

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

House Bill No. 508 by Representative Daniel

### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by the House

Daniel

HB No. 508

**Abstract:** Authorizes institutions of higher education or their management boards to invest in stocks up to 65% of funds received from gifts and grants, funds functioning as endowments, or other permanent funds.

Present constitution generally prohibits the investment of state or local funds in stocks with certain specific exceptions.

Proposed constitutional amendment authorizes higher education institutions or their respective management boards to invest in stocks a portion of certain funds derived from gifts and grants, funds functioning as endowments, or other permanent funds, provided that the amount to be invested in stocks may not exceed 65% of the aggregate of all such funds.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election on November 5, 2002.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §14(B))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by the Senate

#### Senate Floor Amendments to the Reengrossed Bill.

1. Reduces the amount of funds that may be invested in stocks from 65% to 35%.

### Digest of Bill as Proposed by Conference Committee

The bill as proposed by the Conference Committee is the same as the bill as finally passed by the House except decreases the amount that can be invested in stocks from 65% to 50%.