

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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

BILL: HB 407

SPONSOR: Rep. Casey

SUBJECT: Board of Regents/Members Terms

DATE: March 30, 1999

REVISED: 4/5/99 _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>O'Farrell</u>	<u>O'Farrell</u>	<u>ED</u>	<u>Fav/1 amendment</u>
2.	_____	_____	<u>GO</u>	_____
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I. Summary:

The bill would reestablish the term of office for a member of the Board of Regents to six years. Legislation enacted by the 1998 Legislature (s. 53, Ch. 98-421, L.O.F.) reduced from six years to four years the term of office for members of the Board of Regents appointed after July 1, 1998.

This bill amends section 240.207 of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

The Board of Regents of the State University System is composed of the Commissioner of Education and 13 citizens appointed by the Governor, approved by three members of the Cabinet, and confirmed by the Florida Senate.

Prior to July 1, 1998, the term of office for a member of the Board of Regents was six years, with the exception of the Commissioner of Education who serves by virtue of his or her office, and a full-time student member who serves a term of one year. Section 53 of Ch. 98-421, L.O.F., reduced the six-year term length to four years for members of the board appointed after July 1, 1998. There is no statutory limit on the number of terms a regent may serve.

No new appointees have been confirmed for the board since the change in term length went into effect.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The legislation under consideration would restore the term of office for a member of the Board of Regents to six years.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

There should be no fiscal impact associated with restoring the term of office for a member of the Board of Regents to six years.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

#1 by Education:

Adds the Executive Director of the State Community College System as a member of the Board of Regents of the State University System.