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S 281 GENERAL BILL/CS by Higher Education; D.C. Childers; Peterson and others (Similar CS/H 418, Compare H 516, S 1122)

Postsecondary Educ. Security Info: (THIS BILL COMBINES S 281, 1122)
creates Fla. Postsecondary Education Security Information Act; provides for reporting of campus crime statistics; requires an annual assessment & report of physical plant safety, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/89.

02/17/89 SENATE Prefiled
03/24/89 SENATE Referred to Higher Education; Judiciary-Criminal; Judiciary-Civil; Appropriations
04/04/89 SENATE Introduced, referred to Higher Education; Judiciary-Criminal; Judiciary-Civil; Appropriations—SJ 31
04/14/89 SENATE Extension of time granted Committee Higher Education
04/28/89 SENATE Extension of time granted Committee Higher Education
05/04/89 SENATE On Committee agenda—Higher Education, 05/08/89, 10:00 am, Room-A-(LL-37)
05/08/89 SENATE CS combines this bill and 1122; Comm. Report: CS by Higher Education—SJ 293
05/10/89 SENATE CS read first time—SJ 294; Now in Judiciary-Criminal—SJ 293; Withdrawn from Judiciary-Criminal—SJ 297; Now in Judiciary-Civil
05/11/89 SENATE Withdrawn from Judiciary-Civil—SJ 353; Now in Appropriations
05/18/89 SENATE Extension of time granted Committee Appropriations
05/29/89 SENATE Withdrawn from Appropriations—SJ 557; Placed on Calendar
06/01/89 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar—SJ 686; CS passed; YEAS 36 NAYS 0—SJ 758
06/01/89 HOUSE In Messages
06/02/89 HOUSE Received, placed on Calendar; Read second time; Read third time; CS passed; YEAS 113 NAYS 0—HJ 1155
06/02/89 HOUSE Ordered enrolled—SJ 1406
06/12/89 HOUSE Signed by Officers and presented to Governor
06/27/89 HOUSE Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 89-142

NOTES: Above bill history from Division of Legislative Information's FINAL LEGISLATIVE BILL INFORMATION, 1989 SESSIONS. Staff Analyses for bills amended beyond final committee action may not be in accordance with the enacted law. Journal page numbers (HJ & SJ) refer to daily Journals and may not be the same as final bound Journals.
I. SUMMARY:

A. Present Situation:

The state universities voluntarily keep records of crimes committed on their campuses and report these crimes to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) in a format prescribed by the department. All private colleges and universities file crime reports with their local law enforcement agencies, which forward the information to the FDLE for inclusion in its "Crime in Florida" report.

The FDLE publishes the state university statistics by university and by type of crime every other year in the "Crime in Florida" report. This report is available to the public.

B. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill would direct all state universities and private institutions to submit an annual report on campus crime statistics to their governing boards. The data for these reports could be taken from the FDLE's "Crime in Florida" report. The Board of Regents and the State Board of Independent Colleges and Universities would compile and submit the individual reports to the Commissioner of Education.

Each institution would also publish and distribute a three-year crime report, updated annually. The institutions would notify the public that the report was available on request.

The bill would direct each university and private institution to conduct an annual assessment of physical plant safety. An annual report would incorporate findings and recommendations for safety improvements. This report would be submitted to the institutions' governing boards, and the compiled reports would be submitted to the Commissioner of Education, the Senate, and the House of Representatives.

II. ECONOMIC IMPACT AND FISCAL NOTE:

A. Public:

None.

B. Government:

The cost of providing data for the annual reports and the number of people who would request copies of those reports are unknown. The cost of distributing the reports could range from minimal to substantial.
III. COMMENTS:

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement states that crime statistics for the community in which a university is located are more significant than the university's statistics because the university's crime rate reflects that of the community.

IV. AMENDMENTS:

None.
BILL #: CS/HB 418 and HB 516

RELATING TO: Postsecondary Education


EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1989, or upon becoming a law, whichever occurs later.

COMPANION BILL(S): Similar to CS/SB 281.

OTHER COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE: (1) Appropriations

I. SUMMARY:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

Currently the nine state universities participate with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in the Florida Uniform Crime Reporting Program. From the data collected through UCR, FDLE produces an annual report, Crime in Florida.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

CS/HB 418 and HB 516 requires certain postsecondary institutions to prepare an annual report of crime statistics. The data for these reports may be taken from the FDLE annual report publication. The postsecondary institutions are to submit the reports to their respective governing boards for compilation into an aggregate report which would then be submitted to the Commissioner of Education. Additionally, each institution would maintain a 3-year summary of its annual report. The institution would be responsible for notifying the public of the availability of the summary data upon request.

CS/HB 418 and HB 516 would require that each postsecondary institution, as defined, would conduct an annual assessment of campus safety and convey the report to the appropriate board for compilation into a comprehensive report. This comprehensive report would also be forwarded to the Commissioner of Education. The comprehensive reports on annual crime statistics and campus safety would be submitted to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate.

CS/HB 418 and HB 516 would also require the Postsecondary Education Planning Commission to conduct a study of the safety of the campuses of selected postsecondary institutions.
C. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

None.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE AGENCIES/STATE FUNDS:

1. Non-recurring or First Year Start-Up Effects:
   See D.

2. Recurring or Annualized Continuation Effects:
   See D.

3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:
   See D.

4. Appropriations Consequences:
   See D.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS A WHOLE:

1. Non-recurring or First Year Start-Up Effects:
   None.

2. Recurring or Annualized Continuation Effects:
   None.

3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:
   None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

1. Direct Private Sector Costs:
   See D.

2. Direct Private Sector Benefits:
   See D.
3. Effects on Competition, Private Enterprise, and Employment Markets:

See D.

3. FISCAL COMMENTS:

The costs associated with CS/HB 418 and HB 516 are indeterminable at this time. The expense of establishing an information system to provide the data for the annual reports for those institutions which do not participate in the UCR is unknown. The number of persons who would request copies of the institutional summaries is also unknown. The costs associated with reproduction of the reports and mailing could range from minimal to substantial.

III. LONG RANGE CONSEQUENCES:

The subject matter of CS/HB 418 and HB 516 is not addressed in the postsecondary education component of the State Comprehensive Plan.

IV. COMMENTS:

Provisions similar to those included in CS/HB 418 and HB 516 were included in CS/SB 281 which passed both the House and the Senate and was signed by the Governor on June 27, 1989 (Chap. 89-182).

V. AMENDMENTS:

None.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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