

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Rules

BILL: SB 44

INTRODUCER: Senator Mayfield

SUBJECT: Florida Statutes

DATE: February 21, 2023

REVISED: _____

ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1. Pollitz (DLR)	Twogood	RC	Pre-meeting

I. Summary:

The Division of Law Revision of the Office of Legislative Services is required, by statute, to conduct a systematic and continuing study of the Florida Statutes. The purpose of this study is to recommend to the Legislature changes that will remove inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition from the statutes; improve clarity and facilitate correct interpretation; correct grammatical and typographical errors; and delete obsolete, repealed, or superseded provisions. These recommendations are submitted to the Legislature in the form of technical, nonsubstantive reviser's bills. Responses to directives from the Legislature to make specific changes in the statutes are also submitted to the Legislature via reviser's bills.

Section 7, ch. 2022-70, Laws of Florida, directed the Division of Law Revision to prepare a reviser's bill to replace references to the phrases "the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools," "the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools," and "the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges," with the phrase "an accrediting agency or association recognized by the database created and maintained by the United States Department of Education."

This bill amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: ss. 381.915, 402.7305, 1001.60, 1003.491, 1007.33, and 1008.45, F.S.

II. Present Situation:

Section 7, ch. 2022-70, Laws of Florida, directs the Division of Law Revision to prepare a reviser's bill to replace references to the phrases "the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools," "the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools," and "the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges" with the phrase "an accrediting agency or association recognized by the database created and maintained by the United States Department of Education."

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill revises Florida Statutes text to conform to the directive in s. 7, ch. 2022-70, Laws of Florida, by replacing references to the phrases “the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools,” “the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools,” and “the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges” with the phrase “an accrediting agency or association recognized by the database created and maintained by the United States Department of Education.”

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

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IX. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.
