

2006 LEGISLATIVE ISSUE FORM

BOG/SUS ISSUE: HB 1001 Conformance Bill



PROPOSED STATUTORY LANGUAGE: To Be Determined

1. Change Needed: Numerous statutory sections must be changed.

Relevant sections of Florida statutes must be changed to conform to the language of House Bill 1001 which delineates responsibilities of the Board of Governors and the Legislature regarding the State University System. In addition, all statutes need to be reviewed for conformance to Article IX, Section 7 of Florida's Constitution which states that the Board of Governors "shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system".

2. Current Condition:

HB 1001 enumerates 12 areas of responsibility assigned to the Board of Governors for management of the State University System and enumerates for itself eight areas of responsibility, including setting tuition at Florida's public colleges and universities. Some statutes conflict with responsibilities of the Board of Governors enumerated in the Constitution of the State of Florida and with language in House Bill 1001 that was passed in the 2005 legislative session and signed into law.

The House of Representatives has an interim project addressing this issue and a committee bill will be presented in January 2006.

3. Rationale for Change:

Changes are necessary so that the statutes are consistent with House Bill 1001 on university governance and with Article IX, Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

4. Fiscal Impact:

None

5. Justification for BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S Priority (if applicable):

Florida statutes must conform to the responsibilities of the Board of Governors as set forth in Florida's Constitution and House Bill 1001.

6. Link to BOG Strategic Plan:

Not applicable