-support organization, or of the executive committee or  
11 committees of such board, at which any proposal seeking research  
12 funding from the organization or a plan or program for either  
13 initiating or supporting research is discussed.

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14           Section 2. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
15 Government Accountability of the Florida Legislature shall  
16 commission an interim study to include the following components:  
17 a cost/benefit analysis of public university research in  
18 comparison to research from independent organizations; an  
19 analysis of potential conflicts of interest; an analysis of  
20 public benefit consistent with s. 7, Article IX of the State  
21 Constitution; a review of analogous public meeting exemption  
22 statutes nationwide; and a survey of university direct-support  
23 organizations associated with the State University System of  
24 Florida, seeking input regarding revisions to s. 1004.28,  
25 Florida Statutes. The interim study shall be completed and a  
26 report of its findings submitted to the chair and members of the  
27 Higher Education and Workforce Subcommittee of the House of  
28 Representatives by January 1, 2015.

29           Section 3. The Office of the Auditor General of the  
30 Florida Legislature shall conduct an analysis of potential  
31 conflicts of interest as well as recent historical incidents of  
32 conflicts that have arisen from private funding of state  
33 universities and other public institutes of higher education.  
34 The Auditor General's report shall research any adverse effect  
35 on ethics within public institutes of higher education and  
36 recommend measures to prevent such conflicts of interest from  
37 occurring. The Auditor General shall conduct a cost benefit  
38 analysis that details the costs and benefits to donors as well

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39 as the costs of such arrangements borne by the taxpayer in  
40 relation to the public benefit.

41 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to state university research;

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requiring the Higher Education and Workforce

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Subcommittee of the House of Representatives to

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convene a workgroup and commission an interim study

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relating to direct-support organization public meeting

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requirements and research-related issues; requiring a

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report; providing an effective date.

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WHEREAS, our public universities are of vital importance to

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the State of Florida, and

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WHEREAS, public university research is so significant to

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the decision making process of the Florida Legislature in its

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role of policy making for the state, and

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WHEREAS, public university research is of vital importance

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to the decisions that the citizens of Florida make on a daily

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basis, and

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63 WHEREAS, given the importance to the education of our  
64 state's students and the worldwide leadership role of our state  
65 university system's faculty and alumni, and

66 WHEREAS, the utmost care & attention must be given to any  
67 policy change that may have the possibility of jeopardizing  
68 independent research and the reputations of our state  
69 universities, community colleges, and other state funded  
70 institutes of higher learning, or may have the effect of  
71 devaluing the academic achievements of the graduates and alumni  
72 of those institutions, NOW, THEREFORE,

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