

2009 LEGISLATIVE ISSUE FORM

BOG ISSUE: Challenge Grant Local Match



PROPOSED STATUTORY LANGUAGE:

1013.79 University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program.--

(2) There is established the Alec P. Courtelis University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program for the purpose of assisting universities build high priority instructional and research-related capital facilities, including common areas connecting such facilities. The associated foundations that serve the universities shall solicit gifts from private sources to provide matching funds for capital facilities. For the purposes of this section ~~act~~, private sources of funds shall not include any federal, or state, ~~or~~ local government funds that a university may receive.

- 1. Need for Change:** This change would encourage mutually beneficial partnerships between universities and local government entities.
- 2. Current Condition:** The universities, unlike the state community colleges, are not permitted to request facility matching dollars for contributions from local government entities.
- 3. Effect of the Change:** The proposed policy change would provide statutory consistency so that all public higher education delivery systems have equal opportunity to participate in facility challenge grant programs. The proposed language parallels the current community college statute.
- 4. Fiscal Impact:** Indeterminate
- 5. Justification for BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S Priority (if applicable):** The justification for this change is to address campus facility needs, by including additional potential revenue sources.
- 6. Link to BOG Strategic Plan:** This issue improves the ability of the Board of Governors in addressing the goals of its strategic plan by increasing the potential to provide adequate facilities for students, faculty, and staff.