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Chapter 90-327

H.B. No. 2687

HIGHER EDUCATION—HAZING

AN ACT relating to higher education; providing a definition of hazing; providing for the prohibition of hazing on campuses of public and private universities and colleges; requiring private colleges and universities to provide to the State Board of Independent Colleges and Universities a copy of their hazing policies; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1.<sup>1</sup> <<+Hazing prohibited.—+>>

<<+(1) As used in this section, “hazing” means any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of a postsecondary institution. Such term includes, but is not limited to, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other substance, or other forced physical activity which could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the student, and also includes any activity which would subject the student to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, or other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the student.+>>

<<+(2) Public and private colleges and universities whose students receive state student financial assistance must adopt a written anti-hazing policy and under such policy must adopt rules prohibiting students or other persons associated with any student organization from engaging in hazing.+>>

<<+(3) Public and private colleges and universities must provide a program for the enforcement of such rules and must adopt appropriate penalties for violations of such rules, to be administered by the person at the college or university responsible for student activities of the college or university organization.+>>

Section 2. <<+Private colleges and universities shall provide the State Board of Independent Colleges and Universities with a copy of their hazing policy as evidence of compliance with this act.+>>

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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<sup>1</sup> Tentative assignment as 240.1325.

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