Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education Committee
Representative Ahern offered the following:

Amendment to Amendment (126639) by Representative Rodrigues
(with title amendment)

Remove lines 910-974 of the amendment and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 1001.71, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.71 University boards of trustees; membership.—
(1) Pursuant to s. 7(c), Art. IX of the State Constitution, each local constituent university shall be administered by a university board of trustees comprised of 13 members as follows: 6 citizen members appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate; 5 citizen members appointed by the Board of Governors subject to confirmation by the Senate; the chair of the faculty senate or the equivalent;
and the president of the student body of the university. The appointed members shall serve staggered 5-year terms. In order to achieve staggered terms, beginning July 1, 2003, of the initial appointments by the Governor, 2 members shall serve 2-year terms, 3 members shall serve 3-year terms, and 1 member shall serve a 5-year term and of the initial appointments by the Board of Governors, 2 members shall serve 2-year terms, 2 members shall serve 3-year terms, and 1 member shall serve a 5-year term. There shall be no state residency requirement for university board members, but the Governor and the Board of Governors shall consider diversity and regional representation. For purposes of this subsection, regional representation shall include the chair of a campus board established pursuant to s. 1004.341.

Section 2. Effective July 2, 2020, Section 1004.341, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1004.341 University of South Florida campuses.

(1) The St. Petersburg and Sarasota/Manatee campuses of the University of South Florida are hereby established.

(a) The St. Petersburg campus of the University of South Florida shall be known as the “University of South Florida St. Petersburg” and shall include any college of the University of South Florida that is headquartered or primarily located in Pinellas County.

(b) The Sarasota/Manatee campus of the University of South
Florida shall be known as the “University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee” and shall include any college of the University of South Florida that is headquartered or primarily located in Sarasota or Manatee County.

(2) The University of South Florida St. Petersburg and University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee shall each have a Campus Board and a Regional Chancellor. The Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida, based upon recommendations of the President of the University of South Florida, shall appoint:

(a) Seven residents of Pinellas County to serve 4-year staggered terms on the Campus Board of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. A member of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida who resides in Pinellas County shall jointly serve as a member of the Board of Trustees and as chair of the campus board. The chair of the faculty senate or the equivalent and the president of the student body of the campus shall serve as ex officio members.

(b) Four residents of Manatee County and three residents of Sarasota County to serve 4-year staggered terms on the Campus Board of the University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee. A member of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida who resides in Manatee or Sarasota County shall be selected by the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida to jointly serve as a member of the Board of...
Trustees and as chair of the campus board. The chair of the faculty senate or the equivalent and the president of the student body of the campus shall serve as ex officio members. (c) The Board of Trustees may reappoint a member to the campus board, other than the chair, for one additional term. (3) Each campus board has the powers and duties provided by law, which include the authority to approve and submit an annual operating plan, budget and legislative budget request to the Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida. (4) The Board of Trustees shall publish and approve an annual operating budget for each campus and a report on the distribution of funds including, student tuition and fees, preeminence and performance based funding, provided to each campus. (5) The Board of Trustees must publish on its website a biennial regional impact report, beginning July 1, 2021, which details the specific increased investments in university programs located in Pinellas, Manatee and Sarasota Counties. The report shall include, at a minimum, trend information related to access to new degree programs for students in those counties, any changes in student enrollment and outcomes at each campus located in those counties, increased research conducted and research infrastructure added in those counties, and any fixed capital outlay projects or property acquisitions planned or completed in those counties.
(6) The faculty and students at each campus shall be
represented in the academic and student governance structures of
the University of South Florida as determined by the Board of
Trustees.

Section 3. Section 1004.335, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

1004.335 Accreditation consolidation of University of
South Florida branch campuses.—

(1) The University of South Florida Consolidation Planning
Study and Implementation Task Force is established to develop
recommendations to improve service to students by phasing out
the separate accreditation of the University of South Florida
St. Petersburg and the University of South Florida
Sarasota/Manatee, which were conferred by the Southern
Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
(SACSCOC) pursuant to ss.1004.33 and 1004.34, respectively.

(2) The task force shall consist of the following members:
(a) One member appointed by the chair of the Board of
Governors who will serve as chair;
(b) Two members appointed by the President of the Senate;
(c) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
Representatives;
(d) Two members appointed by the chair of the University of
South Florida board of trustees;
(e) One member appointed by the chair of the campus board of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg;

(f) One member appointed by the chair of the campus board of the University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee;

(g) The regional chancellor of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg;

(h) The regional chancellor of the University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee;

(i) The president of the University of South Florida or his or her designee; and

(j) One student member appointed by the University of South Florida Alumni Association.

(3) The Board of Trustees shall assign personnel from each campus to staff the task force. The chair of the task force may consult experts in university mergers and consolidations to assist the task force in developing recommendations.

(4) No later than February 15, 2019, the task force must submit a report to the University of South Florida Board of Trustees, which includes, at a minimum, recommendations on the following:

(a) Identification of specific degrees in programs of strategic significance, including healthcare, science, technology, engineering, math, and other program priorities to be offered at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and the University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee and the
(b) Maintaining the unique identity of each campus and an assessment of whether a separate educational mission is beneficial to the future of each campus;

c) Maintaining faculty input from all campuses during the review and development of general education requirements to reflect the distinctive identity of each campus;

d) Developing the research capacity at each campus;

e) Equitable distribution of programs and resources to establish pathways to admission for all students who require bridge programming and financial aid; and

(f) Establishing budget transparency and accountability regarding the review and approval of student fees among campuses, including fee differentials and athletic fees to enable the identification of the equitable distribution of resources to each campus, including the University of South Florida Health.

(g) Developing and delivering integrated academic programs, student and faculty governance, and administrative services to better serve the students, faculty and staff at the University of South Florida College of Marine Science, the University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee and the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

(5) No later than March 15, 2019, the Board of Trustees of
the University of South Florida, after considering the recommendations of the task force, must adopt and submit to the Board of Governors an implementation plan that:

(a) Establishes timelines for each step that is necessary to terminate the separate accreditation for each campus no later than June 30, 2020, so that there is no lapse in institutional accreditation for any campus during the phasing-out process.

(b) Minimizes disruption to students attending any University of South Florida campus so that the consolidation of SACSCOC accreditation does not impede a student’s ability to graduate within 4 years of initial first-time-in-college enrollment.

(c) Requires that on or before July 1, 2020, the entirety of the University of South Florida, including all campuses and other component units of the university, to operate under a single institutional accreditation from the SACSCOC.

(d) Requires that on each regularly scheduled submission date subsequent to July 1, 2020, the University of South Florida shall report consolidated data for all of the university's campuses and students to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System and to the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall use the consolidated data for purposes of determining eligibility for funding pursuant to ss. 1001.7065 and 1001.92.

(6) Notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 1001.7065 and 943889 - h0423 strike a1.docx
1001.92 or any Board of Governors regulation to the contrary relating to the calculation of graduation rates and retention rates, a student who meets all of the following criteria may not be counted by the Board of Governors when calculating or confirming the graduation rate or the retention rate of the University of South Florida under those sections:

(a) The student was admitted to and initially enrolled before the spring 2020 semester as a first-time-in-college student at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg or the University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee.

(b) The student voluntarily disenrolled from all University of South Florida campuses without graduating before the date of termination of the separate SACSCOC accreditation of his or her admitting campus.

(7) This section expires July 1, 2020.

Section 4. Effective July 1, 2020, Sections 1004.33, and 1004.34, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 1004.344, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.344 The Florida Center for the Partnerships for Arts Integrated Teaching.—

(1) The Florida Center for the Partnerships for Arts Integrated Teaching is created within the University of South Florida and shall be physically headquartered at the University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee.
Section 6. Except as otherwise provided, this act shall take effect upon becoming law.

TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove lines 1079-1094 of the amendment and insert:
appropriations; amending s. 1001.71, F.S.; revising the membership of university boards of trustees; creating s. 1004.341, F.S.; establishing University of South Florida campuses; requiring campus boards and regional chancellors for the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and the University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee; establishing membership requirements for the campus boards of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and the University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee; establishing powers and duties for campus boards; providing budget and reporting requirements for the University of South Florida Board of Trustees; requiring faculty and student representation from each campus in the academic and student government structures of the University of South Florida; creating s. 1004.335, F.S.; requiring the University of South Florida to adopt and submit a plan to phase out the separate accreditations of the
University of South Florida St. Petersburg and the University of South Florida Manatee/Sarasota by a specified date; providing requirements for such plan; providing that certain students may not be included in specified graduation and retention rate calculations; providing for the future repeal of ss. 1004.33 and 1004.34, F.S., relating to the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and Sarasota/Manatee, respectively; amending s. 1004.344; requiring the University of South Florida's Florida Center for the Partnership for Arts Integrated Teaching to be located at a certain branch campus; providing an effective date.