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Senator Gaetz moved the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (620160) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 1136 and 1137
5 insert:

6 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 1001.7065, Florida
7 Statutes, is reenacted, and subsections (2), (3), and (5)
8 through (9) of that section are amended, to read:

9 1001.7065 Preeminent state research universities program.—

10 (1) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM SHARED GOVERNANCE
11 COLLABORATION.—A collaborative partnership is established



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12 between the Board of Governors and the Legislature to elevate
13 the academic and research preeminence of Florida's highest-
14 performing state research universities in accordance with this
15 section. The partnership stems from the State University System
16 Governance Agreement executed on March 24, 2010, wherein the
17 Board of Governors and leaders of the Legislature agreed to a
18 framework for the collaborative exercise of their joint
19 authority and shared responsibility for the State University
20 System. The governance agreement confirmed the commitment of the
21 Board of Governors and the Legislature to continue collaboration
22 on accountability measures, the use of data, and recommendations
23 derived from such data.

24 (2) ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXCELLENCE STANDARDS.—~~Effective~~
25 ~~July 1, 2013,~~ The following academic and research excellence
26 standards are established for the preeminent state research
27 universities program:

28 (a) An average weighted grade point average of 4.0 or
29 higher on a 4.0 scale and an average SAT score of 1800 or higher
30 on a 2400-point scale or 1200 or higher on a 1600-point scale
31 for fall semester incoming freshmen, as reported annually.

32 (b) A top-50 ranking on at least two well-known and highly
33 respected national public university rankings, including, but
34 not limited to, the U.S. News and World Report rankings,
35 reflecting national preeminence, using most recent rankings.

36 (c) A freshman retention rate of 90 percent or higher for
37 full-time, first-time-in-college students, as reported annually
38 to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

39 (d) A 6-year graduation rate of 70 percent or higher for
40 full-time, first-time-in-college students, as reported annually



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41 to the IPEDS.

42 (e) Six or more faculty members at the state university who
43 are members of a national academy, as reported by the Center for
44 Measuring University Performance in the Top American Research
45 Universities (TARU) annual report or the official membership
46 directories maintained by each national academy.

47 (f) Total annual research expenditures, including federal
48 research expenditures, of \$200 million or more, as reported
49 annually by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

50 (g) Total annual research expenditures in diversified
51 nonmedical sciences of \$150 million or more, based on data
52 reported annually by the NSF.

53 (h) A top-100 university national ranking for research
54 expenditures in five or more science, technology, engineering,
55 or mathematics fields of study, as reported annually by the NSF.

56 (i) One hundred or more total patents awarded by the United
57 States Patent and Trademark Office for the most recent 3-year
58 period.

59 (j) Four hundred or more doctoral degrees awarded annually,
60 including professional doctoral degrees awarded in medical and
61 health care disciplines, as reported in the Board of Governors
62 Annual Accountability Report.

63 (k) Two hundred or more postdoctoral appointees annually,
64 as reported in the TARU annual report.

65 (l) An endowment of \$500 million or more, as reported in
66 the Board of Governors Annual Accountability Report.

67 (3) PREEMINENT STATE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY DESIGNATION.—

68 (a) The Board of Governors shall designate each state
69 ~~research~~ university that annually meets at least 11 of the 12



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70 academic and research excellence standards identified in
71 subsection (2) as a "preeminent state research university."
72 ~~preeminent state research university.~~

73 (b) The Board of Governors shall designate each state
74 university that annually meets at least 6 of the 12 academic and
75 research excellence standards identified in subsection (2) as an
76 "emerging preeminent state research university."

77 (5) PREEMINENT STATE RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES PROGRAM
78 UNIVERSITY SUPPORT.—

79 (a) A state research university that is designated as a
80 preeminent state research university, as of July 1, 2013, meets
81 all 12 of the academic and research excellence standards
82 identified in subsection (2), as verified by the Board of
83 Governors, shall submit to the Board of Governors a 5-year
84 benchmark plan with target rankings on key performance metrics
85 for national excellence. Upon approval by the Board of
86 Governors, and upon the university's meeting the benchmark plan
87 goals annually, the Board of Governors shall award the
88 university its proportionate share of any funds provided
89 annually to support the program created under this section an
90 amount specified in the General Appropriations Act to be
91 provided annually throughout the 5-year period. Funding for this
92 purpose is contingent upon specific appropriation in the General
93 Appropriations Act.

94 (b) A state university designated as an emerging preeminent
95 state research university shall submit to the Board of Governors
96 a 5-year benchmark plan with target rankings on key performance
97 metrics for national excellence. Upon approval by the Board of
98 Governors, and upon the university's meeting the benchmark plan



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99 goals annually, the Board of Governors shall award the
100 university its proportionate share of any funds provided
101 annually to support the program created under this section.

102 (c) The award of funds under this subsection is contingent
103 upon funding provided in the General Appropriations Act to
104 support the preeminent state research universities program
105 created under this section. Funding increases appropriated
106 beyond the amounts funded in the previous fiscal year shall be
107 distributed as follows:

108 1. Each designated preeminent state research university
109 that meets the criteria in paragraph (a) shall receive an equal
110 amount of funding.

111 2. Each designated emerging preeminent state research
112 university that meets the criteria in paragraph (b) shall
113 receive an amount of funding that is equal to one-half of the
114 total increased amount awarded to each designated preeminent
115 state research university.

116 ~~(6) PREEMINENT STATE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT~~
117 ~~INITIATIVE. A state research university that, as of July 1,~~
118 ~~2013, meets 11 of the 12 academic and research excellence~~
119 ~~standards identified in subsection (2), as verified by the Board~~
120 ~~of Governors, shall submit to the Board of Governors a 5-year~~
121 ~~benchmark plan with target rankings on key performance metrics~~
122 ~~for national excellence. Upon the university's meeting the~~
123 ~~benchmark plan goals annually, the Board of Governors shall~~
124 ~~award the university an amount specified in the General~~
125 ~~Appropriations Act to be provided annually throughout the 5-year~~
126 ~~period for the purpose of recruiting National Academy Members,~~
127 ~~expediting the provision of a master's degree in cloud~~



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128 ~~virtualization, and instituting an entrepreneurs in residence~~
129 ~~program throughout its campus. Funding for this purpose is~~
130 ~~contingent upon specific appropriation in the General~~
131 ~~Appropriations Act.~~

132 ~~(7) PREEMINENT STATE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY SPECIAL COURSE~~
133 ~~REQUIREMENT AUTHORITY.—In order to provide a jointly shared~~
134 ~~educational experience, a university that is designated a~~
135 ~~preeminent state research university may require its incoming~~
136 ~~first-time-in-college students to take a 9-to-12-credit set of~~
137 ~~unique courses specifically determined by the university and~~
138 ~~published on the university's website. The university may~~
139 ~~stipulate that credit for such courses may not be earned through~~
140 ~~any acceleration mechanism pursuant to s. 1007.27 or s. 1007.271~~
141 ~~or any other transfer credit. All accelerated credits earned up~~
142 ~~to the limits specified in ss. 1007.27 and 1007.271 shall be~~
143 ~~applied toward graduation at the student's request.~~

144 ~~(6)(8) PREEMINENT STATE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY FLEXIBILITY~~
145 ~~AUTHORITY.—The Board of Governors is encouraged to identify and~~
146 ~~grant all reasonable, feasible authority and flexibility to~~
147 ~~ensure that a designated preeminent state research university is~~
148 ~~free from unnecessary restrictions.~~

149 ~~(7)(9) PROGRAMS OF EXCELLENCE THROUGHOUT THE STATE~~
150 ~~UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—The Board of Governors is encouraged to~~
151 ~~establish standards and measures whereby individual programs in~~
152 ~~state universities that objectively reflect national excellence~~
153 ~~can be identified and make recommendations to the Legislature as~~
154 ~~to how any such programs could be enhanced and promoted.~~

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156 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====



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157 And the title is amended as follows:

158 Between lines 3609 and 3610

159 insert:

160 amending s. 1001.7065, F.S.; deleting obsolete
161 provisions; revising the academic and research
162 excellence standards for the preeminent state research
163 universities program; requiring the Board of Governors
164 to designate a state university that meets specified
165 requirements as an "emerging preeminent state research
166 university"; requiring an emerging preeminent state
167 research university to submit a certain plan to the
168 board and meet specified expectations to receive
169 certain funds; providing for the distribution of
170 certain funding increases; deleting provisions
171 relating to the preeminent state research university
172 enhancement initiative and special course requirement
173 authorization;