

By Senator Brandes

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to University of South Florida branch
3 campuses; amending s. 1004.341, F.S.; requiring the
4 University of South Florida St. Petersburg to have an
5 admissions office separate from the University of
6 South Florida; providing the purpose of the admissions
7 office; increasing the number of branch campus board
8 members by specified amounts; requiring branch campus
9 boards to give input and final approval to specified
10 annual plans; requiring branch campuses to recommend
11 regional chancellor finalists to the president of the
12 university; providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsections
17 (2) and (3) of section 1004.341, Florida Statutes, are amended
18 to read:

19 1004.341 University of South Florida branch campuses.—

20 (1) The St. Petersburg and Sarasota/Manatee campuses of the
21 University of South Florida are hereby established.

22 (a) 1. The St. Petersburg campus of the University of South
23 Florida shall be known as the "University of South Florida St.
24 Petersburg" and shall include any college of the University of
25 South Florida which is headquartered or primarily located in
26 Pinellas County.

27 2. The University of South Florida St. Petersburg shall
28 have a separate admissions office from the University of South
29 Florida which is responsible for reviewing all student

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30 applications for admissions to the University of South Florida
31 St. Petersburg, including to any college of the University of
32 South Florida which is headquartered or primarily located in
33 Pinellas County.

34 (2) The University of South Florida St. Petersburg and the
35 University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee shall each have a
36 campus board and a regional chancellor. The Chair of the Board
37 of Trustees of the University of South Florida, based upon
38 recommendations of the President of the University of South
39 Florida, shall appoint:

40 (a) Nine ~~Seven~~ residents of Pinellas County to serve 4-year
41 staggered terms on the Campus Board of the University of South
42 Florida St. Petersburg. A member of the Board of Trustees of the
43 University of South Florida who resides in Pinellas County shall
44 jointly serve as a member of the Board of Trustees and as chair
45 of the campus board. The chair of the faculty senate or the
46 equivalent and the president of the student body of the campus
47 shall serve as ex officio members.

48 (b) Five ~~Four~~ residents of Manatee County and four ~~three~~
49 residents of Sarasota County to serve 4-year staggered terms on
50 the Campus Board of the University of South Florida
51 Sarasota/Manatee. A member of the Board of Trustees of the
52 University of South Florida who resides in Manatee County or
53 Sarasota County shall be selected by the Chair of the Board of
54 Trustees of the University of South Florida to serve jointly as
55 a member of the Board of Trustees and as chair of the campus
56 board. The chair of the faculty senate or the equivalent and the
57 president of the student body of the campus shall serve as ex
58 officio members.

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60 The Board of Trustees may reappoint a member to the campus
61 board, other than the chair, for one additional term.

62 (3) Each campus board has the powers and duties provided by
63 law, which include the authority to approve and submit an annual
64 operating plan, budget, and legislative budget request to the
65 Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida. In
66 addition, each campus board shall give input and final approval
67 to any annual recruitment, enrollment, or academic plans
68 affecting the respective branch campuses and shall recommend
69 regional chancellor finalists for its branch campus to the
70 President of the University of South Florida.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.