

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to higher education; amending s.
3 112.3144, F.S.; requiring certain members of the Board
4 of Governors to comply with specified financial
5 disclosure requirements beginning on a date certain;
6 amending s. 1001.01, F.S.; revising term limits for
7 members and the chair of the state board; amending s.
8 1001.61, F.S.; providing term limits for members and
9 the chairs of the Florida College System institution
10 boards of trustees; amending s. 1001.64, F.S.;
11 providing that certain actions related to the
12 president of a Florida College System institution are
13 not subject to approval by the State Board of
14 Education; requiring presidential search committees
15 for the appointment such president; providing
16 requirements for the committees; requiring such
17 president be recommended by the committee; amending s.
18 1001.70, F.S.; requiring appointed members of the
19 Board of Governors to be residents of this state;
20 providing term limits for appointed members; amending
21 s. 1001.706, F.S.; providing that the president of a
22 state university is appointed by the university board
23 of trustees; requiring presidential search committees
24 for the appointment such president; providing
25 requirements for the committees; requiring such

26 president be recommended by the committee; deleting a
 27 requirement that the Board of Governors confirm the
 28 selection and reappointment of such president;
 29 amending s. 1001.71, F.S.; providing term limits for
 30 appointed members of university boards of trustees;
 31 deleting obsolete language and a certain consideration
 32 for appointed members; amending s. 1004.085, F.S.;
 33 providing definitions; requiring specified
 34 supplemental textbooks and instructional materials for
 35 courses at Florida College System institutions and
 36 state universities to be included in a specified list;
 37 revising requirements for such lists; requiring
 38 certain course syllabi to be posted with textbook and
 39 instructional materials and include specified
 40 information; repealing s. 1004.098, F.S., relating to
 41 applicants for president of a state university or
 42 Florida College System institution; providing an
 43 effective date.

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

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47 **Section 1. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (1) of**
 48 **section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, to read:**

49 112.3144 Full and public disclosure of financial
 50 interests.—

51 (1)
 52 (f) Beginning January 1, 2026, each citizen member of the
 53 Board of Governors of the State University System must comply
 54 with the financial disclosure requirements of s. 8, Art. II of
 55 the State Constitution and this section.

56 **Section 2. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 1001.01,**
 57 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

58 1001.01 State Board of Education; generally.—

59 (1) The State Board of Education is established as a body
 60 corporate. The state board shall be a citizen board consisting
 61 of seven members who are residents of the state appointed by the
 62 Governor to staggered 4-year terms, subject to confirmation by
 63 the Senate. Members of the state board shall serve without
 64 compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement of travel
 65 and per diem expenses in accordance with s. 112.061. Members may
 66 only serve two ~~be reappointed by the Governor for additional~~
 67 ~~terms not to exceed 8 years of consecutive service.~~

68 (2) The State Board of Education shall select a chair and
 69 a vice chair from its appointed members. The chair shall serve a
 70 single 2-year term ~~and may be reselected for one additional~~
 71 ~~consecutive term.~~

72 **Section 3. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 1001.61,**
 73 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

74 1001.61 Florida College System institution boards of
 75 trustees; membership.—

76 (2) Trustees shall be appointed by the Governor to
77 staggered 4-year terms, subject to confirmation by the Senate in
78 regular session. Members may be reappointed by the Governor for
79 one additional term, not to exceed 8 consecutive years of
80 service.

81 (4) At its first regular meeting after July 1 of each
82 year, each Florida College System institution board of trustees
83 shall organize by electing a chair, whose duty as such is to
84 preside at all meetings of the board, to call special meetings
85 thereof, and to attest to actions of the board, and a vice
86 chair, whose duty as such is to act as chair during the absence
87 or disability of the elected chair. It is the further duty of
88 the chair of each board of trustees to notify the Governor, in
89 writing, whenever a board member fails to attend three
90 consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year, which
91 absences may be grounds for removal. The chair shall serve a
92 single 2-year term.

93 **Section 4. Subsection (19) of section 1001.64, Florida**
94 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

95 1001.64 Florida College System institution boards of
96 trustees; powers and duties.—

97 (19) Each board of trustees shall appoint, suspend, or
98 remove the president of the Florida College System institution.
99 Such appointments, reappointments, suspensions, and extensions
100 of a president, including associated contracts, are not subject

101 to approval or confirmation by the State Board of Education. In
102 appointing an interim or a permanent president, the chair of the
103 institution board of trustees shall appoint a presidential
104 search committee. The presidential search committee shall
105 consist of at least two members of the board of trustees and may
106 include persons from the institution's faculty, the student
107 body, the institution's foundation board, the institution's
108 financing corporation board, if applicable, alumni, donors, and
109 members from the community the institution serves. However, none
110 of the persons appointed to serve on the presidential search
111 committee may hold positions that report directly to the
112 president. The Commissioner of Education or a member of the
113 State Board of Education may not serve on a presidential search
114 committee. The interim or permanent president appointed by the
115 institution board of trustees must be recommended by the
116 presidential search committee ~~The board of trustees may appoint~~
117 ~~a search committee.~~ The board of trustees shall conduct annual
118 evaluations of the president in accordance with rules of the
119 State Board of Education and submit such evaluations to the
120 State Board of Education for review. The evaluation must address
121 the achievement of the performance goals established by the
122 accountability process implemented pursuant to s. 1008.45.

123 **Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 1001.70, Florida**
124 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

125 1001.70 Board of Governors of the State University

126 System.—

127 (1) Pursuant to s. 7(d), Art. IX of the State
128 Constitution, the Board of Governors is established as a body
129 corporate comprised of 17 members as follows: 14 citizen members
130 appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate;
131 the Commissioner of Education; the chair of the advisory council
132 of faculty senates or the equivalent; and the president of the
133 Florida student association or the equivalent. The appointed
134 members may only ~~shall~~ serve a single ~~staggered~~ 7-year term.
135 Each member appointed by the Governor must be a resident of this
136 state terms. In order to achieve staggered terms, beginning July
137 1, 2003, of the initial appointments, 4 members shall serve 2-
138 year terms, 5 members shall serve 3-year terms, and 5 members
139 shall serve 7-year terms.

140 **Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section**
141 **1001.706, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

142 1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.—

143 (6) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO PERSONNEL.—

144 (a) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, shall
145 establish the personnel program for all employees of a state
146 university, except the president. The board of trustees of a
147 state university shall select and reappoint the university
148 president. In appointing an interim or permanent president, the
149 chair of the university board of trustees shall appoint a
150 presidential search committee. The presidential search committee

151 shall consist of 15 members consisting of at least three members
 152 of the board of trustees and may include persons from the
 153 university's faculty, the student body, the university's
 154 foundation board, the university's financing corporation board,
 155 if applicable, alumni, donors, and members from the community in
 156 which the university serves. However, none of the persons
 157 appointed to serve on the presidential search committee may hold
 158 positions that report directly to the president. The Chancellor
 159 of the State University System or a member of the Board of
 160 Governors may not serve on the presidential search committee.
 161 The interim or permanent president selected by the board of
 162 trustees must have been recommended by the presidential search
 163 committee. Selections, reappointments, and extensions of a
 164 president, including associated contracts, are not subject to
 165 approval or confirmation by the Board of Governors. ~~The Board of~~
 166 ~~Governors shall confirm the presidential selection and~~
 167 ~~reappointment by a university board of trustees as a means of~~
 168 ~~acknowledging that system cooperation is expected.~~

169 **Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 1001.71, Florida**
 170 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

171 1001.71 University boards of trustees; membership.—

172 (1) Pursuant to s. 7(c), Art. IX of the State
 173 Constitution, each local constituent university shall be
 174 administered by a university board of trustees comprised of 13
 175 members as follows: 6 citizen members appointed by the Governor

176 subject to confirmation by the Senate; 5 citizen members
177 appointed by the Board of Governors subject to confirmation by
178 the Senate; the chair of the faculty senate or the equivalent;
179 and the president of the student body of the university. The
180 appointed members shall serve staggered 5-year terms. Appointed
181 members may be reappointed for one additional term, not to
182 exceed 10 years of consecutive service. ~~In order to achieve~~
183 ~~staggered terms, beginning July 1, 2003, of the initial~~
184 ~~appointments by the Governor, 2 members shall serve 2-year~~
185 ~~terms, 3 members shall serve 3-year terms, and 1 member shall~~
186 ~~serve a 5-year term and of the initial appointments by the Board~~
187 ~~of Governors, 2 members shall serve 2-year terms, 2 members~~
188 ~~shall serve 3-year terms, and 1 member shall serve a 5-year~~
189 ~~term.~~ There shall be no state residency requirement for
190 university board members, but the Governor and the Board of
191 Governors shall consider ~~diversity and~~ regional representation
192 when appointing members. ~~Beginning July 2, 2020,~~ For purposes of
193 this subsection, regional representation shall include the chair
194 of a campus board established pursuant to s. 1004.341.

195 **Section 8. Subsections (1) and (5) and paragraphs (a) and**
196 **(d) of subsection (6) of section 1004.085, Florida Statutes, are**
197 **amended to read:**

198 1004.085 Textbook and instructional materials
199 affordability and transparency.-

200 (1) As used in this section, the term:

201 (a) The term "Instructional materials" means educational
202 materials for use within a course which may be available in
203 printed or digital format.

204 (b) "Syllabus" or "syllabi" means the course syllabus or
205 syllabi developed by the instructor assigned to the course.

206 (c) "Term" includes the fall, spring, and summer terms.

207 (5) (a) Each Florida College System institution and state
208 university shall post prominently in the course registration
209 system and on its website a hyperlink to lists of required, and
210 recommended, and supplemental textbooks and instructional
211 materials, including those that are open access or an open
212 educational resource or for which there is no cost, for at least
213 95 percent of all courses and course sections offered at the
214 institution during the upcoming term. The lists must include the
215 International Standard Book Number (ISBN) or a unique identifier
216 for each required, ~~and~~ recommended, and supplemental textbook
217 and instructional material and ~~or~~ other identifying information,
218 which must include, at a minimum, all of the following: the
219 title, all authors listed, publishers, edition number, copyright
220 date, published date, and other relevant information necessary
221 to identify the specific textbooks or instructional materials
222 required, ~~and~~ recommended, and supplemental for each course. The
223 State Board of Education and the Board of Governors shall
224 include in the policies, procedures, and guidelines adopted
225 under subsection (6) certain limited exceptions to this

226 notification requirement for classes added after the
 227 notification deadline.

228 (b) The lists of required, ~~and~~ recommended, and
 229 supplemental textbooks and instructional materials required in
 230 paragraph (a) must be based on a list submitted by the
 231 instructor and:

232 1. Be posted as early as is feasible but at least 45 days
 233 before the first day of class for each term.

234 2. Remain posted for at least 5 academic years.

235 3. Be searchable by the general education status, the
 236 course subject, the course section, the course number, the
 237 course title, the name of the instructor of the course, the
 238 title of each assigned textbook or instructional material, and
 239 each author of an assigned textbook or instructional material.

240 4. Include the duration of any license allowing access to
 241 the textbook or instructional material.

242 5. Provide cost comparisons between bulk pricing, if such
 243 textbooks and materials are offered in bulk or as part of a
 244 package, and purchasing such textbooks and materials separately.

245 6. Identify the lowest cost option for each textbook and
 246 instructional material.

247 ~~7.4.~~ Be easily downloadable by current and prospective
 248 students.

249 (c) To maximize informed student choice, courses ~~If a~~
 250 ~~course~~ subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) must include the

251 ~~current is a general education core course option identified~~
252 ~~pursuant to s. 1007.25, course syllabi posted in the same~~
253 ~~location as the postings of required, recommended, and~~
254 ~~supplemental textbooks and instructional materials. Each~~
255 ~~syllabus must contain syllabi information containing~~ sufficient
256 detail to inform students of all of the following ~~must be~~
257 ~~included:~~

258 1. The course curriculum, including the required,
259 recommended, and supplemental textbooks and instructional
260 materials regardless of cost or whether the materials are open
261 access or open educational resource.

262 2. Specific ~~The~~ goals, objectives, and student
263 expectations of the course.

264 3. How student performance will be evaluated, including
265 the grading scale and methodology ~~measured.~~

266 (6) After receiving input from students, faculty,
267 bookstores, and publishers, the State Board of Education and the
268 Board of Governors each shall adopt textbook and instructional
269 materials affordability policies, procedures, and guidelines for
270 implementation by Florida College System institutions and state
271 universities, respectively, that further efforts to minimize the
272 cost of textbooks and instructional materials for students
273 attending such institutions while maintaining the quality of
274 education and academic freedom. The policies, procedures, and
275 guidelines shall address:

276 (a) The establishment of deadlines for an instructor or
277 department to notify the bookstore of required, ~~and~~ recommended,
278 and supplemental textbooks and instructional materials so that
279 the bookstore may verify availability, source lower cost options
280 when practicable, explore alternatives with faculty when
281 academically appropriate, and maximize the availability of used
282 textbooks and instructional materials.

283 (d) The availability of required, ~~and~~ recommended, and
284 supplemental textbooks and instructional materials to students
285 otherwise unable to afford the cost, including consideration of
286 the extent to which an open-access textbook or instructional
287 material may be used.

288 **Section 9.** Section 1004.098, Florida Statutes, is
289 repealed.

290 **Section 10.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.