

BILL: SB 1900

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TITLE: HIGHER ED-OPEN ACCESS RESEARCH

HOUSE SPONSOR:

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SUMMARY:

Senate Committee Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the introduced bill with the following changes. Makes changes to the General Assembly's findings and declarations and the definitions. Deletes the provision concerning open access to research articles. Provides instead that by January 1, 2014, each public university shall establish an Open Access to Research Task Force. Provides that each task force shall be appointed by the chairperson of the board of trustees for the public university, with the advice and consent of that board, and that each task force shall include, without limitation, members representing the university's library, members representing faculty, including, where applicable, a labor organization that represents faculty at the public university, and members representing university administration. Provides that each task force shall (i) consider how the public university can best further the open access goals laid out in this Act, whether by creation of an open access policy for the public university, creation of an open access policy for the State, or some other mechanism; (ii) review how peer institutions and the federal government are addressing issues related to open access and ensure that any institutional or statewide policies are consistent with steps taken by federal grant-making agencies; and (iii) consider academic, legal, ethical, and fiscal ramifications of and questions regarding an open access policy. Requires each task force to adopt, on or before January 1, 2015, a report setting forth its findings and recommendations, and requires the Board of Higher Education to publish a list indicating which public universities have submitted the required report. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 3

Provides that each task force shall be comprised of voting members and non-voting members and that the voting members shall include (rather than each task force shall include), without limitation, members representing the university's library, members representing faculty, including, where applicable, a labor organization that represents faculty at the public university, and members representing university administration. Provides that the non-voting members shall include, without limitation, a member representing publishers who publish scholarly journals. Provides that, notwithstanding any provisions of the Open Meetings Act and subject to feasibility, members of the task force and interested parties may participate by phone or video conference. Provides that the required report must be approved by a majority of the appointed task force voting members (rather than task force members). Deletes language providing that a task force may also issue minority reports. Provides instead that a task force shall also issue minority reports at the request of any member, including a non-voting member.

STATUS: 5/16/2013SenatePassed Both Houses