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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Education (Thurston) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (793606) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 10 - 84

5 and insert:

6 (a) For the purposes of this subsection, the term
7 "intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity" means the
8 exposure of students to, and the encouragement of students'
9 exploration of, a variety of ideological and political
10 perspectives.

11 (b) The State Board of Education may require each Florida



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12 College System institution to conduct an annual assessment of
13 the intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity at that
14 institution. If the state board elects to do so, the state board
15 must select or create an objective, nonpartisan, and
16 statistically valid survey to be used by each institution which
17 considers the extent to which competing ideas and perspectives
18 are presented and members of the college community feel free to
19 express their beliefs and viewpoints on campus and in the
20 classroom. The state board shall compile and publish any such
21 assessments by September 1 of each year in which the state board
22 requires institutions to conduct the assessment.

23 Section 2. Subsection (13) is added to section 1001.706,
24 Florida Statutes, to read:

25 1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.—

26 (13) INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AND VIEWPOINT DIVERSITY
27 ASSESSMENT.—

28 (a) For the purposes of this subsection, the term
29 “intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity” means the
30 exposure of students to, and the encouragement of students’
31 exploration of, a variety of ideological and political
32 perspectives.

33 (b) The Board of Governors may require each state
34 university to conduct an annual assessment of the intellectual
35 freedom and viewpoint diversity at that institution. If the
36 Board of Governors elects to do so, the Board of Governors must
37 select or create an objective, nonpartisan, and statistically
38 valid survey to be used by each state university which considers
39 the extent to which competing ideas and perspectives are
40 presented and members of the university community feel free to



41 express their beliefs and viewpoints on campus and in the
42 classroom. The Board of Governors shall compile and publish any
43 such assessments by September 1 of each year in which the Board
44 of Governors requires state universities to conduct the
45 assessment.

46 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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

49 And the title is amended as follows:

50 Delete lines 92 - 116

51 and insert:

52 1001.03, F.S.; defining the term "intellectual freedom
53 and viewpoint diversity"; authorizing the State Board
54 of Education to require each Florida College System
55 institution to conduct an annual assessment related to
56 intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity;
57 providing criteria relating to such assessment;
58 requiring the State Board of Education to publish any
59 such assessment by a specified date; amending s.

60 1001.706, F.S.; defining the term "intellectual
61 freedom and viewpoint diversity"; authorizing the
62 Board of Governors to require each state university to
63 conduct an annual assessment related to intellectual
64 freedom and viewpoint diversity; providing criteria
65 relating to such assessment; requiring the Board of
66 Governors to publish any such assessment by a
67 specified date; providing an effective date.