

Florida Council of Presidents 2021 Legislative Priorities & Substantive Bills



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COP Legislative Priorities

FCS COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS PRIORITIES



CONSERVE

the Florida College System Program Fund

During this difficult economy, Florida colleges are here and ready to train the unemployed. Florida colleges serve as the primary source of workforce education in every county throughout Florida.

INVEST

Continuously in the Florida College System Infrastructure

We now offer many classes online because of the pandemic, but Florida Colleges still need classroom and lab space for many degrees, such as law enforcement and health science programs. The FCS seeks renewed investment in Public Education Capital Outlay allocation in the amount of 22%, equaling \$37.6m for Maintenance and Repairs and \$13M for specific projects.



MAINTAIN

Funding for the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network Services

For more than eight years, the Florida Legislature has funded the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network Services which supports vital services Floridians utilize in higher education, such as:



Maintenance of the state's online catalog of distance learning courses and degree programs



Provision for statewide advising services and support



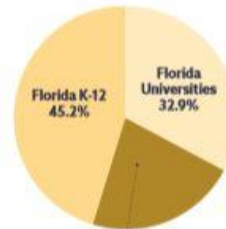
Administration of the Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative

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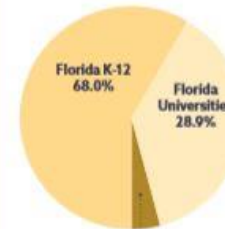
INVEST IN FLORIDA'S COLLEGES THROUGH PECO

PECO Average Allocations: 2012-2018



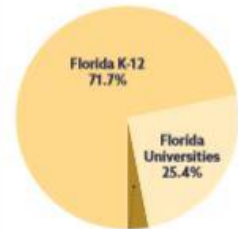
Florida College System
21.9%

PECO Allocations: 2019-2020



Florida College System
3.1%

PECO Allocations: 2020-2021



Florida College System
2.9%

PREPARE AND PROTECT FLORIDA'S WORKFORCE



Police Officers



Firefighters



EMT



Computer Information Systems



Aerospace



Teachers



Accounting



Cybersecurity



Dental Hygiene



Business and Organization Management



Construction



Truck Driving

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Budget Side-by-Side

	Final Budget 2020	Senate - Initial Proposed (March 26)	House - Initial Proposed (March 26)
GR - Total	\$ 1,064,162,315.00	\$ 1,065,519,988.00	\$ 1,046,038,390.00
Lty - Total	\$ 168,247,219.00	\$ 185,438,224.00	\$ 190,814,499.00
Base - Total	\$ 1,232,409,534.00	\$ 1,250,958,212.00	\$ 1,236,852,889.00
Tiered Model - Already in GR			\$ 55,542,501.00
2+2 Total	\$ 20,000,000.00	\$ 15,000,000.00	\$ 20,000,000.00
Work Florida Total -	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00
Dual Enrollment	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 32,581,445.00	\$ 550,000.00
Industry Certifications	\$ 14,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 14,000,000.00
PECO	\$ 10,650,533.00	\$ 59,940,049.00	\$ 2,484,800.00
Commission on Community Service	\$ 983,182.00	\$ 983,182.00	\$ -
Pathways to Career Opp. Grants	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00
Post-Secondary Academic Library Network	\$ -	\$ 9,076,322.00	\$ 9,076,322.00
Open Door Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000,000.00



Substantive Bills

- **SB 72: Civil Liability for Damages Relating to COVID-19**
 - Senator Jeff Brandes
 - Signed by the Governor on March 29, 2021
 - Helps protect colleges from being sued due to COVID-19
- **SB 86: Student Financial Aid**
 - Senator Dennis Baxley
 - Passed on the Senate Floor on 04/08/2021
 - Requires SBE to identify and publish a lists of career certificates and undergraduate programs that do not lead directly to employment.
- **SB 52/HB 281: Postsecondary Education**
 - Senator Ray Rodrigues and Representative Wyman Duggan
 - Passed in the Senate (26/14) on March 25.
 - Headed to its final committee stop in the House.
 - Creates a Dual Enrollment Scholarship for summer and homeschooled/private school students. Creates a tuition and fee waiver for children who have been in DCF custody.
 - \$33,831,445 currently in the Senate budget for the Dual Enrollment Scholarship.

Substantive Bills

- **SB 220/HB 997: Postsecondary Education Executive Search**
 - Senator Jeff Brandes and Representative Sam Garrison
 - House: Placed on Calendar, 2nd Reading
 - Senate: Final Committee Stop
 - Provides exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information of applicants for president of a FCS institution
- **SB 758/HB 573: Fiduciary Duty of Care for Appointed Public Officials and Executive Officers**
 - Senator Manny Diaz and Representative Mike Beltran
 - Senate: Final Committee Stop
 - House: Final Committee Stop
 - Requires board governance training for public officials & executive officers
- **HB 51/SB 1028: Charter Schools**
 - Senator Travis Hutson and Representative Stan McClain
 - Senate: Final Committee Stop
 - House: Final Committee Stop
 - Allows colleges to sponsor a charter school without having to go through school board approval

Substantive Bills

- **HB 1507: Workforce Related Programs and Services**
 - Representative Clay Yarborough
 - Headed to the Floor
 - Creates the Open Door Workforce Grant Program
 - Creates the Money Back Guarantee Program
 - Creates a new workforce performance funding model
 - Tasks the Florida Talent Development Council with studying and reporting on the health care industry, starting with nursing.
 - Tasks the CareerSource state board to appoint a Credentials Review Committee to identify degree and nondegree credentials of value
 - \$20,000,000 currently in the House budget for the Open Door Workforce Grant Program
- **SB 1436/HB 847: Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network**
 - Senator Joe Gruters and Representative Cord Byrd
 - In the House and Senate budget for \$9,076,322
 - Retains the Complete Florida Plus program that was previously vetoed.