

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 0757 w/CS Florida Gulf Coast University
SPONSOR(S): M. Davis
TIED BILLS: None **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 680 (s)

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Higher Education (Sub)	6 Y, 0 N	Tilton	Bohannon
2) Education K-20	26 Y, 0 N w/CS	Tilton	Bohannon
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

HB 757 w/CS authorizes a bachelor of science in human performance degree program with a concentration in athletic training at Florida Gulf Coast University. The university estimates that enrollment in the program will be 24 students in the first year, increasing to 64 students in year five.

The fiscal impact of this bill, if any, should be minimal. Two current faculty members will provide the instruction until the FTE generate sufficient dollars to support additional faculty. The labs and facilities required for the program are already available. It is anticipated that \$10,000 will be needed for library materials. The university reports that the athletic training program is included in the university's enrollment plan and will not impact current budgets.

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FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

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| 1. Reduce government? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

HB 757 w/CS authorizes a bachelor of science in human performance degree program with a concentration in athletic training at Florida Gulf Coast University.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Section 1004.03(3), F.S., prohibits the establishment of new colleges, schools, or functional equivalents of any program leading to a degree that is offered as a credential for a specific license granted under the Florida Statutes or the State Constitution without the specific approval of the Legislature.

Florida Gulf Coast University's Department of Physical Therapy initiated a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Performance in Fall of 2002. The focus of the program is both on the preventative and restorative aspects of movement science. To make the program's curriculum complete, FGCU is requesting authorization from the Legislature to offer a concentration in athletic training. This specific concentration would prepare students to evaluate, advise, and treat athletes of any type and all ages. Athletics trainers must now graduate from an accredited baccalaureate or masters level degree program to apply for national certification. FGCU will seek Board of Certified Athletic Trainers designation which will allow graduates to seek licensure as an athletic trainer by the State of Florida pursuant to Part XIII of ch. 468, F.S.

FGCU estimates that enrollment in the program will be 24 students in the first year, increasing to 64 students in year five. Two faculty members who are already teaching in the Human Performance degree program have the credentials and experience required to offer the necessary courses for the athletic training concentration. Additional faculty will be hired only when the FTE generate sufficient dollars to support them.

The labs and facilities required for the program are already available. Naples Community Hospital has committed a full-time staff person for the next several years to work with the athletic training program and provide support and oversight of the training services available to FGCU's athletic teams. The athletic training program is included in the university enrollment plan and will not impact current budgets.

This bill authorizes a bachelor of science in human performance degree program with a concentration in athletic training at Florida Gulf Coast University.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Creates an unnumbered section authorizing a bachelor of science of human performance degree program with a concentration in athletic training at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Section 2. Provides an effective date.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:
See FISCAL COMMENTS.
2. Expenditures:
See FISCAL COMMENTS.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:
See FISCAL COMMENTS.
2. Expenditures:
See FISCAL COMMENTS.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

See FISCAL COMMENTS.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

Representatives of FGCU indicate that the athletic training program is included in the university enrollment plan and will not impact current budgets

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:
None.
2. Other:
There do not appear to be any constitutional issues with this bill.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

On March 24, 2003, the Subcommittee on Higher Education adopted an amendment to delete the section of the bill authorizing Florida Gulf Coast University to sponsor one or more lab schools. The bill as amended was reported favorably by the subcommittee.

On April 4, 2003, the Committee on Education K-20 adopted the amendment recommended by the Subcommittee on Higher Education and reported HB 757 favorably with a committee substitute. The committee substitute does not include language authorizing one or more lab schools at FGCU.