

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: PCB RUC 23-07 Florida Statutes
SPONSOR(S): Rules Committee
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 44

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
Orig. Comm.: Rules Committee	18 Y, 0 N	Reed	Brink

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

During the 2022 Regular Legislative Session, the Legislature passed SB 7044 (ch. 2022-70, L.O.F.), which among other things, directed the Division of Law Revision to prepare a reviser’s bill to replace references to replace references to “the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools,” and other derivative references, such as “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 broader phrase, “an accrediting agency or association recognized by the database created and maintained by the United States Department of Education.”

The bill makes conforming changes directed by SB 7044.

The bill has no fiscal impact.

The bill becomes effective on the 60th day after adjournment sine die.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Section 7, ch. 2022-70, L.O.F., directed the Division of Law Revision to prepare a reviser's bill to replace references in Florida Statutes to "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 broader phrase, "an accrediting agency or association recognized by the database created and maintained by the United States Department of Education." The bill makes conforming changes, pursuant to the directive.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Sections 1-6 conform references within the Florida Statutes to "the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools," "the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools" and/or "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."

Section 7 provides for an effective date.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

Not applicable.