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CRC ACTION

Commissioner .  
Comm: FAV .  
02/12/2018 .  
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The Committee on Education (Washington) recommended the following:

**CRC Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

ARTICLE IX

EDUCATION

SECTION 7. State University System.—

(a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence through teaching students, advancing research and providing public service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities



11 and economies, the people hereby establish a system of  
12 governance for the state university system of Florida.

13 (b) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. There shall be a single state  
14 university system comprised of all public universities. A board  
15 of trustees shall administer each public university and a board  
16 of governors shall govern the state university system.

17 (c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent  
18 university shall be administered by a board of trustees  
19 consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the purposes of the  
20 state university system. The board of governors shall establish  
21 the powers and duties of the boards of trustees. Each board of  
22 trustees shall consist of six citizen members appointed by the  
23 governor and five citizen members appointed by the board of  
24 governors. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the  
25 senate and serve staggered terms of five years as provided by  
26 law. The chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the  
27 president of the student body of the university shall also be  
28 members.

29 (d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The board of governors  
30 shall be a body corporate consisting of seventeen members. The  
31 board shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible  
32 for the management of the whole university system. These  
33 responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, defining  
34 the distinctive mission of each constituent university and its  
35 articulation with free public schools and community colleges,  
36 ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the  
37 system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or  
38 programs. The board's management shall be subject to the powers  
39 of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditure of funds,



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40 and the board shall account for such expenditures as provided by  
41 law. The governor shall appoint to the board fourteen citizens  
42 dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The  
43 appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve  
44 staggered terms of seven years as provided by law. The  
45 commissioner of education, the chair of the advisory council of  
46 faculty senates, or the equivalent, and the president of the  
47 Florida student association, or the equivalent, shall also be  
48 members of the board.

49 (e) TUITION. Tuition shall be established exclusively by  
50 law. The legislature may not raise tuition except through  
51 legislation approved by two-thirds of the membership of each  
52 house of the legislature and presented to the Governor for  
53 approval. Any increase to tuition authorized under this section  
54 must be contained in a separate bill that contains no other  
55 subject.

56 (f) FEES. Any proposal or action of a constituent  
57 university to raise, impose, or authorize any fee, as authorized  
58 by law, must be approved by at least nine affirmative votes of  
59 the members of the board of trustees of the constituent  
60 university and at least twelve affirmative votes of the members  
61 of the board of governors in order to take effect.

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

64 And the title is amended as follows:

65 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
66 and insert:

67 A proposal to amend  
68 Section 7 of Article IX of the State Constitution to



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69 provide that the legislature shall not raise tuition except  
70 through legislation approved by two-thirds of the membership of  
71 each house of the legislature and presented to the Governor for  
72 approval; require that any legislation that raises tuition be  
73 contained in a separate bill that contains no other subject;  
74 establish minimum vote thresholds for university boards of  
75 trustees and the board of governors to impose or authorize a new  
76 fee or increase an existing fee, as authorized by law.