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House Votes to Realign Courses with Educational Mission at Florida Colleges and Universities

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (May 3, 2023) — Today, legislation to eliminate divisive political dogma from state university administrative and curricular activities in higher education passed the Florida House of Representatives. Senate Bill 266 (the companion measure of House Bill 999) will strengthen post-tenure review at state universities and align their missions with producing graduates who hold degrees valued in the global economy.

“All viewpoints should be welcome on our college campuses,” said Speaker Paul Renner (R-Palm Coast). “The Florida House is committed to promoting real diversity of thought and encouraging the highest ideals of higher education. I commend Representative Andrade for his diligent work to craft policy that will maintain Florida’s top ranking in the nation for higher education.”

Bill sponsor Representative Alex Andrade (R-Pensacola) added, “Our students expect to learn in an environment that invites the free exchange of ideas. They deserve to be presented educational opportunities and open debate free from ideological indoctrination that will prepare them to be competitive in a global economy. I thank Speaker Renner for his leadership and for entrusting me with this important legislation.”

For more information on Senate Bill 266 (House Bill 999), please visit www.myfloridahouse.gov.

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