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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
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The Appropriations Committee on Education (Collins) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 79 and 80

insert:

Section 3. Section 1004.89, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1004.89 Institute for Freedom in the Americas.-

(1) The Institute for Freedom in the Americas is hereby created at Miami Dade College to preserve the ideals of a free society and promote democracy in the Americas. The institute



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11 shall be located at the Freedom Tower and shall:

12 (a) Partner with the Adam Smith Center for Economic Freedom  
13 to hold workshops, symposiums, and conferences that provide  
14 networking opportunities for leaders throughout the region to  
15 gain new insights and ideas for promoting democracy, including  
16 knowledge of and insight into the intellectual, political, and  
17 economic freedoms that are foundational to a democratic society.

18 (b) Enter into an agreement with the Adam Smith Center for  
19 Economic Freedom to provide participants with academic  
20 coursework and programs that advance democratic practices and  
21 economic and legal reforms.

22 (c) Provide educational and experiential opportunities for  
23 regional leaders committed to careers in democracy and  
24 governance.

25 (2) Miami Dade College, in accordance with s. 1004.70,  
26 shall approve a direct-support organization to support the  
27 institute in its mission to develop partnerships throughout the  
28 Americas. The board of the direct-support organization shall be  
29 composed of five members, as follows: one member appointed by  
30 the President of the Senate; one member appointed by the Speaker  
31 of the House of Representatives; and three members appointed by  
32 the Governor, including a representative from Miami Dade College  
33 and a representative from the Adam Smith Center for Economic  
34 Freedom.

35 Section 4. Section 1004.64991, Florida Statutes, is amended  
36 to read:

37 1004.64991 The Adam Smith Center for ~~the Study of~~ Economic  
38 Freedom.—

39 (1) The Adam Smith Center for ~~the Study of~~ Economic Freedom



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40 at Florida International University is hereby created.

41 (2) The goals of the center are to:

42 (a) Study the effect of government and free market  
43 economies on individual freedom, educational freedom, and human  
44 prosperity.

45 (b) Conduct and promote research on the effect of political  
46 and economic systems on human prosperity.

47 (c) Plan and host ~~research~~ workshops, symposiums, and  
48 conferences to allow students, scholars, and guests to exchange  
49 in civil discussion of democracy and capitalism.

50 (d) Provide fellowship and mentoring opportunities to  
51 students engaged in scholarly studies of the effect of political  
52 and economic systems on human prosperity.

53 (e) Partner with the Institute for Freedom in the Americas  
54 to support its mission, which includes promoting economic and  
55 individual freedoms as a means for advancing human progress with  
56 an emphasis on Latin American and the Caribbean.

57 (3) In order to carry out the purpose set forth in this  
58 section, the center ~~institute~~ is authorized to:

59 (a) Hire necessary faculty and staff pursuant to s.  
60 1001.741;

61 (b) Enroll students;

62 (c) Develop curriculum and offer new courses, including  
63 honors courses, certificates, degrees, and major and minor  
64 programs;

65 (d) Hold events, including fundraisers;

66 (e) Fulfill other actions approved by the president of the  
67 university; and

68 (f) Generate resources based on student credit hour



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69 enrollment, in the same manner as any college within the  
70 institution.

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73 And the title is amended as follows:

74 Delete line 19

75 and insert:

76 of communist history; creating s. 1004.89, F.S.;

77 creating the Institute for Freedom in the Americas at

78 Miami Dade College; providing the purpose of the

79 institute; requiring the institute to partner with the

80 Adam Smith Center for Economic Freedom for specified

81 purposes; requiring the institute to enter into an

82 agreement with the Adam Smith Center for Economic

83 Freedom for specified purposes; requiring Miami Dade

84 College to approve a direct-support organization to

85 support the institute; requiring the President of the

86 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,

87 and the Governor to appoint the board of the direct-

88 support organization, subject to certain requirements;

89 amending s. 1004.64991, F.S.; renaming the Adam Smith

90 Center for the Study of Economic Freedom as the Adam

91 Smith Center for Economic Freedom; revising the goals

92 of the center; providing an effective date.