



BOARD *of* GOVERNORS

State University System of Florida

Select Committee on the
Florida Polytechnic University
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Overview of Legislation (SB 1994)



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- By December 31, 2016, Florida Polytechnic is required to meet criteria (amended) established by the Board of Governors, after which, the Board conducts a final review to confirm that the criteria have been met.
- Students currently enrolled at USF Polytechnic must be afforded the opportunity to complete their degree at USF.
- Transfer of all real and personal property, licenses, revenues, contracts, obligations, responsibilities, allocations, liabilities, relating to USF Polytechnic as determined by the USF Board of Trustees and the Florida Polytechnic Board of Trustees from USF to Florida Polytechnic.



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- Transfer of the Florida Industrial and Phosphate Research Institute to Florida Polytechnic.
- Florida Polytechnic Board of Trustees may certify a direct support organization.
- Provisions for the use of space in the Lakeland joint use facility.
- University of Florida to serve in an advisory or consulting capacity to assist in hiring, accreditation, administration, and other areas.



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- Immunity from civil liability for the USF and Florida Polytechnic Boards of Trustees, their officers, employees, attorneys and agents pertaining to or arising out of compliance with the provisions of the bill.



Governance and Legal Issues



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- Role of the Board of Governors
- Board of Trustees
- Presidential search
- Foundation and DSO
- Transfer of real property
- Current, pending or threatened litigation or grievances



Academic and Student Affairs



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- Current numbers of students, faculty and staff at USF Polytechnic
- Impact on current students (USF Polytechnic teach-out plan)
- Continuity of students services (financial aid, advising, etc...)
- Faculty implications
- Long term plans for USF presence in Lakeland
- SACS and Board of Governors processes and timelines
- Processes for Florida Polytechnic academic program development



Finance and Operations



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- Impact on existing faculty and staff
(Issue: Florida Industrial and Phosphate Research Institute)
- Status of Florida Polytechnic funds within USF accounts
(Issue: student fees)
- Inventory of assets to be transferred to Florida Polytechnic
- Process and timeline for transfer of assets
- Time-critical issues (e.g. contract renewals, leases)
(Issue: existing leases)
- Overview of operational MOUs



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