

## Committee on Education

### **CS/SB 454 — Florida College System Institution Police Officers**

by Education Committee and Senator Benacquisto

The bill expands the jurisdiction of Florida College System institution police officers to enforce the law, consistent with the same authority that is provided to state university police officers. In particular, the bill authorizes college police officers to:

- Enforce laws within defined jurisdictional areas as agreed upon in a mutual aid agreement with another law enforcement agency;
- Enforce traffic laws when the violations occur within 1,000 feet of any college owned or controlled property or facilities;
- Enforce traffic laws beyond the 1,000-foot threshold when hot pursuit originates on college property or within 1,000 feet of college owned or controlled property or facilities, or as agreed upon in accordance with a mutual aid agreement;
- Arrest persons for violations of state law or applicable county or city ordinances if the violation occurs on or within 1,000 feet of college owned or controlled property or facilities; and
- Arrest persons for violations of state law or applicable county or city ordinances beyond the 1,000-foot threshold when hot pursuit originates on college property or within 1,000 feet of college owned or controlled property or facilities, or as agreed upon in accordance with a mutual aid agreement.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2013.

*Vote: Senate 38-0; House 113-0*