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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Appropriations (Galvano) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 101 - 119

and insert:

(4) ACCOUNTABILITY.—By March 15 of each year, the Board of Governors shall provide to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report summarizing information from the universities in the State University System, including, but not limited to:

(a) Specific expenditure information as it relates to the



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11 investments identified in subsection (2).

12 (b) The impact of those investments in elevating the
13 national competitiveness of the universities, specifically
14 relating to:

15 1. The success in recruiting research faculty and the
16 resulting research funding;

17 2. The 4-year graduation rate;

18 3. The number of undergraduate courses offered with fewer
19 than 50 students; and

20 4. The increased national academic standing of targeted
21 programs, specifically advancement among top 50 universities in
22 the targeted programs in well-known and highly respected
23 national public university rankings, including, but not limited
24 to, the U.S. News and World Report rankings, which reflect
25 national preeminence, using the most recent rankings.

26 Section 3. Section 1004.6498, Florida Statutes, is created
27 to read:

28 1004.6498 State University Professional and Graduate Degree
29 Excellence Program.—

30 (1) PURPOSE.—The State University Professional and Graduate
31 Degree Excellence Program is established to fund and support the
32 efforts of state universities to enhance the quality and
33 excellence of professional and graduate schools and degree
34 programs in medicine, law, and business and expand the economic
35 impact of state universities.

36 (2) INVESTMENTS.—Quality improvement efforts may include,
37 but are not limited to, targeted investments in faculty,
38 students, research, infrastructure, and other strategic
39 endeavors to elevate the national and global prominence of state



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40 university medicine, law, and graduate-level business programs.

41 (3) FUNDING AND USE.—Funding for the program shall be as
42 provided in the General Appropriations Act. Each state
43 university shall use the funds only for the purpose and
44 investments authorized under this section.

45 (4) ACCOUNTABILITY.—By March 15 of each year, the Board of
46 Governors shall provide to the Governor, the President of the
47 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report
48 summarizing information from the universities in the State
49 University System, including, but not limited to:

50 (a) Specific expenditure information as it relates to the
51 investments identified in subsection (2).

52 (b) The impact of those investments in elevating the
53 national and global prominence of the state university medicine,
54 law, and graduate-level business programs, specifically relating
55 to:

56 1. The first-time pass rate on the United States Medical
57 Licensing Examination;

58 2. The first-time pass rate on The Florida Bar Examination;

59 3. The percentage of graduates enrolled or employed at a
60 wage threshold that reflects the added value of a graduate-level
61 business degree;

62 4. The advancement in the rankings of the state university
63 medicine, law, and graduate-level programs in well-known and
64 highly respected national graduate-level university rankings,
65 including, but not limited to, the U.S. News and World Report
66 rankings, which reflect national preeminence, using the most
67 recent rankings; and

68 5. The added economic benefit of the universities to the



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69 state.

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72 And the title is amended as follows:

73 Delete lines 12 - 21

74 and insert:

75 authorized purposes and investments; requiring the
76 Board of Governors to submit an annual report to the
77 Governor and the Legislature by a specified date;
78 creating s. 1004.6498, F.S.; establishing the State
79 University Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence
80 Program; providing the purpose of the program;
81 specifying quality improvement efforts to elevate the
82 prominence of state university medicine, law, and
83 graduate-level business programs; specifying funding
84 as provided in the General Appropriations Act;
85 requiring the funds to be used for authorized purposes
86 and investments; requiring the Board of Governors to
87 submit an annual report to the Governor and the
88 Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 1013.79,
89 F.S.; revising