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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to postsecondary education; providing legislative findings; creating s. 1004.0983, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring Florida College System institutions and state universities to report specified information; requiring such information to be deidentified and aggregated by specified categories; prohibiting the boards of trustees of such institutions from delegating such responsibilities; authorizing the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors to adopt rules and regulations, respectively; creating s. 1004.0984, F.S.; defining the term "institution"; prohibiting Florida College System institutions and state universities from requiring specified persons to participate in training that endorses specified concepts; providing construction; providing that specified violations by certain persons create a cause of action for specified relief and recovery of certain fees and costs; providing for specified forms of relief; creating s. 1004.0985, F.S.; requiring Florida College System institutions and state universities to maintain websites that publish specified information; providing an effective date.

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26 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that every year the state
27 makes a substantial investment in public postsecondary education
28 and that ensuring the wise use of public funds is a critical
29 interest of the state in setting the priorities for public
30 postsecondary education in the state, and

31 WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that it is important
32 to ensure that discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity,
33 or sex has no place in the state's public institutions of
34 postsecondary education, NOW THEREFORE,

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

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38 **Section 1. Section 1004.0983, Florida Statutes, is created**
39 **to read:**

40 1004.0983 Florida College System institution and state
41 university admissions reporting requirements.—

42 (1) For purposes of this section, the term:

43 (a) "Admissions data" means information related to
44 applications for admission, the disposition of applications for
45 admission, and enrollments for undergraduate and graduate
46 programs.

47 (b) "GPA" means any numerical measure of an applicant's
48 academic performance at any preceding educational institution
49 that is requested or used as part of the admissions process.

50 (c) "Institution" means Florida College System

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51 institutions and state universities.

52 (d) "Standardized test" means a test that is considered
53 part of the admissions process and is administered and scored in
54 a consistent manner with the same questions, testing conditions,
55 and scoring procedures for all test takers, including, but not
56 limited to, the SAT, ACT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT, and GMAT.

57 (2) Annually, the board of trustees of each institution
58 must submit to the Department of Education a report detailing
59 it's admissions data from the previous academic year for the
60 institution and for each undergraduate program, graduate
61 program, and professional school that conducts its own
62 admissions process. The report must include all of the following
63 deidentified data aggregated by race, ethnicity, and sex:

64 (a) The total number of applicants to the institution.

65 (b) The average and median standardized test scores for
66 applicants to the institution.

67 (c) The average and median GPAs for all applicants to the
68 institution.

69 (d) The total number of applicants offered admission to
70 the institution.

71 (e) The average and median standardized test scores for
72 all applicants offered admission to the institution.

73 (f) The average and median GPAs for all applicants offered
74 admission to the institution.

75 (g) The total number of applicants who enroll in the

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76 institution.

77 (h) The standardized test scores for all applicants who
78 enroll in the institution.

79 (i) The average and median GPAs for all applicants who
80 enroll in the institution.

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82 If an undergraduate program, graduate program, or professional
83 school has its own GPA requirements, such GPAs must be included
84 in the data reported under paragraphs (c), (f), and (i).

85 (3) The board of trustees of an institution may not
86 delegate its duties under this section to any other person,
87 official, or entity.

88 (4) The State Board of Education and the Board of
89 Governors may adopt rules and regulations, respectively, to
90 administer this section.

91 **Section 2. Section 1004.0984, Florida Statutes, is created**
92 **to read:**

93 1004.0984 Training and licensing requirements for Florida
94 College System institutions and state universities.—

95 (1) For purposes of this section, the term "institution"
96 has the same meaning as in s. 1004.0983(1).

97 (2) An institution may not require any officer, employee,
98 student, or other member of the institution to attend or
99 participate in training that endorses the concepts outlined in
100 s. 1000.05(4)(a). This subsection may not be construed to

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101 prohibit discussion of the concepts listed in s. 1000.05(4)(a)
102 as part of a larger course of training or instruction, provided
103 such training or instruction is given in an objective manner
104 without endorsement of the concepts.

105 (3)(a) Any officer, employee, student, or other member of
106 an institution who is subjected to a violation of subsection (2)
107 may bring a civil action, within 3 years of the violation,
108 against any person, in the person's individual capacity for:

- 109 1. Declaratory or injunctive relief.
- 110 2. Compensatory damages.
- 111 3. Punitive damages.
- 112 4. Statutory damages of \$25,000 per violation.
- 113 5. Attorney fees and costs.

114 (b) For purposes of this subsection, a state court may not
115 recognize any form of official immunity from suit, such as
116 qualified immunity, on behalf of the person subject to suit.

117 (c) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as a
118 waiver of the state's sovereign immunity.

119 **Section 3. Section 1004.0985, Florida Statutes, is created**
120 **to read:**

121 1004.0985 Public disclosure for Florida College System
122 institutions and state universities.—

123 (1) For purposes of this section, the term "institution"
124 has the same meaning as in s. 1004.0983(1).

- 125 (2) Each institution must maintain a publicly accessible

126 website that publishes the following educational materials and
127 extracurricular materials:

128 (a) A course description of each course offered at the
129 institution.

130 (b) The current syllabus for each course, including
131 required readings, assignment descriptions, and grading
132 criteria.

133 (c) Any existing lecture materials that are representative
134 of the material to be covered in each course.

135 (d) A list of each club, organization, and association
136 recognized by the institution.

137 (e) A mission statement for each club, organization, and
138 association recognized by the institution.

139 (f) A statement of purpose for each club, organization,
140 and association recognized by the institution.

141 **Section 4.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.