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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Polsky moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 778 and 779

insert:

Section 13. It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that provisions of this act do not adversely affect the quality, competitiveness, and research funding of public universities and colleges within this state and that the high standards in the public higher education system be maintained. To that end, this section provides for the automatic repeal or reversion, as applicable, of certain provisions created or amended by this act



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12 if performance benchmarks as defined in this section are not
13 met.

14 (1) For purposes of this section, the term:

15 (a) "Performance benchmarks" refers to the minimum levels
16 of rankings or research funding which must be maintained by
17 public institutions of higher education to avoid the automatic
18 repeal of certain provisions of this act.

19 (b) "Public institution of higher education" means any
20 Florida College System institution or state university.

21 (c) "Rankings" refers to the positions held by public
22 institutions of higher education on established national or
23 international ranking lists.

24 (d) "Research funding" means the amount of external funding
25 received by public institutions of higher education to support
26 research activities.

27 (2) (a) The Department of Education, in conjunction with the
28 Board of Governors, shall establish performance benchmarks for
29 rankings and research funding of public institutions of higher
30 education within this state which benchmarks are subject to
31 periodic review and revision to reflect the changing landscape
32 of higher education and research funding over time.

33 (b) The Department of Education and the Board of Governors
34 shall monitor the rankings and research funding of public
35 institutions of higher education within this state and compare
36 them to established performance benchmarks.

37 (3) (a) If the rankings or research funding of public
38 institutions of higher education within this state, as monitored
39 and determined by the Department of Education and the Board of
40 Governors, falls below the established performance benchmarks,



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41 this act is repealed and any statute amended by this act shall
42 revert to that in existence on June 30, 2023, except that any
43 amendments to such statutes enacted other than by this act shall
44 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such
45 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which
46 revert pursuant to this section.

47 (b) The Department of Education and the Board of Governors
48 shall notify the Legislature, the Governor, and the public
49 institutions of higher education within this state which are
50 affected by the repeal or reversion of law within 30 days after
51 the determination is made that the performance benchmarks have
52 not been met.

53 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

54 And the title is amended as follows:

55 Between lines 104 and 105

56 insert:

57 legislative intent; defining terms; requiring the
58 Department of Education and the Board of Governors to
59 establish and monitor performance benchmark rankings
60 and research funding of public institutions of higher
61 education within this state; providing for the
62 automatic repeal of the act and the reversion of
63 specified provisions of the act if the rankings or
64 research funding fall below a certain benchmark;
65 requiring the department and the Board of Governors to
66 notify certain entities within a specified timeframe
67 after determining that such repeal and reversion will
68 occur; providing