

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Hart offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 780 and 781, insert:

5 Section 13. It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure  
6 that provisions of this act do not adversely affect the quality,  
7 competitiveness, and research funding of public universities and  
8 colleges within this state and that the high standards in the  
9 public higher education system be maintained. To that end, this  
10 section provides for the automatic repeal or reversion, as  
11 applicable, of certain provisions created or amended by this act  
12 if performance benchmarks as defined in this section are not  
13 met.

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

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39 and determined by the Department of Education and the Board of  
 40 Governors, falls below the established performance benchmarks,  
 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.

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55 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

56 Between lines 104 and 105, 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

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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

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