

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to political activity at public
3 institutions of higher education; amending s.
4 1004.097, F.S.; requiring public institutions of
5 higher education to inform students and employees of
6 the Campus Free Expression Act through specified
7 means; creating s. 1012.802, F.S.; requiring the Board
8 of Governors and the State Board of Education to adopt
9 regulations and rules, respectively, describing the
10 limitations of state universities and Florida College
11 System institutions relating to certain political
12 campaign activities; requiring the boards of trustees
13 of such universities and institutions to publish on
14 their official websites and provide to employees
15 certain information relating to permissible and
16 prohibited political activities, state law, and
17 disciplinary actions; providing an effective date.

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

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21 **Section 1. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (3) of**
22 **section 1004.097, Florida Statutes, to read:**

23 1004.097 Free expression on campus.—

24 (3) RIGHT TO FREE-SPEECH ACTIVITIES.—

25 (h) Each public institution of higher education shall

26 inform students and employees of the Campus Free Expression Act
27 at orientation and on its official website.

28 **Section 2. Section 1012.802, Florida Statutes, is created**
29 **to read:**

30 1012.802 Political activities.—

31 (1) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations for
32 state university boards of trustees, and the State Board of
33 Education shall adopt rules for Florida College System
34 institution boards of trustees, describing the limitations of
35 such universities and institutions, as tax-exempt entities,
36 relating to participation or intervention in political campaign
37 activities in support of or opposition to candidates for
38 elective public office.

39 (2) One month before the primary election, as provided in
40 s. 100.061, the boards of trustees of each state university and
41 Florida College System institution must send an e-mail to each
42 employee and post, in a conspicuous area, on the university's or
43 institution's official website all of the following:

44 (a) Permissible political activities, such as voter
45 registration events that do not involve a campaign or political
46 party and candidate forums at which all qualified candidates for
47 the office are invited.

48 (b) Prohibited political activities, such as university or
49 institution faculty and employees campaigning for or with
50 candidates while on duty, any activity that directly or

51 indirectly implies that the university or institution supports
52 any particular candidate, and the unauthorized use of
53 facilities, property, logos, or equipment of the university or
54 institution for any campaign.

55 (c) The Campus Free Expression Act established by s.
56 1004.097.

57 (d) Disciplinary action that may be taken for a violation
58 of this section.

59 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.