

CHAPTER 98-71

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 752

An act relating to the designation of buildings and programs; designating the tennis court complex at the University of West Florida the “Harold ‘Skeeter’ Carson Tennis Complex”; designating the Lifelong Learning Center on the Boca Raton Campus of Florida Atlantic University the “Barry and Florence Friedberg Lifelong Learning Center”; designating the swim/dive office and training facility at the University of Florida the “Wayne and Jimmie Carse Swimming and Diving Complex”; renaming Flint Hall at the University of Florida as “Keene-Flint Hall”; designating the residence hall known as 2nd Court, Pei Residence Halls, located at New College of the University of South Florida the “Peggy Bates Residence Hall”; designating the library tower on the campus of Florida International University the “Steven and Dorothea Green Library”; designating the recording facility donated to Florida State University as “Critchfield Hall”; authorizing the respective universities to erect suitable markers; amending s. 240.605, F.S.; renaming the Florida Resident Access Grant Program as the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program; designating the Children’s Medical Services Clinic of St. Lucie County as the “Dr. William R. Dannahower Building”; authorizing the Department of Health to erect suitable markers; designating the Regional Office of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission in West Palm Beach as the “Woodrow ‘Woody’ Darden Building”; authorizing the commission to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. The tennis court complex at the University of West Florida is hereby designated the “Harold ‘Skeeter’ Carson Tennis Complex” in honor of the university’s first tennis coach and his untiring and extraordinary contribution to the community and to his profession.

Section 2. The Lifelong Learning Center on the Boca Raton Campus of Florida Atlantic University, the first lifelong learning center to be constructed on any of the university’s seven campuses for use by the Lifelong Learning Society, is hereby designated the “Barry and Florence Friedberg Lifelong Learning Center” in recognition of the generosity, dedication, and active support of Barry and Florence Friedberg.

Section 3. The swim/dive office and training facility at the University of Florida is hereby designated the “Wayne and Jimmie Carse Swimming and Diving Complex” in recognition of the generosity of Wayne and Jimmie Carse to the university and its students.

Section 4. Flint Hall at the University of Florida is hereby renamed “Keene-Flint Hall” in recognition of Kenneth K. Keene’s generosity to the university and its students.

Section 5. The residence currently known as 2nd Court, Pei Residence Halls, located on the Sarasota/Manatee Campus of New College of the University of South Florida, is hereby designated the "Peggy Bates Residence Hall" in recognition of the tireless and dedicated services of Dr. Margaret L. Bates to New College and the Sarasota/Manatee community.

Section 6. The library tower located on the campus of Florida International University is hereby designated the "Steven and Dorothea Green Library" in recognition of the generosity of Steven and Dorothea Green to the university libraries and to the Art Museum.

Section 7. The recording facility donated to Florida State University by Echelon International Development Corporation is hereby designated "Critchfield Hall" in recognition of Dr. Jack Critchfield's generosity to Florida State University and his many personal, professional, and philanthropic contributions to the State of Florida.

Section 8. The respective universities are authorized to erect suitable markers for the designations made by this act.

Section 9. Section 240.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

240.605 The William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grants.—

(1) The Legislature finds and declares that independent nonprofit colleges and universities eligible to participate in the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program are an integral part of the higher education system in this state and that a significant number of state residents choose this form of higher education. The Legislature further finds that a strong and viable system of independent nonprofit colleges and universities reduces the tax burden on the citizens of the state. Because the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program is not related to a student's financial need or other criteria upon which financial aid programs are based, it is the intent of the Legislature that the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program not be considered a financial aid program but rather a tuition assistance program for its citizens.

(2) The William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program shall be administered by the Department of Education. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for the administration of the program.

(3) The department shall issue through the program a William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grant to any full-time degree-seeking undergraduate student registered at an independent nonprofit college or university which is located in and chartered by the state; which is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; which grants baccalaureate degrees; which is not a state university or state community college; and which has a secular purpose, so long as the receipt of state aid by students at the institution would not have the primary effect of advancing or impeding religion or result in an excessive entanglement between the state and any religious sect. Any independent college or university that was eligible to receive tuition vouchers on January 1, 1989, and

which continues to meet the criteria under which its eligibility was established, shall remain eligible to receive William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grant payments.

(4) A person is eligible to receive such William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grant if:

(a) He or she meets the general requirements, including residency, for student eligibility as provided in s. 240.404, except as otherwise provided in this section; and

(b)1. He or she is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at an eligible college or university;

2. He or she is not enrolled in a program of study leading to a degree in theology or divinity; and

3. He or she is making satisfactory academic progress as defined by the college or university in which he or she is enrolled.

(5)(a) Funding for the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program shall be based on a formula composed of planned enrollment and the state cost of funding undergraduate enrollment at public institutions pursuant to s. 240.271. However, the amount of the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grant issued to a full-time student shall be 30 percent in 1996-1997, 35 percent in 1997-1998, and 40 percent in 1998-1999 and thereafter of the full cost to the state per academic year of an undergraduate student in public postsecondary education established pursuant to s. 240.209 or an amount as specified in the General Appropriations Act. The William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grant may be paid on a prorated basis in advance of the registration period. The department shall make such payments to the college or university in which the student is enrolled for credit to the student's account for payment of tuition and fees. Institutions shall certify to the department the amount of funds disbursed to each student and shall remit to the department any undisbursed advances or refunds within 60 days of the end of regular registration. Students shall not be eligible to receive the award for more than 9 semesters or 14 quarters, except as otherwise provided in s. 240.404(3).

(b) If the combined amount of the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grant issued pursuant to this act and all other scholarships and grants for tuition or fees exceeds the amount charged to the student for tuition and fees, the department shall reduce the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grant issued pursuant to this act by an amount equal to such excess.

(c) For the 1997-1998 fiscal year only, funding for the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grant shall be the amount set forth in the General Appropriations Act. This paragraph is repealed on July 1, 1998.

Section 10. Dr. William R. Dannahower Building designated; markers.—

(1) The Children's Medical Services Clinic of St. Lucie County is hereby designated the "Dr. William R. Dannahower Building."

(2) The Department of Health is authorized to erect suitable markers designating the Dr. William R. Dannahower Building as described in subsection (1).

Section 11. The Regional Office of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission located at 8535 Northlake Boulevard in West Palm Beach, Florida is designated as the "Woodrow 'Woody' Darden Building." The Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission is authorized to erect suitable markers designating this building.

Section 12. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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