



Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee

**Wednesday, March 19, 2014
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
102 HOB**

Action Packet

**Will Weatherford
Speaker**

**Jeanette Nuñez
Chair**

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT
Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee

3/19/2014 9:00:00AM

Location: Reed Hall (102 HOB)

Attendance:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Jeanette Nuñez (Chair)	X		
Randolph Bracy	X		
Marti Coley	X		
Heather Fitzenhagen	X		
Erik Fresen	X		
James Grant	X		
Bobby Powell	X		
Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda	X		
Ray Rodrigues	X		
Joe Saunders	X		
Ross Spano	X		
Carl Zimmermann	X		
Totals:	12	0	0

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Location: Reed Hall (102 HOB)

HB 993 : Pub. Rec./Animal Researchers at Public Research Facilities

Favorable With Committee Substitute

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Randolph Bracy	X				
Marti Coley	X				
Heather Fitzenhagen	X				
Erik Fresen	X				
James Grant	X				
Bobby Powell	X				
Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda	X				
Ray Rodrigues	X				
Joe Saunders		X			
Ross Spano	X				
Carl Zimmermann	X				
Jeanette Nuñez (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 11		Total Nays: 1			

HB 993 Amendments

Amendment 672839

Adopted Without Objection

Appearances:

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PCB HEWS 14-02 : State University System Performance Funding Model

Favorable

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Randolph Bracy	X				
Marti Coley	X				
Heather Fitzenhagen	X				
Erik Fresen	X				
James Grant	X				
Bobby Powell	X				
Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda	X				
Ray Rodrigues	X				
Joe Saunders	X				
Ross Spano	X				
Carl Zimmermann	X				
Jeanette Nuñez (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 12		Total Nays: 0			

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Metropolitan Consortium

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Metropolitan Consortium

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to public records; providing an exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information of certain animal researchers at public research facilities, including state universities; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. (1) Personal identifying information of a person employed by or under contract with a public research facility, including a state university, that conducts animal research or is engaged in activities related to animal research, is exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution, when such information is contained in the following records:

- (a) Animal records, including animal care and treatment records.
- (b) Research protocols and approvals.
- (c) Purchase and billing records related to animal research or activities.
- (d) Animal care and use committee records.
- (e) Facility and laboratory records related to animal

27 | research or activities.

28 | (2) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset
29 | Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15, Florida Statutes, and
30 | shall stand repealed on October 2, 2019, unless reviewed and
31 | saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

32 | Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
33 | necessity that personal identifying information of a person who
34 | is employed by or under contract with a public research
35 | facility, including a state university, that conducts animal
36 | research or is engaged in activities related to animal research,
37 | be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s.
38 | 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The Legislature
39 | finds that the release of such personal identifying information
40 | will place such persons in danger of threats and harassment as
41 | well as physical and emotional harm from those who advocate
42 | against such research. University employees have been harassed
43 | and threatened after animal care records that included their
44 | personal identifying information were disclosed pursuant to
45 | public records requests. Thus, the Legislature finds that the
46 | harm and threat to such persons' safety that results from the
47 | release of personal identifying information in records about the
48 | animals or about the animal research outweighs any public
49 | benefit that may be derived from the disclosure of the
50 | information. The public research facilities, including state
51 | universities, remain responsible and accountable for the animal
52 | research conducted at their institutions.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.