

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	___	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	___	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	___	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	___	(Y/N)
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OTHER	_____	

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education Committee  
2 Representative Diamond offered the following:

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4 **Amendment**

5 Remove lines 1255-1303 and insert:

6 (1) The University of South Florida shall establish a study  
7 committee to examine the potential impact of phasing out the  
8 separate accreditation of the University of South Florida St.  
9 Petersburg campus and the University of South Florida  
10 Sarasota/Manatee campus, which were conferred by the Southern  
11 Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges  
12 (SACSCOC) pursuant to ss. 1004.33 and 100.34, respectively.

13 (2) The study committee shall consist of the following  
14 members:

15 (a) One representative from the University of South Florida  
16 board of trustees;

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17 (b) One representative from the campus board of the  
18 University of South Florida St. Petersburg campus;

19 (c) One representative from the campus board of the  
20 University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee campus;

21 (d) One senior administrator from each campus;

22 (e) One faculty member from each campus selected by each  
23 campus's faculty senate;

24 (f) One student from each campus selected by each campus's  
25 student government association;

26 (g) One representative from the Greater Tampa Chamber of  
27 Commerce;

28 (h) One representative from the St. Petersburg Chamber of  
29 Commerce;

30 (i) One representative from the St. Petersburg Downtown  
31 Partnership;

32 (j) One representative from the Manatee Chamber of  
33 Commerce;

34 (k) One representative from the Greater Sarasota Chamber of  
35 Commerce;

36 (l) One representative from St. Petersburg College; and

37 (m) One representative from the State College of Florida,  
38 Manatee-Sarasota.

39 (3) The study committee shall hold at least one public  
40 meeting on each campus to allow for public input on the  
41 potential impact of consolidating the accreditation of all

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42 University of South Florida campuses under one single  
43 institutional accreditation. No later than February 15, 2019,  
44 the study committee must submit a report to the President of the  
45 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, which  
46 addresses the following:

47 (a) The potential impact of accreditation consolidation on  
48 academic programs offered at each campus;

49 (b) The potential impact of accreditation consolidation on  
50 admissions requirements and student access to enrollment at  
51 various campuses;

52 (c) The impact of accreditation consolidation on faculty  
53 and staff credentialed on each campus;

54 (d) An assessment by the business community in the Tampa  
55 Bay region of how accreditation consolidation may impact the  
56 academic programming needed by employers; and

57 (e) The support needed for each campus to achieve and  
58 maintain the metrics required for preeminent state research  
59 university status pursuant to s. 1001.7065.

60 (4) The study committee's report shall include a  
61 recommendation regarding whether or not accreditation  
62 consolidation is in the best interests of the students, faculty  
63 and the communities served by the University of South Florida  
64 St. Petersburg, and the University of South Florida  
65 Sarasota/Manatee. If the study committee recommends that the  
66 University should proceed with accreditation consolidation, the

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67 study committee shall make additional recommendations, including  
68 but not limited to:

69 (a) Proposed changes to the composition of the University  
70 of South Florida Board of Trustees to ensure representation of  
71 the counties served by the three campuses;

72 (b) Proposed changes to the University budget process to  
73 provide for additional transparency and input from each campus  
74 to ensure that University funds are appropriately and equitably  
75 allocated; and

76 (c) Proposed changes to the governance structure on each of  
77 the campuses to ensure the successful implementation of the  
78 accreditation consolidation and governance of each campus going  
79 forward.

80 (5) This section expires February 16, 2019.