

## 2006 LEGISLATIVE ISSUE FORM

**BOG/SUS ISSUE: HB 1001 Conformance Bill**



***PROPOSED STATUTORY LANGUAGE: To Be Determined***

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

Relevant sections of Florida statutes must be changed to conform to the language of HB 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".

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**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 are in conflict with the responsibilities assigned to the Board of Governors by the Constitution of the State of Florida and, therefore, need to be changed.

The House of Representatives has an interim project addressing this issue and a committee bill will be presented in January 2006. A work group consisting of university personnel and Board of Governors staff is preparing proposed changes to be presented to the Legislature for inclusion in the committee bill subsequent to the approval of the Board of Governors.

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**3. Rationale for Change:**

These changes are necessary so that the statutes are consistent with HB 1001 on university governance and with Article IX, Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

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**4. Fiscal Impact:**

None

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

Florida statutes should conform to the responsibilities of the Board of Governors as set forth in Florida's Constitution.

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**6. Link to BOG Strategic Plan:**

Not applicable