

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL: SB 1440

INTRODUCER: Senator Montford

SUBJECT: Florida Educator Hall of Fame

DATE: January 26, 2016

REVISED: _____

| | ANALYST | STAFF DIRECTOR | REFERENCE | ACTION |
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| 1. | Bailey | Klebacha | ED | Favorable |
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| 3. | _____ | _____ | FP | _____ |

I. Summary:

SB 1440 reestablishes the Florida Educator Hall of Fame (Hall of Fame) to recognize and honor those persons who have or had made significant contributions to education in Florida.

Specifically, the bill establishes the Hall of Fame by:

- Requiring the Department of Management Services to set aside an area on the Plaza Level of the Capitol Building for the Hall of Fame;
- Requiring the Commissioner of Education (Commissioner), in collaboration with the Florida Education Foundation (Foundation), to develop and adopt policies to administer the Hall of Fame;
- Requiring the Foundation to annually accept nominations, establish eligibility criteria, and make recommendations to the Commissioner;
- Authorizing the Commissioner to annually name up to four members to the Hall of Fame who will each receive a plaque to be displayed in the designated area; and
- Authorizing the Hall of Fame expenses to be covered by the Foundation, and for the Commissioner to seek funding from the Legislature to administer the Hall of Fame.

The bill takes effect on July 1, 2016.

II. Present Situation:

Florida Educator Hall of Fame

The Florida Educator Hall of Fame (Hall of Fame) was previously established in 1998. However, in 2002, the Florida School Code rewrite repealed the Hall of Fame.¹

¹ s. 1058, ch. 2002-387, L.O.F. SB 20-E repealed Chapter 231, F.S. of the Florida School Code, relating to public education general provisions.

Establishment and Location of the Florida Educator Hall of Fame

The 1998 Legislature enacted a bill to establish the Florida Educator Hall of Fame.² The Hall of Fame was established to recognize and honor those persons, living or dead, who had made significant contributions to education in the state.³

The Hall of Fame was displayed in an area on the Plaza Level of the Capitol Building.⁴ The Commissioner of Education (Commissioner), in consultation with the Secretary of Management Services, approved the Florida Education Foundation's (Foundation) recommended design and theme for the display.⁵

Each individual selected as a member received a plaque which was placed in the Hall of Fame, designated with the member's particular discipline or contribution, and vital information relating to the member.⁶

Membership

The Commissioner and the Florida Education Foundation developed and adopted written policies used to administer the Hall of Fame which included procedures to accept nominations, make recommendations for the selection of members, the recipient's travel expenses, and for funding of the Hall of Fame.⁷

During the first year the Hall of Fame was established, the Commissioner was allowed to name no more than 10 members to the Hall of Fame.⁸ Thereafter, the Commissioner was limited to annually name no more than 4 members.⁹

Funding

The Foundation was permitted to provide funding to cover any or all expenses related to the Hall of Fame.¹⁰ The Commissioner was authorized to annually request an appropriation from the Legislature for the Hall of Fame.¹¹

Florida Halls of Fame

Currently, the Florida Halls of Fame displayed in the Plaza Level of the Capitol Building include the:

- Florida Women's Hall of Fame;¹²

² Section 13, ch. 98-281, L.O.F.; s. 231.63, F.S.

³ *Id.* Section 231.63, F.S. was removed in 2002.

⁴ Section 13, ch. 98-281, L.O.F.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ Section 13, ch. 98-281, L.O.F.

⁹ Section 13, ch. 98-281, L.O.F.; Section 56, ch. 2000-31, L.O.F. removed obsolete language and requires the Commissioner of Education to name no more than four members to the Florida Educator Hall of Fame in any 1 year.

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ Section 13, ch. 98-281, L.O.F.

¹² s. 265.001, F.S.

- Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame;¹³
- Florida Tourism Hall of Fame;¹⁴
- Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame;¹⁵
- Florida Artists Hall of Fame;¹⁶ and the
- Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame.¹⁷

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

SB 1440 reestablishes the Florida Educator Hall of Fame (Hall of Fame) to recognize and honor those persons, living or dead, who have made significant contributions to education in Florida. In effect, the bill reinstates the Hall of Fame provisions established in 1998.¹⁸

The membership of the Hall of Fame will also include any person inducted into the Hall of Fame before July 1, 2016. Specifically, any individual previously selected as a member will automatically be included as a member in the reestablished Hall of Fame.¹⁹

The bill takes effect on July 1, 2016.

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.

¹³ s. 265.003, F.S.

¹⁴ s. 265.004, F.S.

¹⁵ s. 265.0041, F.S.

¹⁶ s. 265.2865, F.S.

¹⁷ s. 760.065, F.S.

¹⁸ Section 13, ch. 98-281, L.O.F; Section 56, ch. 2000-31, L.O.F.

¹⁹ The list of prior members inducted into the Florida Educator Hall of Fame is not currently available.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill creates section 265.005 of the Florida Statutes.

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

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

None.

B. Amendments:

None.