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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
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ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u>      </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Higher Education  
 2 Appropriations Subcommittee  
 3 Representative Roach offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove lines 82-170 and insert:

1001.93 Offices of Public Policy Events within the State  
University System.-

9 (1) The Legislature finds that the advancement of  
 10 knowledge is the fundamental purpose of the State University  
 11 System and that such advancement is facilitated by the fearless  
 12 sifting and winnowing of a wide diversity of views and that the  
 13 open discussion and debate of contested public policy issues  
 14 from diverse perspectives provides essential preparation for  
 15 mature citizenship and an informed exercise of the right to  
 16 vote.

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17 (2) For purposes of this section, the term:

18 (a) "Debate" means an event at which two or more  
19 participants speak in favor of opposing approaches to the same  
20 public policy dispute, after which each participant is allotted  
21 time to address and rebut the position presented by the opposing  
22 speakers.

23 (b) "Group forum" means an event at which two or more  
24 speakers address a public policy dispute from divergent or  
25 opposing perspectives, after which each participant is allotted  
26 time to address questions from the audience and to comment on  
27 the other speakers' positions.

28 (3) The Board of Governors of the State University System  
29 shall establish a Committee on Public Policy Events. Each state  
30 university within the State University System must have an  
31 Office of Public Policy Events and must appoint a Director of  
32 Public Policy Events who is responsible for the duties and  
33 reporting responsibilities of the office. The office must, at a  
34 minimum:

35 (a)1. Organize, publicize, and stage debates, group  
36 forums, or individual lectures at the state university. These  
37 events must address, from multiple, divergent, and opposing  
38 perspectives, an extensive range of public policy issues widely  
39 discussed and debated in society at large. The university shall  
40 hold no less than four events each academic year. At least two

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41 events must occur during the fall semester and at least two  
42 events must occur during the spring semester.

43 2. Such debates, group forums, and individual lectures  
44 must include speakers who represent widely held views on  
45 opposing sides of the most widely discussed public policy issues  
46 of the day and who hold a wide diversity of perspectives from  
47 within and outside of the state university community.

48 3. If the office is unable to readily find an advocate  
49 from within the state university community who is well-versed in  
50 a perspective, the office shall invite a speaker who is able to  
51 represent such perspective. The office shall, when necessary,  
52 provide such speakers who are not from within the state  
53 university community with per diem and a reimbursement for  
54 travel expenses.

55 (b) Maintain a permanent, publicly accessible, searchable,  
56 and up-to-date calendar in print, on the office's website, and  
57 on the state university's website listing all of the events  
58 sponsored by the office and all other debates, group forums, and  
59 individual lectures open to the entire campus community at the  
60 state university that address public policy issues. The calendar  
61 must itemize the title of the event or lecture, the name and  
62 institutional affiliation of the speaker or speakers, and the  
63 office, institute, department, program, or organization that  
64 sponsored the event, excluding those events sponsored by off-  
65 campus groups in rented state university facilities. Such

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66 calendars must be kept in the library system of each state  
67 university.

68 (d) Beginning September 1, 2024, and annually each  
69 September 1 thereafter, provide to the Board of Governors  
70 Committee on Public Policy Events a report detailing the  
71 following: the number of debates, group forums, and individual  
72 lectures; in chronological order, the calendars itemizing the  
73 title of each event or lecture, name and institutional  
74 affiliation of the speaker or speakers, and the office,  
75 institute, department, program, or organization that sponsored  
76 the event; the number of enrolled students attending each event;  
77 and expenditure information relating to any per diem or  
78 reimbursement for travel expenses. The report must reflect prior  
79 academic year statistics.

80 (c) Make publicly available, in an online format, a  
81 complete video record of every debate, group forum, and  
82 individual lecture organized by the office. The video recording  
83 for an event organized by the office must be posted on the  
84 office's website within 10 business days after the event. Such  
85 video must remain publicly assessible on the office's website  
86 for at least 5 years after the date of the event. Such videos  
87 must also be permanently preserved within, and made available to  
88 the public through, the library of the state university that  
89 hosted the event.

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90       (4) Upon approval of the board of trustees of the state  
91 university and the Board of Governors, a state university may  
92 assign the duties of the office to an existing administrative  
93 office within the state university rather than establish a  
94 separate office.

95       (5) Each office shall report directly to either the state  
96 university's office that is responsible for compiling and  
97 reporting the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System's  
98 graduation rate survey or Office of General Counsel.

99       (6) Each debate, group forum, and individual lecture  
100 organized by the office must be open to all students, faculty,  
101 and staff of the state university and, unless restricting  
102 attendance to such event is necessary to achieve a compelling  
103 governmental interest, to the general public.

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106                   **T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

107       Remove line(s) 10-20 and insert:

108 a Committee on Public Policy Events; requiring each university  
109 to establish an Office of Public Policy Events; providing duties  
110 of the offices, including requirements for specific events,  
111 recording of such events, maintaining calendars, and  
112 requirements for reporting; authorizing a state university to  
113 assign duties of the office to an existing administrative

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114 | office; requiring offices to report to specified state  
115 | university offices; amending s.