

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 91 Designation of university buildings and roads
SPONSOR(S): Sansom
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 2122

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Higher Education (Sub)		Britton	Bohannon
2) Education K-20			
3) Education Apps. (Sub)			
4) Appropriations			
5)			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Current law does not permit a state building, road, bridge, park, recreation complex, or similar facility, to be named after a living person unless the name designation is approved by law. Therefore, if a university wishes to name a particular building or facility after a living person, the designation must be approved by the Legislature.

This bill permits the University of Florida, the Florida State University, the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, the University of South Florida, the University of Central Florida, the Florida Gulf Coast University, and the Florida Atlantic University to name certain buildings on their respective campuses, and permits the universities to erect suitable markers for each name designation.

This bill does not have a fiscal impact on local governments, and has an insignificant fiscal impact on state government. Please see the "Fiscal Comments" section for further discussion.

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FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

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| 1. Reduce government? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a “no” above, please explain:

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Section 267.062, F.S., provides that no state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or similar facility can be named after a living person unless approved by law. Therefore, if a university wishes to name a particular building or facility after a living person, the designation must be approved by the Legislature.

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A section-by-section analysis follows. The biographical information was provided by the state universities.

Section 1: Designates the renovated transplant housing unit at the University of Florida’s Shands Hospital as the “Gerold L. Schiebler/Shands Transplant Housing Complex.”

An anonymous donor contributed approximately \$600,000 cash and in-kind gifts to renovate the transplant housing unit at Shands Hospital. This donor wishes to name the renovated facility in honor of Dr. Gerold L. Schiebler. Dr. Schiebler has served the University of Florida and the State of Florida for more than 40 years. During that time he initiated several programs to improve the health and lives of Florida’s children and high-risk pregnant women. Dr. Schiebler has received multiple honors and awards for his dedication to Florida’s children.

Section 2: Designates the new Structures and Materials Research Laboratory for the College of Engineering at the University of Florida as “The Powell Family Structures and Materials Lab.”

The Powell family has a long history with the University of Florida including generations of UF alumni. Robert O. “Bob” Powell and Ann Catherine Powell maintain a true commitment to giving back to their Florida community. The couple’s longstanding commitment to the University of Florida includes participation in university organizations, and serving on the University of Florida Foundation’s *It’s Performance That Counts* Broward County Campaign Committee. The Powells have been members of the President’s Council since 1993 and have generously donated \$3 million which helped establish Powell Hall, the exhibit and public education facility for the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Section 3: Designates the track/soccer stadium at the University of Florida as the “James G. Pressly Track/Soccer Stadium.”

James G. and Kathryn S. Pressly are active professionals in the Palm Beach community. Mr. Pressly is the president of Pressly & Pressly law firm and the Palm Beach County Bar Association. Mrs. Pressly manages the couple's rental properties both in West Palm Beach and Gainesville. Both are members of the Palm Beach Civic Association. The Presslys have been Joint Distinguished Members of the President's Council since 1997 and are members of the UF Alumni Association. Mr. Pressly is a trustee emeritus of the University of Florida Law Center Association and serves on the Gator Booster Board. The Presslys have donated funds to the Freeland Eminent Scholar Chair, sponsored two book awards in the College of Law and supported the University of Florida's athletics programs, including their recent pledge for the track/soccer facilities.

Section 4: Designates the Academic Advising Center at the University of Florida as "Farrior Hall."

J. Rex Farrior, Jr. and Mary Lee Nunnally Farrior have played an integral role in the University of Florida's history. Mr. Farrior played football and received both a business and law degree from UF, and is a member of the UF Hall of Fame. Mr. Farrior served as the President of the UF Alumni Association of Tampa and spent several years on the board of the University of Florida Foundation. He was a trustee of the Law Center Association and was a lecturer on the UF campus. Mr. and Mrs. Farrior were Bull Gators and Cabinet Level members of the President's Council. Since Mr. Farrior's death, Mrs. Farrior has continued this commitment to the University of Florida by fulfilling their pledge to build an academic hall on campus.

Section 5: Designates the proposed band rehearsal facility at the University of Florida as "Steinbrenner Band Hall."

George M. Steinbrenner, III, has a long history as an entrepreneur, sports enthusiast and philanthropist. Mr. Steinbrenner is best known as the owner of the New York Yankees, the New Jersey Nets and the New Jersey Devils. Beyond business and sports, Mr. Steinbrenner is known for his philanthropic generosity. He is the founder of both the Silver Shield and Gold Shield Foundations, which provide support to families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. He and his family have given millions of dollars to people in need. He has helped revamp the North Seminole Little League and salvaged the floundering Florida Folk Festival. Mr. Steinbrenner also maintains a strong connection to the University of Florida. He is a long time member of both the Bull Gator Club and the President's Council and has also served on the Veterinary Medicine Advisory Council and the UF Foundation Board. He was elected to the UF Athletic Hall of Fame in 1981 and gave the keynote speech at the Corporate Leaders Weekend in 1995. Mr. and Mrs. Steinbrenner have generously decided to support the construction of the Steinbrenner Band Hall.

Section 6: Designates North-South Drive on the University of Florida campus as "Gale Lemerand Drive."

L. Gale Lemerand embodies a combination of entrepreneurial and philanthropic spirit. Mr. Lemerand is well respected in the construction community and was named the Florida Entrepreneur of the Year in the Construction and Real Estate Division by Ernst & Young in 1995. Mr. Lemerand is generous with both his time and expertise and has served as the director of SunTrust Bank, WCEU-TV Channel 15 and Ormond Beach Memorial Hospital. He is a trustee for both Daytona Beach Community College and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. In addition, he has lent support to numerous community organizations, such as the Boy Scouts of America, the Boys & Girls Club of America, the March of Dimes and the United Way of Volusia and Flagler Counties. He was the recipient of the Chi Chi Rodriguez Foundation's "Humanitarian of the Year Award" in 1996. At the University of Florida, Mr. Lemerand has generously contributed to the new basketball training facility and has committed additional major gifts for program support in athletics and university academics. Mr. Lemerand currently serves as a Distinguished Director of the Gator Boosters and is a member of both the President's Council and the University of Florida Alumni Association.

Section 7: Designates the Track and Field Center at Florida State University as the “Michael Allen McIntosh Track and Field Center.”

Michael and Winsome McIntosh generously funded the present track building, and have given and pledged \$1 million for the renovation and expansion of that building. They are the parents of three sons, two of whom attended Florida State University and participated in the track program. In addition to his long standing support of Florida State athletics programs, Mr. McIntosh is best known across the country as a tireless and tenacious advocate for civil, racial, and environmental justice. He helped found the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, the Thousand Friends of Florida, The Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach and other civil and environmental organizations. Currently, Mr. McIntosh serves as a Director for the Nation Audubon Society, Physicians for Peace, Southern Legal Counsel and the Wilderness Society.

Section 8: Designates the Student Life Building, 113 South Wildwood Drive, at Florida State University as the “Reubin O’D. Askew Student Life Center.”

Reubin O’Donovan Askew is the thirty-seventh Governor of Florida, a former Florida State Student Body President, and the Askew Eminent Scholar in Florida Government and Politics in the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy at Florida State University.

Among his many accomplishments, Governor Askew was the first Florida State University Alumnus to serve as Governor of the State of Florida; he served two consecutive terms during which time he signed into law the act giving the Student Government Associations of Florida’s public universities the authority to allocate the activity and service fees on their campuses, and was appointed as the United States Trade Representative by President Carter. Governor Askew’s career came full circle as he returned to Florida State University to teach, lead, and serve as a model of scholarship and public service for us all.

Section 9: Designates the proposed entrance pavilion at the John and Mabel Ringling Museum of Art at the Florida State University Ringling Center for Cultural Arts in Sarasota as the “John M. McKay Visitors’ Pavilion.”

A native Floridian, John McKay has dedicated his life to serving the people of the state of Florida. Mr. McKay is a 1971 graduate of Florida State University who was elected to the Florida Senate in 1990 and served consecutive terms to 2002.

During his tenure in the Senate, Senator McKay received numerous awards for his leadership and dedication to improving life in Florida. In addition, Senator McKay was instrumental in passing legislation that created the affiliation between the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art and the Florida State University.

Section 10: Designates the Education and Administration Building at Florida State University as the “John E. Thrasher Building.”

The University Campus Development and Space Committee unanimously recommend the naming of the Education and Administration Building at the Florida State University College of Medicine the “John E. Thrasher Building.”

Mr. Thrasher received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1965 and a J.D. with Honors in 1972 from Florida State University. He served the people as a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1992 to 2000, and ascended to the leadership position of Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1999.

During his successful tenure in the Legislature, Mr. Thrasher received numerous commendations and awards for his dedication to the citizens of Florida.

As a loyal alumnus and supporter of Florida State University, one of his most memorable accomplishments as a legislator came at the height of his career when he facilitated and supported the passage of a law creating the College of Medicine at Florida State University, the first new medical school to be created in the United States in over twenty years.

Mr. Thrasher now serves as the first Chairman of the Florida State University Board of Trustees.

Section 11: Designates the new residence hall complex at Florida State University as “Sherrill Williams Ragans Hall.”

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Sherrill Williams Ragans, joined the staff of Florida State University in 1959 and has served the university with great distinction over many years. Ms. Ragans has worked as a Resident Counselor, Assistant Dean of Students, Director of Residence Programs, Director of University Housing, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, and Interim Vice President for Student Affairs.

Ms. Ragans is well known and respected locally and nationally for her dedication and has served as a significant role model, mentor and friend to countless students. Her work is evidenced by the many accolades she has received: the Ross Oglesby Award for Outstanding Leadership, Service, and Scholarship; the President’s Humanitarian of the Year Award; and FSU Alumni Association Circle of Gold Recognition. Ms. Ragans has been honored as Advisor of the Year on two occasions, and in 1994, the Golden Key International Honor Society selected her as the Southeastern Region Advisor of the Year. In addition, Ms. Ragans received the Governor’s Award for Outstanding Public Service in 1995.

Nationally, Ms. Ragans is an active and visible leader in professional association work. She served in leadership roles with the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International.

Upon her retirement in July, 2003, Ms. Ragans will have more than 40 years of dedicated service to the university community. Her professional excellence, leadership and dedication have brought much honor and distinction to FSU. It is fitting that her outstanding contributions be permanently preserved and celebrated through naming the new residence hall complex, Sherrill Williams Ragans Hall.

Section 12: Designates the School of Business and Industry building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Sybil C. Mobley Business Building.”

Dean Mobley has served Florida A&M University for more than two decades and is the founding dean of the FAMU School of Business and Industry (SBI). Under her leadership SBI has prepared minority students to compete internationally in the world of business.

Section 13: Designates the new allied health building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Margaret W. Lewis/Jacqueline B. Beck Allied Health Building.”

As Dean of the FAMU School of Nursing, Dr. Lewis has molded, shaped and nurtured the university’s nursing program for more than 13 years. Jacqueline B. Beck has the distinction of being the founder and first Dean of the FAMU School of Allied Health Sciences. Dean Beck has been vigilant in expanding the school’s programs and has worked to secure funding for research and academic programs from federal, state and local sources totaling more than \$13 million by the year 2000.

Section 14: Designates the architecture building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Walter L. Smith Architecture Building.”

Dr. Smith served from 1977 to 1985 as Florida A&M University's seventh president. Under his leadership and vision, FAMU was granted authority to offer its first Doctorate of Philosophy degree, was instrumental in the merging of the FAMU/FSU College of Engineering, and developed the statewide Conference on the Education of Blacks, which resulted in the Florida Legislature developing and funding the Florida Statewide Advisory Committee on the Education of Blacks.

Section 15: Designates the Archives Building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the "Meek/Eaton Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum."

Congresswoman Carrie Meek was the first African-American elected to Congress from Florida since Reconstruction. She has had a successful career as a public servant, college administrator and educator. Prior to serving in Congress, Representative Meek served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate, where she established herself as a skilled debater and one of the Legislature's most effective members. Congresswoman Meek has dedicated her life to serving the people of the State of Florida, especially minorities, handicapped, children and the elderly.

Dr. James N. Eaton, Sr. is a Distinguished Professor of History and Director of the Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum at Florida A&M University. Dr. Eaton has made numerous contributions to FAMU and its students through his 42 years as a history professor, including founding the Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum. Dr. Eaton has been selected FAMU's "Teacher of the Year" twenty-five times and was the University's first Distinguished Professor.

Section 16: Designates the charter elementary school located on the Tampa Campus of the University of South Florida as the "Dr. Kiran C. Patel Charter School."

Dr. Kiran Patel has been a cardiologist in Tampa since 1982 and is a significant benefactor both locally and internationally. Dr. Patel has provided \$400,000 to build the charter school and in addition, he and his wife, Pallavi (MD) have committed to provide an on-site medical clinic for children in the school, with the intent of subsidizing care for those children who are unable to pay for said services. The Patels have also given a \$100,000 endowed scholarship in Medicine at USF.

In addition, the Patels have given generously to the arts in Tampa Bay and sponsor a charity hospital in India, which serves over 100,000 people a year.

Section 17: Designates the building that houses the University of Central Florida Downtown Center as the "James and Annie Ying Academic Center."

In recognition of a significant gift made in 2001 by Dr. Nelson Ying, it is proposed that the building which houses the UCF downtown center be named the James and Annie Ying Academic Center, after Dr. Ying's parents. Dr. Ying has supported UCF over the past several years with contributions to multiple scholarships and programs. Dr. Ying has served two terms as a member of the Board of Directors of the UCF Foundation and is now an emeritus member of that Board.

Section 18: Designates the student/community educational facility for health at Florida Gulf Coast University as the "Kleist Health Education Center."

The Kleists are residents of Ft. Myers, Florida, and have been generous benefactors of higher education throughout the United States for many years. The Kleists, through the Peter D. and Eleanore A. Kleist Foundation, are providing \$1 million for the center.

Section 19: Designates the academic facility at Florida Gulf Coast University, which will house the Resort and Hospitality Management Program, as the "Herbert J. and Margaret S. Sugden Hall."

The Sugdens provided \$4.2 million to build the facility, which is eligible under the Courtelis Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program for a \$4.2 million state match.

The Sugdens, residents of Naples, Florida, are generous benefactors for the area's arts, educational library, hospital and church needs. Facilities in the community, which already bear their name, are the Sugden Community Park, the Sugden Community Theatre, the Sugden Auditorium at Naples Community Hospital and the Sugden Welcome Center at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Married in 1934, the Sugdens will celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary in March. Mr. Sugden is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School and Mrs. Sugden is a graduate of Smith College. Mr. Sugden served as President of the Freedom from Hunger Foundation under President John F. Kennedy.

Section 20: Designates the new nursing building on the Boca Raton campus of Florida Atlantic University as the "Christine E. Lynn Nursing Building."

Mrs. Lynn has gifted Florida Atlantic University with \$10 million to be used for a new nursing building and a program endowment. Mrs. Lynn and her late husband, E.M. Lynch, are generous philanthropists who previously donated \$2.5 million to FAU.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

This bill does not create, repeal or amend any statutory sections. Please refer to Effect of Proposed Changes for a section by section analysis of the bill.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

There is an insignificant fiscal impact associated with universities erecting suitable markers for each name designation.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

None.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

There is a spelling error which occurs with the proper name "Mabel" on p.1 line 22 and on p.3 line 82. A technical amendment is needed to change the spelling from "Mabel" to the correct spelling of "Mable."

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES