**By** the Committees on Appropriations; and Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senator Hooper

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the State Board of Administration;
3	amending s. 121.091, F.S.; prohibiting the State Board
4	of Administration from paying benefits to a Florida
5	Retirement System investment plan member convicted of
6	specified felonies; requiring the state board to
7	return to a member contributions that were accumulated
8	up to the date of conviction; prohibiting the state
9	board from paying benefits until the resolution of the
10	proceedings of any potentially disqualifying offenses;
11	amending s. 121.4501, F.S.; authorizing the state
12	board to develop investment products to be offered in
13	the investment plan; revising the process for a
14	member's spouse to acknowledge that he or she is not
15	the primary beneficiary of the member's benefits;
16	authorizing a member to request a waiver of such
17	acknowledgement under certain circumstances; amending
18	s. 215.47, F.S.; revising the types of investments in
19	real property and related personal property which the
20	state board may invest in; authorizing the state board
21	and certain affiliated entities and ventures to issue
22	securities and borrow money through specified means;
23	authorizing the state board to use the proceeds of
24	loans or financing obligations as loans to or sources
25	of funding for certain entities or ventures; requiring
26	that the ownership of an entity holding title to real
27	property be vested in the name of the Florida
28	Retirement System Trust Fund; revising the funds in
29	which the state may invest no more than 80 percent of
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59	providing an effective date.
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61	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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63	Section 1. Paragraphs (i) and (k) of subsection (5) of
64	section 121.091, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
65	121.091 Benefits payable under the systemBenefits may not
66	be paid under this section unless the member has terminated
67	employment as provided in s. 121.021(39)(a) or begun
68	participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program as
69	provided in subsection (13), and a proper application has been
70	filed in the manner prescribed by the department. The department
71	may cancel an application for retirement benefits when the
72	member or beneficiary fails to timely provide the information
73	and documents required by this chapter and the department's
74	rules. The department shall adopt rules establishing procedures
75	for application for retirement benefits and for the cancellation
76	of such application when the required information or documents
77	are not received.
78	(5) TERMINATION BENEFITS.—A member whose employment is
79	terminated prior to retirement retains membership rights to
80	previously earned member-noncontributory service credit, and to
81	member-contributory service credit, if the member leaves the
82	member contributions on deposit in his or her retirement
83	account. If a terminated member receives a refund of member
84	contributions, such member may reinstate membership rights to
85	the previously earned service credit represented by the refund
86	by completing 1 year of creditable service and repaying the
87	refunded member contributions, plus interest.

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576-03802-23 2023110c2 88 (i) The division or the state board may not pay benefits to 89 any member convicted of a felony committed on or after October 90 1, 2008, defined in s. 800.04 against a victim younger than 16 91 years of age, or defined in chapter 794 against a victim younger 92 than 18 years of age, through the use or attempted use of power, 93 rights, privileges, duties, or position of the member's public 94 office or employment position. However, the division or the 95 state board shall return the member's accumulated contributions, 96 if any, that the member accumulated as of the date of 97 conviction. 98 (k) Benefits may shall not be paid by the division or the

99 <u>state board</u> pending final resolution of such charges against a 100 member or beneficiary if the resolution of such charges could 101 require the forfeiture of benefits as provided in paragraph (f), 102 paragraph (g), paragraph (h), paragraph (i), <del>or</del> paragraph (j)<u>,</u> 103 <u>or chapter 112</u>.

Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (20) of section 105 121.4501, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (h) is 106 added to subsection (8) of that section, to read:

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121.4501 Florida Retirement System Investment Plan.-

108 (8) INVESTMENT PLAN ADMINISTRATION.-The investment plan 109 shall be administered by the state board and affected employers. 110 The state board may require oaths, by affidavit or otherwise, 111 and acknowledgments from persons in connection with the 112 administration of its statutory duties and responsibilities for the investment plan. An oath, by affidavit or otherwise, may not 113 be required of a member at the time of enrollment. 114 115 Acknowledgment of an employee's election to participate in the 116 program shall be no greater than necessary to confirm the

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117	employee's election. The state board shall adopt rules to carry
118	out its statutory duties with respect to administering the
119	investment plan, including establishing the roles and
120	responsibilities of affected state, local government, and
121	education-related employers, the state board, the department,
122	and third-party contractors. The department shall adopt rules
123	necessary to administer the investment plan in coordination with
124	the pension plan and the disability benefits available under the
125	investment plan.
126	(h) The state board may, consistent with its fiduciary
127	responsibilities, develop one or more investment products to be
128	offered in the investment plan.
129	(20) DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARIES
130	(b) If a member <u>is married, but does not designate his or</u>
131	her spouse as <del>designates</del> a primary beneficiary, the spouse must
132	be notified and acknowledge that he or she has not been so
133	designated. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the spouse cannot
134	be located or fails to affirmatively acknowledge that he or she
135	has not been so designated, the member may request that the
136	acknowledgement requirement be waived by the state board by
137	submitting an affidavit setting forth the particular facts and
138	circumstances other than the member's spouse, the member's
139	spouse must sign the beneficiary designation form to acknowledge
140	the designation. This requirement does not apply to the
141	designation of one or more contingent beneficiaries to receive
142	benefits remaining upon the death of the primary beneficiary or
143	beneficiaries.
144	Section 3. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) and subsections

# 145 (3), (6), and (15) of section 215.47, Florida Statutes, are

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146	amended to read:
147	215.47 Investments; authorized securities; loan of
148	securities.—Subject to the limitations and conditions of the
149	State Constitution or of the trust agreement relating to a trust
150	fund, moneys available for investments under ss. 215.44-215.53
151	may be invested as follows:
152	(2) With no more than 25 percent of any fund in:
153	(e) Certain interests in real property and related personal
154	property which may be owned through affiliated limited liability
155	entities or joint ventures, which include, but are not limited
156	<u>to</u> , <del>including</del> mortgages and related instruments <u>secured by</u> <del>on</del>
157	commercial or industrial real property, and instruments
158	<u>containing</u> with provisions for equity or income participation or
159	with provisions for convertibility to equity ownership; and
160	interests in <u>real property-related</u> collective investment funds.
161	The State Board of Administration and its affiliated limited
162	liability entities or joint ventures may issue securities and
163	borrow money through loans or other financial obligations,
164	including bonds, equity securities, and other security
165	instruments, any of which may be unsecured or secured by
166	investments in real property or related cash flows, guaranteed
167	by the related fund, or governed by financial covenants. The
168	proceeds of such loans or financing obligations may be loaned to
169	or otherwise used as a source of funding for affiliated limited
170	liability entities or joint ventures. Associated expenditures
171	for acquisition and operation of assets purchased under this
172	provision or of investments in private equity or other private
173	investment partnerships or limited liability companies <u>must</u>
174	shall be included as a part of the cost of the investment.

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576-03802-23 2023110c2 175 1. The title to real property, or ownership of the entity 176 holding title to real property, acquired under this paragraph shall be vested in the name of the respective fund. 177 178 2. For purposes of taxation of property owned by any fund, the provisions of s. 196.199(2)(b) do not apply. 179 180 3. Real property acquired under the provisions of this 181 paragraph may shall not be considered state lands or public 182 lands and property as defined in chapter 253, and the provisions of that chapter does do not apply to such real property. 183 (3) With no more than 80 percent of any fund in equity 184 185 securities or securities convertible into equity securities of 186 any entity common stock, preferred stock, and interest-bearing 187 obligations of a corporation having an option to convert into 188 common stock, provided that all of the following apply: (a) That the entity is either: 189 190 1. The corporation is Organized under the laws of the 191 United States, any state or organized territory of the United 192 States, or the District of Columbia; or 193 2. (b) The corporation is Listed on any one or more of the 194 recognized national stock exchanges in the United States and 195 conforms with the periodic reporting requirements under the 196 Securities Exchange Act of 1934. 197 (b) (c) Not more than 75 percent of the fund may be in 198 internally managed equity securities common stock. 199 200 The board may shall not invest more than 10 percent of the equity assets of any fund in the equity securities common stock, 201 202 preferred stock, and interest-bearing obligations having an 203 option to convert into common stock, of any one issuing entity

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576-03802-23 2023110c2 204 corporation; and the board may shall not invest more than 3 205 percent of the equity assets of any fund in such securities of 206 any one issuing entity corporation except to the extent a higher 207 percentage of the same issue is included in a nationally 208 recognized market index, based on market values, at least as 209 broad as the Standard and Poor's Composite Index of 500 210 Companies, or except upon a specific finding by the board that 211 such higher percentage is in the best interest of the fund.

(6) With no more than 5 percent of any fund to be invested 212 213 as deemed appropriate by the board, notwithstanding investment 214 limitations otherwise expressed in this section. Before Prior to the board engages engaging in any investment activity not 215 216 otherwise authorized under ss. 215.44-215.53, excluding 217 investments in publicly traded securities, options, financial 218 futures, or similar instruments, the board shall present to the 219 Investment Advisory Council a proposed plan for such investment. 220 Such Said plan must shall include, but not be limited to, a 221 detailed analysis of the investment, the expected benefits and 222 potential risks of such activity, and the; methods for 223 monitoring and measuring the performance of the investment; a 224 complete description of the type, nature, extent and purpose of 225 the investment, including description of issuer, security in 226 which investment is proposed to be made, voting rights or lack thereof and control to be acquired, restrictions upon voting, 227 228 transfer, and other material rights of ownership, and the 229 existence of any contracts, arrangements, understandings, or 230 relationships with any person or entity (naming the same) with 231 respect to the proposed investment; and assurances that sufficient investment expertise is available to the board to 232

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576-03802-23 2023110c2 233 properly evaluate and manage such activity. The Investment 234 Advisory Council may obtain independent investment counsel to 235 provide expert advice with regard to such proposed investment 236 activity by the board, and the board shall defray such costs. 237 (15) With no more, in the aggregate, than 30 <del>20</del> percent of 238 any fund in alternative investments through participation in an 239 alternative investment vehicle as those terms are defined in s. 240 215.4401(3)(a), or in securities or investments that are not publicly traded and not otherwise authorized by this section. 241 Section 4. Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, is amended 242 to read: 243 244 215.4725 Prohibited investments by the State Board of 245 Administration; companies that boycott Israel.-246 (1) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term: (a) "Boycott Israel" or "boycott of Israel" means refusing 247 248 to deal, terminating business activities, or taking other 249 actions to limit commercial relations with Israel, or persons or 250 entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled 251 territories, in a discriminatory manner. A statement by a 252 company that it is participating in a boycott of Israel, or that 253 it has initiated a boycott in response to a request for a 254 boycott of Israel or in compliance with, or in furtherance of, 255 calls for a boycott of Israel, may be considered by the State 256 Board of Administration to be evidence that a company is 257 participating in a boycott of Israel. The term includes taking 258 adverse action, including changes to published commercial 259 financial ratings, risk ratings, and controversy ratings based on nonpecuniary factors, to inflict economic harm on Israel or 260 261 persons or entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli-

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576-03802-23 2023110c2 262 controlled territories The term does not include restrictive 263 trade practices or boycotts fostered or imposed by foreign 264 countries against Israel. 265 (b) "Company" means a sole proprietorship, organization, 266 association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited 267 partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability 268 company, or other entity or business association, including all wholly owned subsidiaries, majority-owned subsidiaries, and 269 270 parent companies, that exists for the purpose of making profit. 271 (c) "Direct holdings" in a company means all securities of 272 that company that are held directly by the public fund or in an 273 account or fund in which the public fund owns all shares or 274 interests. 275 (d) "Indirect holdings" in a company means all securities 276 of that company that are held in a commingled fund or other 277 collective investment, such as a mutual fund, in which the 278 public fund owns shares or interests, together with other 279 investors not subject to this section or which are held in an 280 index fund. 281 (e) "Public fund" means all funds, assets, trustee, and 282 other designates under the State Board of Administration 283 pursuant to part I of chapter 121. 284 (f) "Scrutinized companies" means companies that boycott Israel or engage in a boycott of Israel. 285 (2) IDENTIFICATION OF COMPANIES.-286 287 (a) The public fund shall make its best efforts to identify 288 all scrutinized companies in which the public fund has direct or

indirect holdings or could possibly have such holdings in the future. Such efforts include:

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576-03802-23 2023110c2 291 1. To the extent that the public fund finds it appropriate, 292 reviewing and relying on publicly available information 293 regarding companies that boycott Israel, including information 294 provided by nonprofit organizations, research firms, 295 international organizations, and government entities; 296 2. Contacting asset managers contracted by the public fund 297 for information regarding companies that boycott Israel; or 298 3. Contacting other institutional investors that prohibit 299 such investments or that have engaged with companies that 300 boycott Israel. 301 (b) By the first meeting of the public fund following the 302 identification of scrutinized companies in accordance with 303 paragraph (a), the public fund shall compile and make available 304 the "Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List." 305 (c) The public fund shall update and make publicly 306 available quarterly the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott 307 Israel List based on evolving information from, among other 308 sources, those listed in paragraph (a). 309 (3) REQUIRED ACTIONS.-The public fund shall adhere to the 310 following procedures for assembling companies on the Scrutinized 311 Companies that Boycott Israel List. 312 (a) Engagement.-1. The public fund shall immediately determine the 313 314 companies on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List 315 in which the public fund owns direct or indirect holdings. 316 2. For each company newly identified under this paragraph, 317 the public fund shall send a written notice informing the 318 company of its scrutinized company status and that it may become

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subject to investment prohibition or divestment by the public

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320	fund. The notice must inform the company of the opportunity to
321	clarify its activities regarding the boycott of Israel and
322	encourage the company to cease the boycott of Israel within 90
323	days in order to avoid qualifying for investment prohibition <u>or</u>
324	divestment.
325	3. If, within 90 days after the public fund's first
326	engagement with a company pursuant to this paragraph, the
327	company ceases a boycott of Israel, the company shall be removed
328	from the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, and the
329	provisions of this section shall cease to apply to that company
330	unless that company resumes a boycott of Israel.
331	(b) Divestment
332	1. If, after 90 days following the public fund's first
333	engagement with a company pursuant to paragraph (a), the company
334	continues to boycott Israel, the public fund must sell, redeem,
335	divest, or withdraw all publicly traded securities of the
336	company from the public fund within 12 months after the
337	company's most recent appearance on the Scrutinized Companies
338	that Boycott Israel List.
339	2. If a company that ceased a boycott of Israel following
340	engagement pursuant to paragraph (a) resumes such activities,
341	this paragraph immediately applies, and the public fund must
342	send a written notice to the company. The company must also be
343	immediately reintroduced onto the Scrutinized Companies that
344	Boycott Israel List, as applicable.
345	(c) (b) Prohibition.—The public fund is prohibited from
346	acquiring may not acquire securities of companies on the
347	Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, except as

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provided in paragraph (d) (c) and subsection (6).

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576-03802-23 2023110c2 349 (d) (c) Excluded securities.-Notwithstanding the provisions 350 of this section, paragraph (c) (b) does not apply to: 351 1. Indirect holdings. However, the public fund shall submit 352 letters to the managers of such investment funds containing 353 companies that boycott Israel requesting that they consider 354 removing such companies from the fund or create a similar fund 355 having indirect holdings devoid of such companies. If the 356 manager creates a similar fund, the public fund shall replace 357 all applicable investments with investments in the similar fund 358 in an expedited timeframe consistent with prudent investing 359 standards. For the purposes of this section, an alternative 360 investment, as the term is defined in s. 215.4401, and 361 securities that are not publicly traded are deemed to be 362 indirect holdings.

363 364 2. Exchange-traded funds.

(4) REPORTING.-

(a) The public fund shall file a report with each member of
the Board of Trustees of the State Board of Administration, the
President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
Representatives which includes the Scrutinized Companies that
Boycott Israel List within 30 days after the list is created.
This report shall be made available to the public.

(b) At each quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees thereafter, the public fund shall file a report, which shall be made available to the public and to each member of the Board of Trustees of the State Board of Administration, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, which includes:

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1. A summary of correspondence with companies engaged by

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576-03802-23 2023110c2 378 the public fund under subsection (3) subparagraph (3) (a) 2.; 379 2. All investments sold, redeemed, divested, or withdrawn in compliance with paragraph (3)(b); 380 381 3. All prohibited investments under paragraph (3)(c)(3)(b); 382 4.3. Any progress made under paragraph (3)(d) $\frac{(3)(c)}{(2)(c)}$ ; and 383 5.4. A list of all publicly traded securities held directly 384 by the public fund. 385 (5) INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT OBLIGATIONS.-The public 386 fund's actions taken in compliance with this section, including 387 all good faith determinations regarding companies as required by 388 this act, shall be adopted and incorporated into the public 389 fund's investment policy statement as provided in s. 215.475. 390 (6) INVESTMENT AND REINVESTMENT IN CERTAIN SCRUTINIZED 391 COMPANIES.-Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the public fund may invest in, cease divestment from, or 392 393 reinvest in certain scrutinized companies if clear and 394 convincing evidence shows that the value of all assets under 395 management by the public fund becomes equal to or less than 396 99.50 percent, or 50 basis points, of the hypothetical value of 397 all assets under management by the public fund, assuming no 398 investment prohibition or divestment for any company had 399 occurred under subsection (3) paragraph (3) (b). Cessation of the 400 investment prohibition or the divestment, or reinvestment or and 401 any new investment, in a scrutinized company is limited to the 402 minimum steps necessary to avoid the contingency described in 403 this subsection. For any cessation of the investment prohibition 404 or divestment, or reinvestment or and new investment authorized 405 by this subsection, the public fund shall provide a written 406 report to each member of the Board of Trustees of the State

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576-03802-23 2023110c2 407 Board of Administration, the President of the Senate, and the 408 Speaker of the House of Representatives in advance of the 409 cessation of investment prohibition or the divestment, or 410 reinvestment or new investment, updated semiannually thereafter 411 as applicable, setting forth the reasons and justification, supported by clear and convincing evidence, for its decisions to 412 413 cease the investment prohibition or divestment, or to reinvest 414 in scrutinized companies. 415 Section 5. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments 416 made by this act to section 215.47, Florida Statutes, in a 417 reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 418 112.661, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read: 419 112.661 Investment policies.-Investment of the assets of 420 any local retirement system or plan must be consistent with a 421 written investment policy adopted by the board. Such policies 422 shall be structured to maximize the financial return to the 423 retirement system or plan consistent with the risks incumbent in 424 each investment and shall be structured to establish and 425 maintain an appropriate diversification of the retirement system 426 or plan's assets. 427 (5) AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS.-428 (a) The investment policy shall list investments authorized 429 by the board. Investments not listed in the investment policy 430 are prohibited. Unless otherwise authorized by law or ordinance, 431 the investment of the assets of any local retirement system or 432 plan covered by this part shall be subject to the limitations 433 and conditions set forth in s. 215.47(1) - (6), (8), (9), (11) and

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Section 6. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments

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436	made by this act to section 215.47, Florida Statutes, in a
437	reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
438	420.503, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:
439	420.503 DefinitionsAs used in this part, the term:
440	(3) "Authorized investments" means any of the following
441	securities:
442	(a) Investments permitted under s. 215.47(1) and (2),
443	without regard to any limitation set forth therein.
444	Section 7. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments
445	made by this act to section 215.47, Florida Statutes, in a
446	reference thereto, paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section
447	1002.36, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:
448	1002.36 Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind
449	(4) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—
450	(e) The board of trustees is invested with full power and
451	authority to:
452	1. Appoint a president, faculty, teachers, and other
453	employees and remove the same as in its judgment may be best and
454	fix their compensation.
455	2. Procure professional services, such as medical, mental
456	health, architectural, and engineering.
457	3. Procure legal services without the prior written
458	approval of the Attorney General.
459	4. Determine eligibility of students and procedure for
460	admission.
461	5. Provide for the students of the school necessary
462	bedding, clothing, food, and medical attendance and such other
463	things as may be proper for the health and comfort of the
464	students without cost to their parents, except that the board of

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576-03802-23 2023110c2 465 trustees may set tuition and other fees for nonresidents. 466 6. Provide for the proper keeping of accounts and records 467 and for budgeting of funds. 468 7. Enter into contracts. 469 8. Sue and be sued. 470 9. Secure public liability insurance. 471 10. Do and perform every other matter or thing requisite to 472 the proper management, maintenance, support, and control of the school at the highest efficiency economically possible, the 473 474 board of trustees taking into consideration the purposes of the 475 establishment. 476 11. Receive gifts, donations, and bequests of money or 477 property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, from any 478 person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity. However, the 479 board of trustees may not obligate the state to any expenditure 480 or policy that is not specifically authorized by law. If the 481 bill of sale, will, trust indenture, deed, or other legal 482 conveyance specifies terms and conditions concerning the use of 483 such money or property, the board of trustees shall observe such 484 terms and conditions. 485 12. Deposit outside the State Treasury such moneys as are

received as gifts, donations, or bequests and may disburse and expend such moneys, upon its own warrant, for the use and benefit of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind and its students, as the board of trustees deems to be in the best interest of the school and its students. Such money or property does not constitute and may not be considered a part of any legislative appropriation.

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13. Sell or convey by bill of sale, deed, or other legal

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494	instrument any property, real or personal, received as a gift,
495	donation, or bequest, upon such terms and conditions as the
496	board of trustees deems to be in the best interest of the school
497	and its students.
498	14. Invest such moneys in securities enumerated under s.
499	215.47(1), (2)(c), (3), (4), and (10), and in The Common Fund,
500	an Investment Management Fund exclusively for nonprofit
501	educational institutions.
502	15. After receiving approval from the Administration
503	Commission, exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner
504	provided in chapter 73 or chapter 74.
505	Section 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.