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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
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The Committee on Education Postsecondary (Gaetz) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsections  
(4) and (9) of section 1004.447, Florida Statutes, are amended  
to read:

1004.447 Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition,  
Inc.—

(1)



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11 (b) The corporation is authorized to create not-for-profit  
12 corporate subsidiaries that are organized under the provisions  
13 of chapter 617 upon the prior approval of its board of directors  
14 ~~the Board of Governors~~, as necessary, to fulfill its mission.

15 (4) The articles of incorporation of the corporation ~~or any~~  
16 ~~authorized and approved subsidiary~~ must be approved in a written  
17 agreement by the Board of Governors. The agreement and the  
18 articles of incorporation must ~~shall~~:

19 (a) Provide that the corporation and any authorized and  
20 approved subsidiary shall provide equal employment opportunities  
21 for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, gender,  
22 national origin, age, handicap, or marital status.

23 (b) Provide that the corporation and any authorized and  
24 approved subsidiary are subject to the public records and  
25 meeting requirements of s. 24, Art. I of the State Constitution.

26 (c) Provide that all officers, directors, and employees of  
27 the corporation and any authorized and approved subsidiary shall  
28 be governed by the code of ethics for public officers and  
29 employees as set forth in part III of chapter 112.

30 (d) Provide that members of the board of directors of the  
31 corporation are responsible for the prudent use of all public  
32 and private funds and that they will ensure that the use of  
33 funds is in accordance with all applicable laws, bylaws, and  
34 contractual requirements.

35 (e) Provide that the fiscal year of the corporation and any  
36 authorized and approved subsidiary is from July 1 to June 30.

37 (9) The corporation ~~Board of Trustees of the University of~~  
38 ~~West Florida~~ shall annually certify to the Governor, the  
39 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of



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40 Representatives, and the Board of Governors that the corporation  
41 and its authorized subsidiaries are complying with the  
42 requirements of this section and are acting in the best  
43 interests of the state.

44 Section 2. Section 1004.4471, Florida Statutes, is amended  
45 to read:

46 1004.4471 Florida Institute for Human and Machine  
47 Cognition; affiliation with other universities.—The corporation  
48 created pursuant to s. 1004.447(1) and any authorized and  
49 approved subsidiary of the corporation may enter into  
50 affiliation agreements similar to the agreement described in s.  
51 1004.447(6) with the boards of trustees of other public or  
52 private universities.

53 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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55 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

56 And the title is amended as follows:

57 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
58 and insert:

59 A bill to be entitled  
60 An act relating to the Florida Institute for Human and  
61 Machine Cognition, Inc.; amending s. 1004.447, F.S.;  
62 requiring the board of directors of the Florida  
63 Institute for Human and Machine Cognition, Inc.,  
64 rather than the Board of Governors, to authorize the  
65 creation of a subsidiary of the corporation; requiring  
66 that the articles of incorporation of the corporation,  
67 rather than of the corporation and any authorized and  
68 approved subsidiary, be approved in a written



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69 agreement by the Board of Governors; requiring the  
70 corporation, rather than the Board of Trustees of the  
71 University of West Florida, to certify specified  
72 information annually to the Governor and Legislature;  
73 amending s. 1004.4471, F.S.; authorizing subsidiaries  
74 of the corporation to enter into certain affiliation  
75 agreements; providing an effective date.