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FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM APPROPRIATIONS LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

The 2020 Florida Legislature adjourned sine die on March 19, 2020 following a budget process that resulted in the extension of the legislative session by six days to meet the required 72-hour cooling-off period. In the end, the Legislature approved the General Appropriations Act (HB 5001), appropriating an overall budget of \$93.2 billion which takes effect July 1, 2020.

The 2020 regular legislative session included:

- 3,578 Bills and PCBs filed
- 2,596 Amendments filed
- 4,223 Votes Taken
- 40 Floor Sessions were conducted by both chambers
- 210 Bills passed both chambers

Of those that passed, 188 were substantive policy bills.

The Governor vetoed 611 items totaling \$1,000,337,940 billion.

In addition to these vetoes, the Governor authorized an annual release plan for operating expenses that will provide for a 23.5% release of authorized appropriations for each quarter of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. This holdback of 6 percent is intended to curtail state agency spending during the upcoming fiscal year to allow for a review and potential reduction of non-essential services and programs. This 6% reduction will have unanticipated impacts on the operating budgets of each of the 28 colleges in the FSC for the current fiscal year.

The Florida College System Program Fund will receive Educational Enhancement Trust Fund (Lottery) revenue of \$168,247,219 (+10.7%). In addition, \$1,076,168,013 (+1.5%) is appropriated from General Revenue.

Incentive funds (performance) are appropriated in two categories. \$30 million is provided for the 2+2 Student Success Incentive Fund. These funds support colleges efforts to improve the success of students enrolled in AA programs to complete critical college credits courses, earn an AA degree, and transfer to a baccalaureate program.

\$10 million is provided for the Work Florida Student Success Incentive Fund. These funds are to support college strategies and initiative to align to align career education programs with statewide and regional workforce demands and high-wage opportunities.

\$14 million is allocated for industry certifications earned by students at colleges in specific occupational areas. They are: public safety, health sciences, auto service technology, auto collision repair and refinishing, cyber security, cloud virtualization, network support services, computer programming, advanced manufacturing, electrician, welding, FAA airframe and powerplant, and unmanned aircraft systems, pharmacy technicians, and HVAC.

\$550,000 is allocated for Dual Enrollment instructional materials.

The Florida College System will get \$10,650,533 million for construction, renovation and remodeling projects at two colleges. No maintenance, rem/ren funding has been provided.

**2020-2021 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (GAA)
FCS Program Fund (HB 5001)**

	2019-2020	2020-2021	Change
Program Fund – EETF	\$150,218,929	\$168,247,219	+10.7%
Program Fund – GR	\$1,060,005,654	\$1,076,168,013	+1.5%
Program Fund TOTAL	\$1,210,224,583	\$1,244,415,232	+2.7%
CAPE Performance Incentives	\$14,000,000	\$14,000,000	-
Dual Enrollment Instructional Materials	\$550,000	\$550,000	-
Commission on Community Service	\$983,182	\$983,182	-
Incentive Funding:			
2+2 Success	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	
Workforce Success	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	-
TOTAL FCS	\$1,255,757,765	\$1,289,948,195	\$34, 190, 430 2.7%

Other Budget Line items that could benefit the college system:

- **Workforce Development - \$10 million**
Funding provided for new Pathways to Career Opportunities Grants for high schools, career centers, technical centers and FSC institutions to provide sponsored apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs to meet demonstrated regional workforce demands. Funds may be used for instructional equipment, supplies, personnel, student services, and other expenses associated with the creation or expansion of a program.
- **Workforce Diploma program - \$1.5 million (+16.7%)**
Funding provided to assist adults 22 years of age and older to obtain a high school diploma, and develop employability and career technical skills. Qualified providers must have experience in dropout re-engagement. Providers are reimbursed based on the student meeting certain milestones, not to exceed \$7,000 per graduate.

FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY

Higher Education Fixed Capital Outlay Appropriations from General Revenue, Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) and Capital Improvement Fee Trust Fund

- \$10,650,533 million for Florida College System projects at FGC and SSC (0 from General Revenue and \$10,650,533 million from PECO)
- \$0 for Maintenance (Sum of the Digits) for public schools, colleges or universities
- \$48,000,000 for State University System Capital Improvement Fee Projects
- \$85,900,352 million for State University System for projects at FAU, FGCU, FIU, and UF (0 from General Revenue and \$85,900,352 million from PECO)

Other Significant Education-related Fixed Capital Outlay Allocations

- \$169,600,000 for Charter Schools for maintenance, repair, renovation and remodeling
- \$7,038,744 for Developmental Research Laboratory Schools
- \$41,304,151 for school district construction projects in Gilchrist, Baker, Bradford, and Levy counties.
- \$14,387,863 from Capital Improvement Fee Trust Fund, \$844,127,272 from PECO, and \$17,071,094 from School District and Community College Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund, for repayments of bonds.
- \$4,915,394 for Public Broadcasting Projects from PECO.
- \$5,329,256 for maintenance projects at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind.

2020-2021 FINANCIAL AID SUMMARY

Source Code: General Revenue (GR) Educational Enhancement Trust Fund (EETF)

1. **FLORIDA'S BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** - \$651,776,770 (+8.7%) (EETF)
Academic Scholars – 100% of tuition and fees for fall, spring, and summer terms; \$300 each fall and spring for textbooks and college-related expenses at:
 - 4-year Institutions
 - 2- Year Institutions
 - Upper-division Programs at Florida Colleges
 - Career-technical Centers**Medallion Scholars** – 75% of tuition and fees for fall, spring, and summer terms at:
 - 4-year Institutions
 - 2- Year Institutions
 - Upper-division programs at Florida Colleges
 - Career-Technical Centers**Gold Seal Vocational Scholars** – awarded per credit hour or equivalent as follows:
 - Career Certificate Program - \$39
 - Applied Technology Diploma Program - \$39
 - Technical Degree Education Program - \$48**Gold Seal CAPE Scholars**
 - Bachelor of Science Program with Statewide Articulation Agreement - \$48
 - Florida College System Bachelor of Applied Science Program - \$48**Top Scholars** additional stipend - \$44
2. **First Generation in College Matching Grant Program** - \$10,617,326 (GR) includes \$2,654,332 for First Generation Matching Grant Programs at Florida Colleges – match not specified. Was 2:1 in 2018-2019.
3. **Florida Student Assistance Grants (FSAG)**- \$208,666,219 (GR) and \$72,255,668 (EETF) = \$279,921,887
Maximum Award for any FSAG recipient - \$3,260
 - Florida Student Assistance Grant – \$235,293,171
 - FSAG Private - \$23,739,177
 - FSAG Postsecondary - \$6,791,473
 - FSAG Career Education - \$3,572,191
 - Children of Deceased/Disabled Veterans - \$8,432,576
 - Florida Work Experience - \$1,569,922
 - Rosewood Family Scholarships - \$256,747
 - Florida Farmworker Scholarship Program - \$266,630
 - Honorably Discharged Graduate Assistance Program - \$1,000,000
4. **Florida EASE** (Effective Access to Student Education Grant (formerly the Florida Residence Assistance Grant - FRAG) - \$116,659,982 (GR) for 41,063 awards @ \$2,841
5. **Florida Access to Better Learning and Education (ABLE)**
 - **Florida ABLE, Inc.** – \$1,770,000 (GR)
 - **ABLE Grants (Private for-profit college students)** - \$5,025,729 (GR) for 1,769 awards @ \$2,841
6. **Prepaid Tuition Scholarship** - \$7,000,000 (GR)
7. **Benacquisto Scholarship Program** - \$26,577,665 (GR)
8. **Minority Teacher Scholarship Program** - \$917,798 (GR)
9. **Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship** - \$160,500 (GR) and \$160,500 (EETF) = \$321,000

10. Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant - \$50,00 (GR) and \$74,000 (EETF) = \$124,000

BILLS THAT PASSED

1. [CS/CS/HB 23/SB 70](#) Panic Alarms in Public Schools

Citing this act as "Alyssa's Law" it requires each public school, including charter schools, to implement a panic alert system by the 2021-22 school year. It authorizes public school districts to implement additional strategies and systems for specified purposes and requires the Department of Education to issue a competitive solicitation to contract for a mobile panic alert system, subject to appropriation.

HB 23, Laid on Table on 03/09/2020
SB 70, signed 06/30/2020

2. [SB 72](#)- Postsecondary Education

The bill modifies provisions relating to pre-eminent state research universities, the prioritization of capital outlay projects at Florida College System (FCS) institutions, the carry forward of operational funds at state universities and FCS institutions, state student financial aid, and textbook affordability at public postsecondary institutions. Specifically, the bill:

- a) Amends the fund balance reporting requirement to local BOT by September 30 and for colleges with FTE of 15,000 or higher may include in their spending plan "A commitment of funds to a contingency reserve for expenses incurred as a result of a state of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to s. 252.36."
- b) Allows a Medallion Scholar to receive 100% scholarship (instead of 75%) if they choose to attend a Florida College baccalaureate program instead of a University.
- c) Provides for the Postsecondary Career Education Assistance Grant
- d) Revises the data for academic and research excellence standards of preeminent research universities by using more timely performance data and requiring the standards to be reported annually in the BOG Accountability Plan.
- e) Removes funding associated with the emerging preeminent state research university designation and creates State Universities of Distinction.
- f) Modifies a criterion for new construction, remodeling, or renovation projects at FCS institutions that have not been previously state funded to be added to the Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) priority list.
- g) Modifies reporting deadlines and spending plan provisions relating to the carry forward of operational funds at state universities and FCS institutions.
- h) Replaces the State University System Programs of Excellence with the State Universities of Distinction program, and establishes requirements.
- i) Aligns student eligibility, maximum awards, fund distribution, remittance deadlines, and reporting requirements between the four Florida Student Assistance Grant programs.
- j) Clarifies initial and renewal award requirements for the Benacquisto Scholarship Program.
- k) Provides that pricing and payment options relating to textbook affordability may include either an opt-in or opt-out provision for students.
- l) Removes the limitation that prohibits a Phosphate Research and Activities Board member from serving more than 180 days after the expiration of his or her term, until a successor is appointed.
- m) Directs the Board of Governors to define in regulation the university faculty and administrative personnel classifications.

CS/SB 72 signed 06/29/2020

3. [SB 178/HB 579](#) Public Financing of Construction Projects (Rodriguez/Aloupis)

The bill prohibits state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas after a specified date without first taking certain steps regarding a sea level impact projection study. It also requires the Department of Environmental Protection to develop by rule a standard for such studies and requires the department to enforce certain requirements and to adopt rules.

HB 579 Laid on Table on 03/10/2020.

SB 178 signed 06/29/2020

4. [SB 372](#)/[HB 171](#) Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel (Sen. Lee/Rep. Ponder)

The bill promotes uniformity in the application of military training and education toward postsecondary credit (credit) or career education clock hours (clock hours) by public postsecondary educational institutions and establishes a fee waiver for active duty members and honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Effective upon becoming law. Specifically, the bill requires:

- a) The Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) of the Florida Department of Education to convene a workgroup to develop a process for prioritizing and determining when military courses and occupations are appropriate for credit.
- b) The process must be approved by the Board of Governors of the State University System (BOG) and the State Board of Education (SBE), in consultation with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- c) The ACC to approve a list of postsecondary course equivalencies and credit and clock hours awarded for military courses and occupations, which must be approved by the BOG and SBE in the statewide articulation agreement. State universities, FCS institutions, and career centers to award credit or clock hours based on the approved list.
- d) A state university, FCS institution, career center operated by a school district, or a charter technical career center to waive transcript fees for active duty servicemembers and honorably discharged veterans, and their spouses and dependents.

SB 372, laid on the table, 03/04/2020, refer to HB 171.

HB 171: Signed 06/23/2020

5. [SB 646](#)/[HB 287](#)- Postsecondary Student Athletes (Sen. Mayfield/Rep. LaMarca)

Citing this act as the "Student Athlete Achievement Act" provides requirements for contracts made by a minor or his or her parent or guardian relating to the licensing of the minor's name, image, or likeness while participating in intercollegiate athletics. The bill prohibits a postsecondary educational institution from preventing students participating in intercollegiate athletics from earning specified compensation. It also prohibits postsecondary institutions from preventing such students from earning specified compensation. The bill prohibits postsecondary institutions from preventing students participating in intercollegiate athletics from obtaining professional representation. It also specifies that a grant-in aid is not to be considered compensation. Effective July 1, 2021.

HB 287, placed on 1st Reading on 01/14/2020

CS/SB 646, signed 06/12/2020

6. [SB 738](#)/[HB 393](#)- Jury Service (Senator Harrell/Rep. Stone)

The bill allows students who are 18 to 21 years of age (average age of system students is 26), to be excused from jury service upon request if they are enrolled as a full-time student at a high school, state university, private postsecondary educational institution, Florida College System Institution, or career center.

HB 393, 03/14/2020 House - Died in Higher Education and Career Readiness Subcommittee

SB 738, Signed 06/20/2020

7. [HB 5007](#)/[SB 7044](#)- State-administered Retirement System (Appropriations Committee/Cummings)

HB 5007 passed on the House 111-5. The bill conforms the law to the House proposed 2020-21 General Appropriations Act (GAA) as retirement contributions are included in the GAA. Current law requires an annual actuarial valuation of the FRS be provided by the administrator of the Department of Management Services and for the results to be reported to the Legislature by December 31 of each year. Thereafter, the Legislature uses the results of the actuarial valuation to establish uniform employer contribution rates during the next Legislative Session to ensure the FRS is funded in a sound actuarial manner. The bill revises the employer contribution rates for the FRS based on the 2019 Actuarial Valuation.

SB 7044: Laid on Table, refer to HB 5007, 02/13/2020

HB 5007: signed 06/29/2020

BILLS THAT FAILED

1. [SB 1270/HB 1113](#)- **Fiduciary Duty of Care for Appointed Public Officials and Executive Officers (Sen. Lee/Rep. Beltran)**

CS/SB 1270 creates part IX of chapter 112, F.S., to establish an express fiduciary duty of care for appointed public officials' and executive officers acting on behalf of governmental entities. Establishes standards for fiduciary duty of care for appointed public officials and executive officers of specified governmental entities; requires training on board governance; requires DBPR to contract for or approve such training programs or publish list of approved training providers; specifies requirements for such training; authorizes training to be provided by in-house counsel for certain governmental entities; requires appointed public officials and executive officers to certify their completion of annual training; requires department to adopt rules; provides exception to training requirement; specifies requirements for appointment of executive officers and general counsels of governmental entities; specifies standards for legal counsel. Would require additional 5 hours of training for BOT members; would also require GC's of colleges to be approved by the BOT. The bill requires the appointment of an executive officer or general counsel be subject to approval by a majority vote of the governing body of the governmental entity. The bill specifies that all legal counsel employed by a governmental entity must represent the legal interest and position of the governing body of the governmental entity, unless such representation is directed by the governmental entity.

SB 1270 passed as amended 38-1, CS passed as amended in House 117-0, message sent to senate on 03/11/2020

HB 1113, referred to Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee on 02/06/2020, died in Committee

2. [SB 62](#)- **K-12 Education (Sen. Stargel)**

The CS as amended would Requiring that a resolution to levy discretionary sales tax include a statement containing certain information; defining the term "early college program"; changing the calculation of full-time equivalent student membership for dual enrollment purposes; providing for calculation of full-time equivalent membership for students earning the Capstone Diploma; requiring school board mental health policies and procedures to include certain items.

As amended this bill would have included language for funding in the GAA for the "DE Scholarship program" to pay for private and home school students, tuition and materials, to offset the costs of Colleges having to provide these for free, also under this bill. Would include fall and spring 2020, and summer starting in 2021. Moved much of the DE language from SB 1246. Instructional materials are free-of-charge for students in private schools and home education programs. Private schools are exempt from the payment of tuition and fees for dual enrollment. Adds new requirements to the mental health plans that school districts and charter schools must submit in order to receive the mental health assistance allocation in the FEFP. Creates a new categorical in the FEFP to assist districts in increasing teacher salaries. Removes the July 1, 2020, expiration date for the funding compression allocation within the FEFP. Provides an exception that, if a new construction project is funded solely through local impact fees, such funds are exempt from the total cost per student station requirements.

Temporarily postponed at the second to last Senate Appropriations meeting on 03/03/2020. Died in committee.

3. [HB 187](#)- **Postsecondary Education for Secondary Students (Zika)**

Passed favorably in the Education Committee. It now heads to the House floor. The bill renames "collegiate high school programs" as "early college programs," expands the programs from 1 to 2 years, and allows

charter and private schools to establish programs with a state college, state university, or other eligible postsecondary institution. Provides free instructional materials to certain DE students.

The bill requires the programs be made available to students in grades 11 and 12 and specifies that they must include an option for a student to graduate from high school with an associate degree. The bill also prohibits district school boards and Florida College System (FCS) institutions from limiting the number of eligible students who may enroll in dual enrollment programs, including early college programs, unless a 1-year waiver is granted by the Commissioner of Education.

The dual enrollment articulation agreement between a FCS institution and a school district must include at least one early admission program, career early admission program, or early college program. The bill requires articulation agreements to address the costs associated with courses delivered using technology to be borne by both entities. The bill establishes reporting requirements for district school boards, postsecondary institutions, and the Department of Education (DOE) regarding early college programs and dual enrollment articulation agreements.

The bill requires home education students to meet the same minimum common placement test score as other dually enrolled students for participation in college credit dual enrollment and limits the college credit dual enrollment exceptions to students who exceed the minimum score on the common placement test. The bill requires the dual enrollment transfer guarantees statement developed by the DOE to identify English and mathematics courses that require a grade of "C" or higher and include a notice stating that grades in college credit courses remain on the student's permanent record.

The bill appropriates \$550,000 in recurring funds from the General Appropriations Act to the DOE for Fiscal Year 2020- 2021. The bill has an indeterminate fiscal impact on public postsecondary institutions.

Added to 2nd Reading Calendar on 02/24/2020. Not heard on floor in the House

4. [HB 613](#)- Higher Education (Rep. Rodrigues)

The bill modifies state university performance funding metrics to include metrics that focus on the success rate of "2+2" Associate in Arts (AA) degree transfer students and Pell Grant students; and prohibits the adjustment of such metrics once data has been received. Requires Florida College System (FCS) institutions and state universities be given the choice to provide either an opt-in or an opt-out provision to students regarding textbook and instructional materials affordability. Aligns requirements for the financial aid programs in the Florida Student Assistance Grant program and aligns the requirements of the Benacquisto Scholarship Program to other state scholarship programs. As amended would have also included language revising fund balance deadlines, much of this was moved into SB 72.

Laid on Table on 3/10/202.

5. [HB 725](#)/[SB 418](#)- Workforce Education (Diaz/Robinson)

This bill amends s. 1011.80, F.S., to authorize a school district career center to conduct an associate in applied science or an associate in science nursing degree program if the career center offering the associate in science nursing degree program offers it only to graduates of a licensed practical nursing program offered by the same center. Effective Date: 7/1/2020. Revises workforce education programs that school district career centers are authorized to conduct.

On 12/09/19 Sen Stargel voted and spoke against SB 418 in the Senate Education Committee where it passed 6-1. However, the Senator did not let SB 418 be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee. Signaling that HB 725 would not have a companion in the Senate. It did not. Nevertheless, the House pushed the issue and passed HB 725 117-0 on 02/02/220

HB 725: Passed House 117-0 on 02/02/2020. Received in Senate 3/2/20 (took no action)

SB 418: Died in Committee

6. [SB 774](#)/[HB 7081](#)- Public Records and Meetings/Applicants for President/State University or Florida College System Institution (Sen. Diaz/House State Affairs Committee-Rep. Latvala)

The bill provided an exemption from public records requirements for any personal identifying information of an applicant for president of a state university or Florida College System institution and an exemption from public meeting requirements for any portion of a meeting held for the purpose of identifying or vetting applicants for president of a state university or Florida College System institution, including any portion of a meeting that would disclose identifying information of such applicants. It provided for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions and required a providing a statement of public necessity. The bill provides that the exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunshine Review Act, and so is repealed on October 2, 2025, unless saved from repeal by the Legislature.

SB 774, Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/12/20

HB 7081, passed House 99-20, on 03/04/2020, received by Senate on 03/05/2020; never heard in the Senate floor

7. [HB 953](#)- Charter Schools (McClain)

This bill authorizes state universities and Florida College System (FCS) institutions to solicit applications and sponsor charter schools upon approval by the Department of Education (DOE). The bill also revises requirements for charter schools operated by a FCS institution with a teacher preparation program. The bill provides that the board of trustees of a sponsoring state university or FCS institution is a local educational agency for the purpose of receiving federal funds and accepting responsibility for all requirements in that role. The bill requires the DOE, in collaboration with charter school sponsors and operators, to develop a sponsor evaluation framework and report results in its annual charter school application report. In addition, the bill revises charter school application reporting requirements and submission dates for both sponsors and the DOE. The bill establishes operational funding and capital outlay funding formulas for charter schools sponsored by a state university or FCS institution. The bill authorizes charter schools to provide career and professional academies.

Added to Second Reading Calendar on 02/17/2020. Not heard on House floor

8. [HB 1111](#)/[SB 1538](#)- Government Integrity (Rep. Tomkow/Sen. Gruters)

Creates the Florida Integrity Office under the Auditor General for the purpose of ensuring accountability and integrity in state and local government and facilitating the elimination of fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, and misconduct in government. Requires the Chief Inspector General (CIG) and agency inspectors general to determine whether there is reasonable probability that fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, or misconduct in government has occurred within six months of initiating an investigation of such activity. Among other things it provides a mechanism for the state to recover funds when the CIG or an agency inspector general determines a public official, independent contractor, or agency has committed fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, or misconduct in government. It also prohibits state or local tax incentive funds from being used to award or pay a state contractor for services provided or expenditures incurred pursuant to a state contract. For agency contracts over \$50,000, requires a contractor to include in the contract a good faith estimate of gross profit for each year of the contract, provides a process for the agency to review such estimate, and provides financial penalties for a contractor who misrepresents the estimate. To increase accountability, the bill requires the DOE IG to also investigate allegations or reports of possible waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement against a Florida College System institution made by any member of the Cabinet, the presiding officer of either house of the Legislature, a chair of a substantive or appropriations committee with jurisdiction, or a member of the board for which an investigation is sought. Additionally, the bill also requires the DOE IG to investigate allegations or reports of possible waste or mismanagement against a district school board made by any of the previously referenced members or officers.

**CS/HB 1111, Temporarily postponed, on 3rd Reading 03/11/2020.
SB 1538, referred to several committees. Died in committee.**

9. [CS/HB 1185](#) - Ethics Reform (Brannan)

Repeals provisions relating to state, state university, and community college employee lobbyists; prohibits certain public service announcements by specified entities or persons; prohibits certain public officers and employees from soliciting employment and contractual relationships; provides exception and disclosure requirements; revises lobbyist registration, compensation report, principal designation cancellation, and investigation requirements.

CS passed 115-0 on 02/26/2020. Received by Senate on 03/05/20; Died in committee 03/14/20

10. [SB 1246](#)- Dual Enrollment (Sen. Stargel)

SB 1246, the original Dual Enrollment, modifies the dual enrollment and collegiate high school programs to ensure students have access to such programs, parents and legal guardians are informed of opportunities and responsibilities, and school districts and postsecondary institutions are provided financial support to offer dual enrollment opportunities to students. Much of the language of the bill concerning DE was moved into SB 62.

Would create the Dual Enrollment Scholarship Program in the Department of Education to reimburse eligible postsecondary institutions a specified amount for tuition and instructional materials for dual enrollment taken by private school and home education program students in the fall and spring term, and by all students in the summer term, subject to appropriation in the General Appropriations Act. Providing a full-time equivalent (FTE) student membership bonus in the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) for students who complete general education core courses or an associate degree through dual enrollment and requiring school districts to allocate half of such funds to support academic guidance and postsecondary readiness. Establishes a requirement for the Commissioner of Education to report to the Governor and Legislature regarding the status of dual enrollment programs for public and private school and home education program students.

Added to Senate Appropriations Committee on 02/20/2020. Died in Committee.

11. [SB 1322](#)/[HB 6035](#)- Postsecondary Fee Exemptions (Sen. Wright/Rep. Overdorf)

Deleting an exemption from specified tuition and fees for students enrolled in approved apprenticeship programs at specified institutions, etc. The bill removes the tuition and fee exemption for students in approved apprenticeship programs that partner with school districts, Florida College System institutions, and state universities for the instructional portion of a program.

**SB 1322 on Education Committee agenda, 02/17/20, Temporarily Postponed: Died in Committee
HB 6035 referred to several committees. Died in committee**

12. [SB 1340](#)/[HB 007](#)-Legal Notices (Sen. Gruters/Rep. Fine)

HB 0007 has been placed on special order calendar, 3/3/20. o SB 1340 was temporarily postponed in the Judiciary on 2/11/20 and 2/19/20. The bill allows a governmental agency the option to publish legally required advertisements and notices on a publicly accessible website if certain conditions are met. Specifically, the bill allows a governmental agency in a county that has not been designated a fiscally constrained county, to publish legally required advertisements and notices on a publicly accessible website if online publication would result in a cost savings for the government. In a fiscally constrained county, to publish advertisements and notices on a publicly accessible website after making a determination at a publicly noticed meeting that online publication: Is in the public interest; Will be less expensive than

newspaper publication; and Will not, after taking into account the level of internet access in the county, unreasonably restrict access to advertisements and legal notices.

**SB 1340 on Judiciary Committee agenda, 02/19/20, Temporarily Postponed: Died in Committee
HB 007, CS passed as amended in House 71-47, received by Senate on 03/05/2020. Not heard on Senate floor**

13. [HB 3231](#) The Florida College System Risk Management Consortium (Ponder)

The Florida College System Risk Management Consortium; Provides an appropriation for The Florida College System Risk Management Consortium. Appropriation request of \$18,668,823. There was an initial \$5 million in the House Education budget offer #1, not met in the Senate Budget.

Not heard in House Appropriations. Died in Committee.

14. [HB 6001](#) Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons or Firearms (Sabatini)

Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons or Firearms: Removes provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from openly carrying handgun or carrying concealed weapon or firearm into college or university facility. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 09/23/2019. Died in Committee

15. [HB 7051](#)-Intercollegiate Athlete Compensation and Rights (Workforce Development and Tourism Subcommittee)

Authorizes certain student athletes to earn compensation for their name, image, likeness, or persona; provides requirements for such compensation, student athletes, postsecondary educational institutions, athlete agents, and attorneys; provides health and disability insurance requirements relating to student athletes and postsecondary educational institutions.

Laid on Table, 03/10/2020

16. [HB 7073](#) Naming of University and College Facilities (Education Committee; Higher Education Subcommittee; Fine)

The bill creates s. 1004.098, F.S., to require State University System and Florida College System institutions' presidents to provide written notification to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives prior to executing a contract for all non-philanthropic commercial sponsorships of \$1 million or more, designed for marketing in a public postsecondary institution's athletic facilities. If, within 30 days of receipt, any of the parties provide written objection, an act of the Legislature shall be required for authorization.

Added to Second Reading Calendar on 02/17/2020. Not heard on House floor

17. [HB 7087](#)- Higher Education (Fine/Education Committee)

Provides for mergers of University of Florida and Florida Polytechnic University and University of Florida and New College of Florida, respectively, revises Florida Academic Scholars award and Florida Medallion Scholars award. The bill revises the Florida Academic Scholars textbook award providing an additional stipend for textbooks if funds are specifically provided in the General Appropriations Act, in lieu of providing a \$300 stipend for textbooks each fall and spring semester. The bill revises the Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) award effective for students initially eligible in the fall 2021 semester, to provide for the following: A FMS student who is enrolled in an associate degree program at a Florida College System (FCS) institution is eligible for an award equal to 100 percent of tuition and applicable fees. A FMS student who earns an

associate degree at an FCS institution with a 3.5 cumulative grade point average or higher is eligible for an award equal to 100 percent of tuition and applicable fees upon enrolling in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible Florida postsecondary institution. A FMS student who earns an associate degree at an FCS institution with a 2.75 cumulative grade point average or higher, but below a 3.5, is eligible for an award equal to 75 percent of tuition and applicable fees upon enrolling in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible Florida postsecondary institution.

Beginning July 1, 2020, the bill requires the University of Florida (UF) and Florida Polytechnic University (FPU) boards of trustees (BOTs) to submit an application for merger with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Upon approval of the merger, specified items must be transferred to UF, including the Florida Industrial and Phosphate Research Institute. FPU is required to transfer related foundation funds to the UF Foundation after obtaining donor consent. The bill requires Florida State University (FSU) and New College of Florida (NCF) BOTs to submit an application for merger with SACSCOC. Upon approval of the merger, specified items must be transferred to FSU.

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GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

ACC	Articulation Coordinating Council
BOG	Board of Governors for the State University System
BOT	Board of Trustees
CAPE	Career and Professional Education
CIE	Council for Independent Education
CS	Committee Substitute
CPT	Common/College Placement Test
DBPR	Department of Business and Professional Regulation
DCF	Department of Children and Families
DMS	Department of Management Services
DOE	Department of Education
EOC	End of Course (exam)
FCS	Florida College System
FCSPF	Florida College System Program Fund
FCO	Fixed Capital Outlay
FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Assistance
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FS	Florida Senate
GAA	General Appropriations Act, also referred to as the state budget
HB	House Bill
HECC	Higher Education Coordinating Council
ICUF	Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida
LOF	Laws of Florida
Line Item	The number attached to an appropriations or proviso in the GAA
MOOC	Massive Open Online Course
PECO	Public Education Capital Outlay
PECO Sum of Digits	Funds provided to the colleges for maintenance that is based upon square feet of facility space at the institution
Proviso	Language that directs specific instructions regarding an appropriation in the GAA
PERT	Postsecondary Education Readiness Test
SACS	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (accreditation body)
SB	Senate Bill
SBOE	State Board of Education
VTC	Vocational Technical Center