

<b>Tab 1</b>	<b>SB 1726 by Calatayud; Compare to CS/H 01321 Higher Education</b>					
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<b>Tab 2</b>	<b>CS/SB 1458 by HE, DiCeglie; Identical to CS/H 00681 Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Program Funding</b>					
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**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**  
**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**Senator Harrell, Chair**  
**Senator Bradley, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Thursday, April 10, 2025  
**TIME:** 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** *Toni Jennings Committee Room*, 110 Senate Building

**MEMBERS:** Senator Harrell, Chair; Senator Bradley, Vice Chair; Senators Burgess, Calatayud, Davis, Leek, Smith, and Trumbull

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	<b>SB 1726</b> Calatayud (Compare CS/H 1321)	Higher Education; Requiring certain members of the Board of Governors to comply with specified financial disclosure requirements beginning on a date certain; revising term limits for members and the chair of the State Board of Education; providing term limits for members and the chairs of the Florida College System institution boards of trustees; providing that certain actions related to the president of a Florida College System institution are not subject to approval by the State Board of Education; requiring appointed members of the Board of Governors to be residents of this state, etc.  HE 03/31/2025 Favorable AHE 04/10/2025 Fav/CS RC	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 0

2	<b>CS/SB 1458</b> Education Postsecondary / DiCeglie (Identical CS/H 681, Compare CS/CS/S 1624)	Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Program Funding; Revising requirements for the uniform minimum standards and policies governing apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs and agreements to include requirements for partnerships between local educational agencies and apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs; requiring the Department of Education to develop a standard model contract template for local educational agencies and apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs; providing requirements for District Workforce Education Funding Steering Committee meetings, etc.  HE 03/31/2025 Fav/CS AHE 04/10/2025 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
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TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
<b>Senate Confirmation Hearing:</b> A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointments to the offices indicated.			
<b>Board of Trustees, University of Florida</b>			
7	Davis, Jed V. ()	01/06/2030	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
8	Patel, Rahul (Atlanta)	01/06/2030	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0

**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

Appropriations Committee on Higher Education  
 Thursday, April 10, 2025, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
<b>Board of Trustees, Florida A &amp; M University</b>			
3	Washington, T. Nicole (Miami Beach)	01/06/2030	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, New College of Florida</b>			
4	Jacquot, Joe (Jacksonville)	01/06/2030	Not Considered
5	Mackie, Sarah S. (Palmetto)	01/06/2030	Not Considered
6	Kesler, Charles R. (Pasadena)	01/06/2030	Not Considered
<b>Board of Trustees, University of North Florida</b>			
9	Davis, Jill Smith ()	01/06/2030	Not Considered
10	Patel, Nikul (Jacksonville)	01/06/2030	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, University of South Florida</b>			
11	Barakat, Charbel J. (Tampa)	01/06/2028	Not Considered
<b>Board of Trustees, University of West Florida</b>			
12	Bailey, Paul (Ft. Walton Beach)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 1
13	Young, Christopher Allan ()	01/06/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 1
14	Garcia, R. Gates (Tampa)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 1
<b>Board of Trustees of Pensacola State College</b>			
15	Fleming, Edward P. (Pensacola)	05/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
16	Smith, Thomas Zachary ()	05/31/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
17	Rudman, Joel (Navarre)	05/31/2027	Not Considered
18	Hobbs, Andrew ()	05/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
	Other Related Meeting Documents		

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Committee on Higher Education

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BILL: CS/SB 1726

INTRODUCER: Appropriations Committee on Higher Education; and Senator Calatayud

SUBJECT: Higher Education

DATE: April 14, 2025

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Jahnke	Bouck	HE	<b>Favorable</b>
2.	Gray	Elwell	AHE	<b>Fav/CS</b>
3.			RC	

**Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:**

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

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**I. Summary:**

CS/SB 1726 establishes term limits for members of the Board of Governors (BOG), the State Board of Education (SBE), and state university and Florida College System (FCS) institution boards of trustees. It also limits the length of time an SBE or FCS institution board of trustees member may serve as board chair.

The bill requires that appointed BOG members be Florida residents or graduates of a state university and file a full and public disclosure of financial interests. The bill also establishes similar residency or alumni requirements for members of university boards of trustees and removes the exemption from residency requirements.

The bill revises the presidential search and selection process for both state universities and FCS institutions by requiring a formal search committee and removing the authority of the SBE and BOG to approve or confirm presidential appointments. The bill also defines when presidential applicant information becomes subject to public disclosure, replacing the current public records exemption.

The bill requires enhanced textbook, instructional material, and course syllabus transparency from state universities and FCS institutions. Additionally, the bill prohibits FCS institutions and state universities from requiring a graduation course that distorts significant historical events or includes prohibited content.

Finally, the bill includes provisions related to university operations, including prohibiting state universities from conducting candidate polling, eliminating the requirement to reserve Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) funds in escrow for individual projects, requiring the BOG to review university admission criteria as part of its mission review process, and authorizing university boards of trustees to manage auxiliary services, including athletics, with greater flexibility.

The bill does not have a fiscal impact on state revenues or expenditures. **See Section V., Fiscal Impact Statement.**

The bill is effective July 1, 2025, except as otherwise provided.

## **II. Present Situation:**

### **Board Appointments, Terms, and Residency Requirements**

#### ***Board of Governors***

The Board of Governors (BOG) of the State University System (SUS) is established as a body corporate to operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system.<sup>1</sup> The BOG consists of 17 members: 14 citizen members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, the Commissioner of Education, the chair of the advisory council of faculty senates or the equivalent, and the president of the Florida Student Association or the equivalent. Appointed members serve staggered seven-year terms. There are no term limits for service, including service as chair. Members do not receive compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses.<sup>2</sup> Florida residency is not required for BOG members.

#### ***State Board of Education***

The State Board of Education (SBE) is established as a body corporate with supervision of the system of free public education.<sup>3</sup> The SBE consists of seven citizen members who are residents of Florida and are appointed by the Governor to staggered four-year terms, subject to Senate confirmation. Members may be reappointed by the Governor but may not serve more than eight years of consecutive service. The SBE selects a chair and vice chair from among its appointed members. The chair serves a two-year term and may be reselected for one additional consecutive term. Members serve without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for travel and per diem expenses.<sup>4</sup>

#### ***State University Boards of Trustees***

Each state university is governed by a university board of trustees (UBOT)<sup>5</sup> composed of 13 members: six citizen members appointed by the Governor and five citizen members appointed by the BOG, all subject to Senate confirmation. The UBOT also includes the chair of the faculty

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<sup>1</sup> FLA. CONST. art. IX, s. 7(d); and s. 1001.70, F.S.

<sup>2</sup> Section 1001.70, F.S.

<sup>3</sup> FLA. CONST. art. IX, s. 2.

<sup>4</sup> Section 1001.01, F.S.

<sup>5</sup> FLA. CONST. art. IX, s. 7(c).

senate (or equivalent) and the president of the student body. Appointed members serve staggered five-year terms. There is no state residency requirement, but the Governor and the BOG must consider diversity and regional representation in appointments. Regional representation includes the chair of a campus board.<sup>6</sup> UBOT members receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem.<sup>7</sup>

Each UBOT selects its chair and vice chair from among the appointed members. The chair serves a two-year term and may be reselected for one additional consecutive term. Additional consecutive terms are permitted with approval by a two-thirds vote of the board. The chair is responsible for presiding over meetings, calling special meetings, and attesting to board actions.<sup>8</sup>

### ***Florida College System Board of Trustees***

Each Florida College System (FCS) institution is governed by a local board of trustees dedicated to the purposes of the state college system.<sup>9</sup> FCS institution boards of trustees vary in size based on the service area. A board consists of five members if the college serves one school board district, seven members if the board elects to do so within a single district, and up to nine members if the district includes two or more school board districts. Florida State College at Jacksonville must have an odd number of trustees, and St. Johns River State College must have seven trustees representing its three-county area.<sup>10</sup>

Members are appointed by the Governor to staggered four-year terms, subject to Senate confirmation,<sup>11</sup> and must reside within the college's service delivery area.<sup>12</sup> They serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses.<sup>13</sup> Each board elects a chair and vice chair at its first regular meeting after July 1.<sup>14</sup>

### **Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests**

#### ***Full and Public Disclosure***

The Florida Constitution requires all elected constitutional officers and candidates for such offices to file a full and public disclosure of their financial interests. Other public officers, candidates, and public employees may also be required to file such disclosures as determined by law.<sup>15</sup> Under the Florida Constitution, "full and public disclosure of financial interests" means disclosing the reporting individual's net worth and the value of each asset and liability exceeding \$1,000.<sup>16</sup> The disclosure must be accompanied by either a sworn statement identifying each separate source and amount of income exceeding \$1,000 or a copy of the individual's most

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<sup>6</sup> Section 1001.71(1), F.S.

<sup>7</sup> Section 1001.71(2), F.S.

<sup>8</sup> Section 1001.71(4), F.S.

<sup>9</sup> FLA. CONST. art. IX, s. 8(c).

<sup>10</sup> Section 1001.61(1), F.S.

<sup>11</sup> Section 1001.61(2), F.S.

<sup>12</sup> FLA. CONST. art. IX, s. 8(c).

<sup>13</sup> Section 1001.61(3), F.S.

<sup>14</sup> Section 1001.61(4), F.S.

<sup>15</sup> FLA. CONST. art II, s. 8(a.); *See* ss. 112.3144(1)(b) and 112.3145, F.S.

<sup>16</sup> FLA. CONST. art II, s. 8.

recent federal income tax return. However, beginning January 1, 2023, the Commission on Ethics may no longer accept federal income tax returns for this purpose.<sup>17</sup>

Pursuant to general law, the Commission on Ethics has adopted by rule CE Form 6 (Form 6), which is used for full and public financial disclosure.<sup>18</sup> Reporting individuals are required to file Form 6 annually by July 1 through the Commission's electronic filing system.<sup>19</sup>

Form 6 requires filers to report their net worth, assets, and liabilities. Each asset valued over \$1,000 must be specifically identified and reported, and each liability over \$1,000 must include the creditor's name and address and the amount owed. Filers must also disclose the value of their net worth as of December 31 of the previous year or a more current date.<sup>20</sup>

### ***Statement of Financial Interests—Limited Financial Disclosure***

In addition to the full financial disclosure required on Form 6, current law provides for a more limited financial disclosure using the Commission on Ethics' CE Form 1 (Form 1).<sup>21</sup> Form 1 must be filed by a wide range of public officers and employees, including all officers holding elected positions in any political subdivision of the state (other than counties), certain appointed local officials, specified state officers and employees, and individuals seeking to qualify as candidates for these state or local offices.<sup>22</sup>

Form 1 requires filers to disclose specified information about their financial interests, including sources of income, real property, intangible personal property, liabilities, and interests in certain businesses. Filers are not required to report exact dollar amounts; instead, they must disclose whether the value of assets or liabilities exceeds certain thresholds.<sup>23</sup>

## **Presidential Search and Selection**

### ***State University System***

The BOG is responsible for confirming the selection and reappointment of state university presidents by each UBOT.<sup>24</sup> The UBOT chair, in consultation with the BOG chair, appoints a 15-member presidential search committee. The committee must include at least three UBOT members, two BOG designees, and representatives from groups such as faculty, students, foundation or financing boards, alumni, donors, and community members. Individuals who report directly to the president are prohibited from serving on the committee.<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> See 112.3144(6)(c) and (7)(a), F.S.

<sup>18</sup> See Rule 34-8.002, F.A.C.

<sup>19</sup> FLA. CONST. art II, s. 8(j)(1); See s. 112.3144(2), F.S.

<sup>20</sup> See FLA. CONST. art II, s. 8(j)(1); s. 112.3144(5)-(6), F.S.; Rule 34-8.004, F.A.C.

<sup>21</sup> See s. 112.3145, F.S.; Rule 34-8.202, F.A.C.

<sup>22</sup> See s. 112.3145, F.S.; Rule 34-8.202, F.A.C. For a guide explaining who must file the Form 1 and what the Form 1 entails, see Florida Commission on Ethics, *Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees*, p. 15-19, available at <https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/GuideBookletInternet.pdf?cp=2023310> (last visited Apr. 1, 2025).

<sup>23</sup> Section 112.3145, F.S.

<sup>24</sup> Section 1001.706(6)(a), F.S.

<sup>25</sup> Board of Governors Regulation 1.002(1)(a).

The search committee is responsible for developing position criteria aligned with the institution's goals, vetting applicants, reviewing public records, conducting interviews, and recommending an unranked list of more than two qualified final applicants to the UBOT.<sup>26</sup> All individuals with access to confidential applicant information are required to sign a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) to ensure the confidentiality of that information.<sup>27</sup> The list of final applicants is subject to prior review and approval by the BOG chair. If exceptional circumstances make it infeasible to recommend more than two applicants, the committee must document the reason and determine whether additional applications should be solicited.<sup>28</sup> The UBOT selects a president-elect from the recommended list and submits the selection to the BOG for confirmation.<sup>29</sup>

In the event a UBOT selects an interim president, a formal search is not required; however, the interim appointment must still be confirmed by the BOG. A UBOT may delegate full authority to an interim president to serve before confirmation if determined to be in the best interest of the university.

A public records exemption applies to the personal identifying information of applicants for the position of university president. This information remains confidential until a final group of applicants is established or 21 days before an interview or final action is taken, whichever occurs first. Meetings held for the purpose of identifying or vetting applicants are exempt from public meeting requirements; however, a complete recording must be made and maintained. Once the final group of applicants is determined, public meeting and disclosure requirements apply.<sup>30</sup>

### ***Florida College System***

Each FCS institution's board of trustees is responsible for appointing, suspending, or removing the college president. Boards may, but are not required to, establish a presidential search committee.<sup>31</sup> Upon taking action to appoint, suspend, or dismiss a president, the board must immediately notify the SBE. The UBOT must also inform the president, at the time of contract issuance, of their assigned duties, the procedure by which performance will be evaluated, and the criteria used in the evaluation.<sup>32</sup>

Boards are required to evaluate the president annually and submit the completed evaluation to the SBE for review.<sup>33</sup> The evaluation must address the president's achievement of performance goals established through the accountability process and must be conducted in accordance with SBE rules.<sup>34</sup>

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<sup>26</sup> Board of Governors Regulation 1.002(1)(c).

<sup>27</sup> Board of Governors Regulation 1.002(3) and s. 1004.098, F.S.

<sup>28</sup> Board of Governors Regulation 1.002(1)(c).

<sup>29</sup> Board of Governors Regulation 1.002(1)(d).

<sup>30</sup> Section 1004.098, F.S.

<sup>31</sup> Section 1001.64(19), F.S.

<sup>32</sup> Rule 6A-14.026, F.A.C.

<sup>33</sup> *Id.*

<sup>34</sup> Section 1001.64(19), F.S.



first. Meetings held for the purpose of identifying or vetting applicants are exempt from public meeting requirements; however, a complete recording must be made and maintained. Once the final group of applicants is determined, public meeting and disclosure requirements apply.<sup>35</sup>

### **Public Records Exemption**

In 2022, the Legislature created a public records and public meetings exemption for presidential searches at state universities and FCS institutions.<sup>36</sup> The exemption was intended to expand the pool of qualified applicants by shielding the personal identifying information of candidates who were not selected as finalists. The personal identifying information of an applicant remains confidential until a final group of applicants is established or 21 days before a meeting is held to interview or take final action on a candidate, whichever occurs first.<sup>37</sup> Once that threshold is met, public records and public meeting requirements apply.

The exemption also provides that meetings held for the purpose of identifying or vetting applicants are exempt from public meeting requirements; however, a complete recording of any such meeting must be made and maintained. Meetings held to establish candidate qualifications or compensation frameworks and meetings occurring after the final group of applicants is determined remain subject to public meeting requirements.<sup>38</sup>

The exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act<sup>39</sup> and will be repealed on October 2, 2027, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature.<sup>40</sup>

### **Textbook, Instructional Material, & Course Syllabus Affordability and Transparency**

State universities and FCS institutions are required to post, prominently in their course registration systems and on their websites, lists of required and recommended textbooks and instructional materials for at least 95 percent of all courses and course sections offered during the upcoming term. The lists must include the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) or other identifying information, including, at a minimum: the title, all listed authors, publisher, edition number, copyright date, published date, and other relevant information necessary to identify the materials. The lists must:

- Be posted as early as is feasible, but at least 45 days before the first day of class for each term.
- Remain posted for at least five academic years.
- Be searchable by the course subject, course number, course title, instructor name, textbook or material title, and author.
- Be easily downloadable by current and prospective students.

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<sup>35</sup> Section 1004.098, F.S.

<sup>36</sup> *Id.*

<sup>37</sup> Section 1004.098(1), F.S.

<sup>38</sup> Section 1004.098(2), F.S.

<sup>39</sup> Section 119.15, F.S.

<sup>40</sup> Section 1004.098(3), F.S.

For courses that are designated as general education core course options, institutions must also include course syllabi that provide sufficient detail to inform students of course curriculum, goals and objectives, student expectations, and how performance will be measured.<sup>41</sup>

### **Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) Project Prioritization**

The BOG is required to submit a prioritized list of projects to receive PECO funding.<sup>42</sup> Projects considered for prioritization must be chosen from a preliminary selection group that includes projects that have previously had state funds appropriated that have not yet been completed<sup>43</sup> and the top two priorities of each state university.

The BOG uses a points-based prioritization method to rank projects for consideration from the preliminary selection group that awards points for the degree to which a project meets specific criteria compared to other projects in the preliminary selection group. The project scoring the highest for each criterion shall be awarded the maximum points in the range of points within the points scale developed by the board.<sup>44</sup>

A new construction, remodeling, or renovation project that has not received an appropriation in a previous year must not be considered for inclusion on the prioritized list, unless:<sup>45</sup>

- A plan is provided to reserve funds in an escrow account, specific to the project, into which shall be deposited each year an amount of funds equal to one percent of the total value of the building for future maintenance;
- There exists sufficient capacity within the cash and bonding estimate of funds by the Revenue Estimating Conference to accommodate the project within the three-year PECO funding cycle; and
- The project has been recommended in a state university's educational plant survey.<sup>46</sup>

### **Required Courses**

The chairs of the SBE and the BOG jointly appoint faculty committees to review and recommend general education core course options for approval. These reviews must occur every four years and may include recommendations to remove, align, or add courses to the statewide course numbering system.

General education core course options must be drawn from the five primary subject areas: communication, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences. Each subject area may include up to five core courses. All general education core courses are expected to contain rigorous academic content, including high-level critical thinking skills and common competencies that students must demonstrate to complete the course successfully.

Additionally, courses may not include curriculum content that distorts significant historical events or promotes identity politics. Furthermore, they must not violate state anti-discrimination

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<sup>41</sup> Section 1004.085(5), F.S.

<sup>42</sup> Section [1013.64\(4\), F.S.](#)

<sup>43</sup> Section [1001.706\(12\)\(d\), F.S.](#)

<sup>44</sup> Section [1001.706\(12\)\(a\)-\(b\), F.S.](#)

<sup>45</sup> Section [1001.706\(12\)\(c\), F.S.](#)

<sup>46</sup> Section [1013.31, F.S.](#)

policies,<sup>47</sup> or be based on theories suggesting that systemic racism, sexism, oppression, and privilege are inherent in the institutions of the United States and were created to perpetuate inequality.<sup>48</sup>

### **Auxiliary Services**

“Auxiliary enterprises” includes activities that directly or indirectly provide a product or a service, or both, to a university or its students, faculty, or staff and for which a charge is made.<sup>49</sup> These auxiliary enterprises are business activities of a university which require no support from the General Revenue Fund, and include activities such as housing, bookstores, student health services, continuing education programs, food services, college stores, operation of vending machines, specialty shops, day care centers, golf courses, student activities programs, data center operations, and intercollegiate athletics programs.<sup>50</sup>

Under current BOG regulation<sup>51</sup>, each auxiliary service is an individual entity and is accounted for as such. A service may be operated by the institution or by a private contractor under the institution’s supervision. Under either arrangement, all pertinent institutional revenues and costs are assigned to the auxiliary service.

A uniform system of financial reporting is required for auxiliary services within the SUS. Each institution may determine whether its auxiliary services will be self-supporting on an individual or collective basis, except for athletics, which must be a self-supporting entity. The use of unreserved cash from a non-athletic auxiliary may be considered for athletics by the UBOT and approved by the BOG, which will consider this on a case by case basis, taking into consideration the unique facts and circumstances surrounding each situation. The university administration must provide, at a minimum, the following information to the UBOT for its consideration, and subsequently to the BOG, so that a transparent and informed decision can be made:

- The specific non-athletic auxiliary the funds are coming from, the amount of the proposed transfer, and the amount of reserves available.
- Justification that the use of unreserved cash from the non-athletic auxiliary will benefit the broader student body or campus community.
- If the supporting non-athletic auxiliary has outstanding debt, verification that the funds to be used are unreserved cash balances and that sufficient current revenues exist to cover all expenditures, including, but not limited to, debt service payments, and required reserves.
- Assurance by the university, with concurrence of the Division of Bond Finance, that such transfer does not violate any bond covenants.
- In the event the non-athletic auxiliary revenues to be transferred include student fees or payments, documentation that a disclosure has been made to students that non-athletic auxiliary revenues which include student fees or payments will be transferred to athletics.

Revenues for auxiliary services must not be provided from general revenue supported budget entities except in payment of goods and/or services. Provided, however, auxiliary services may

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<sup>47</sup> Section 1000.05, F.S.

<sup>48</sup> Section 1007.25(3), F.S.

<sup>49</sup> FLA. CONST. art III, s. 19(f)(3).

<sup>50</sup> Section [1011.47\(1\), F.S.](#)

<sup>51</sup> Board of Governors Regulation 9.013

be housed in buildings that are financed from other sources. Proposed expenditures from the various auxiliary funds must be reflected in annual budgets filed with the Board of Governors.

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

#### **Financial Disclosure**

This bill amends s. 112.3144, F.S., to require each citizen member of the Board of Governors (BOG) to annually file a full and public disclosure of his or her financial interests beginning on January 1, 2026.

#### **Board Appointments, Terms, and Residency Requirements**

The bill creates s. 20.701, F.S., to establish residency requirements for members of a state university board of trustees (UBOT) and the BOG. Specifically, the bill requires each member of a UBOT to be a United States citizen and either a resident of Florida or a graduate of the university overseen by the board. Each member of the BOG must be a United States citizen and either a resident of Florida or a graduate of a state university. The bill provides that the office of any member who does not meet the requirements is automatically deemed vacant.

The bill amends s. 1001.01, F.S., to establish term limits for members of the State Board of Education (SBE). Members may serve only two four-year terms, and the chair may serve only a single two-year term.

The bill amends s. 1001.61, F.S., to authorize Florida College System (FCS) institution board of trustees (BOT) members to be reappointed by the Governor for one additional four-year term, not to exceed eight consecutive years of service. BOT members are authorized to continue to serve until a successor is appointed. The bill also authorizes the BOT chair to serve a single two-year term.

The bill amends s. 1001.70, F.S., to specify that appointed members of the BOG may serve only a single seven-year term, and that each member appointed by the Governor must be a resident of the state.

The bill amends s. 1001.71, F.S., to specify that appointed members of a state university board of trustees (UBOT) may be reappointed for one additional five-year term, not to exceed 10 consecutive years of service. The bill removes the exemption of UBOT members from state residency requirements. The bill removes diversity from consideration when appointing members and deletes obsolete language. An appointed UBOT member is authorized to continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

#### **Presidential Search and Selection**

The bill amends s. 1001.64, F.S., to clarify that the SBE does not have the authority to approve or confirm an FCS BOT's appointment, reappointment, suspension, or contract extension of a president. The BOT chair is required to appoint a presidential search committee when selecting a permanent president. The search committee must include at least two BOT members and may include representatives from the institution's faculty, student body, foundation board, financing

corporation board (if applicable), alumni, donors, and community members. Individuals who report directly to the president, the Commissioner of Education, and members of the SBE are prohibited from serving on the committee. The permanent president appointed by the BOT must be recommended by the search committee. The bill authorizes an FCS presidential contract to be renewed for a term exceeding one year, up to the original contact term length.

The bill amends s. 1001.706, F.S., to exclude the university president from the personnel program established by the BOG for all other university employees. It requires a UBOT to select and reappoint the university president and requires the UBOT chair to appoint a presidential search committee when selecting a permanent president. The committee must include 15 members, at least three of whom must be UBOT members, and may include representatives from the university's faculty, student body, foundation board, financing corporation board (if applicable), alumni, donors, and community members. Individuals who report directly to the president, the Chancellor of the State University System, and members of the BOG are prohibited from serving on the committee. The permanent president selected by the UBOT must be recommended by the search committee. The bill also eliminates the requirement that the BOG confirm or acknowledge a UBOT's selection or reappointment of a president. The bill authorizes a state university presidential contract to be renewed for a term exceeding one year, up to the original contract term length.

### **Textbook, Instructional Material, and Course Syllabus Affordability and Transparency**

The bill amends s. 1004.085, F.S., to define the terms "syllabus" or "syllabi" to mean the course syllabus or syllabi developed by the instructor assigned to the course, and defines "term" to include the fall, spring, and summer terms. The bill specifies that the lists of required and recommended textbooks and instructional materials must include materials that are no-cost or open access and must include a unique identifier, if available, and must include any relevant information necessary to identify the specific resource.

The lists must be, to the maximum extent possible, based on instructor-submitted list and, in addition to current requirements, must be searchable by general education status and course section; and include the duration of any access license allowing access to the textbook or instructional material for which students must purchase or pay for access.

The bill also requires course syllabi to be current and posted in the same location as the textbook and instructional materials at least 10 business days before the start of the term. The bill specifies that individualized courses, such as directed individual studies, thesis, dissertation defense, and performance, are exempt from posting the syllabi. Each syllabus must include the course curriculum; required and recommended materials (regardless of cost or open-access status); specific course goals, objectives, and student expectations; and details on how student performance will be evaluated, including grading scale and methodology.

### **Public Records Exemption**

The bill amends s. 1004.098, F.S., defining a "final group of applicants" as no fewer than three applicants who will receive final consideration for president of a state university or FCS

institution, thereby establishing the threshold for when applicant information becomes subject to public disclosure under Florida's open records laws.

### **Candidate Polling**

The bill amends s. 1001.706, F.S., prohibiting state universities from conducting candidate polling activities related to candidates for any federal, state, or local office. However, the bill permits state universities to conduct survey research to measure opinions and inform the public about social, political, and economic issues unrelated to candidate preference.

### **Public Education Capital Outlay**

The bill amends s. 1001.706, F.S., removing the requirement that funds for Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) projects be reserved in escrow accounts specific to each individual project.

### **State University Admission Criteria**

The bill amends s. 1001.706, F.S., requiring the BOG to review admission criteria, in addition to academic programs, during its review of each university's mission. The bill expands the directive to universities by including admission criteria, not just curriculum, when identifying violations or content based on certain prohibited theories. Additionally, each state university must publicly post program admission criteria on its website to assist with the BOG's review.

### **Required Courses**

The bill amends s. 1007.25, F.S., prohibiting FCS institutions and state universities from requiring a course for graduation that distorts significant historical events or includes prohibited content, such as teaching identity politics or theories that systemic racism, sexism, oppression, and privilege are inherent in United States institutions. This aligns with existing restrictions placed on general education core courses, which are similarly prohibited from including such content.

### **Auxiliary Services**

The bill amends s. 1011.47, F.S., authorizing each UBOT to determine whether its auxiliary services, including intercollegiate athletics, will be self-supporting individually or collectively. The bill also authorizes UBOTs to approve the transfer of unreserved cash from one auxiliary enterprise to support another, as long as the transfer does not reduce necessary revenues to cover expenses, violate bond covenants, or impact debt service payments and required reserves. All such transfers are required to be reported to the BOG annually. The bill provides a sunset date of June 30, 2030.

The bill is effective July 1, 2025.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

## A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

## B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

## C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

## D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

## E. Other Constitutional Issues:

The bill imposes residency and term limitations on members of the Board of Governors (BOG). Specifically, the bill requires each BOG member to be a Florida resident, and limits BOG members to a single seven-year term. Art. IX, s. 7(d) of the Florida Constitution establishes the BOG of the State University System (SUS). The only qualification in the Constitution for a member of the BOG is that the member must be dedicated to the purposes of the SUS. This section of the Constitution does not provide for or consider a residency requirement. Additionally, while the Constitution establishes the staggered terms of seven years for BOG members, it does not specify term limits.

The bill also imposes term limitations on members of a state university board of trustees (BOT). The bill requires that appointed members may be reappointed for one additional term, not to exceed 10 years of consecutive service. Art. IX, s. 7(c) of the Florida Constitution establishes each university BOT—its membership and staggered terms of five years. The Constitution does not specify a limit to the number of terms a BOT member may serve.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

## A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

## B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

The bill does not have a fiscal impact on state revenues or expenditures. However, the bill may provide additional flexibility to institutions by authorizing:

- Florida College System (FCS) institutions and state universities to reserve Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) funds in an escrow not specific to each individual project.
- Each university board of trustees (UBOT) to approve the transfer of unreserved cash from one auxiliary enterprise to support another, as long as the transfer does not reduce necessary revenues to cover expenses, violate bond covenants, or impact debt service payments and required reserves.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 112.3144, 1001.01, 1001.61, 1001.64, 1001.70, 1001.706, 1001.71, 1004.085, 1007.25, and 1011.47.

The bill creates section 20.701 of Florida Statutes.

This bill repeals section 1004.098 of the Florida Statutes.

**IX. Additional Information:****A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

**CS by Appropriations Committee on Higher Education on April 10, 2025:**

The committee substitute maintains provisions from the bill with modifications. The amendment removes from the bill the following:

- Use of search committees for interim presidential appointments.
- Inclusion of “supplemental” materials and cost requirements related to textbook and instructional materials affordability and transparency.
- The repeal of the public records exemption for state university and Florida College System (FCS) institution presidential applicants.

The committee substitute also includes the following new provisions:

- Requires members of state university boards of trustees (BOT) and the Board of Governors (BOG) to be US citizens, but provides a residency exemption for members of a state university BOT or the BOG who are graduates of a state university.



- Authorizes FCS institution and state university presidential contracts to be renewed for a term exceeding one year, up to the original contract terms.
- Prohibits state universities from conducting candidate polling activities but permits them to survey public opinion on non-candidate issues.
- Requires the BOG to review both admission criteria and academic programs during university mission reviews and evaluations of violations of prohibited content.
- Removes escrow account requirement for Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) project funds.
- Modifies requirements for textbook and instructional materials transparency and includes requirements for no-cost, open access materials.
- Requires that course syllabi be posted at least 10 days before the term begins, with certain exceptions.
- Defines the term “final group of applicants” to mean no fewer than three applicants who will receive final consideration for president of a state university or FCS institution.
- Prohibits FCS institutions and state universities from requiring a course with specified prohibited content for graduation.
- Authorizes each state university board of trustees to decide if auxiliary services must be self-supporting individually or collectively, and authorizes cash transfers with conditions.

**B. Amendments:**

None.



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The Appropriations Committee on Higher Education (Calatayud) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 20.701, Florida Statutes, is created to  
read:

20.701 Residency requirements.—Notwithstanding any other  
law:

(1) Effective January 6, 2027, each member of a state  
university board of trustees must be a United States citizen and



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11 either a resident of this state or a graduate of the university,  
12 the administration of which is overseen by the board. The office  
13 of any member who does not meet the requirements of this  
14 subsection is automatically deemed vacant.

15 (2) Effective January 6, 2027, each member of the Board of  
16 Governors must be a United States citizen and either a resident  
17 of this state or a graduate of a state university, as defined in  
18 s. 1000.21. The office of any member of the Board of Governors  
19 who does not meet the requirements of this subsection is  
20 automatically deemed vacant.

21 Section 2. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (1) of  
22 section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, to read:

23 112.3144 Full and public disclosure of financial  
24 interests.-

25 (1)

26 (f) Beginning January 1, 2026, each citizen member of the  
27 Board of Governors of the State University System must comply  
28 with the financial disclosure requirements of this section and  
29 s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution.

30 Section 3. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 1001.01,  
31 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

32 1001.01 State Board of Education; generally.-

33 (1) The State Board of Education is established as a body  
34 corporate. The state board shall be a citizen board consisting  
35 of seven members who are residents of the state appointed by the  
36 Governor to staggered 4-year terms, subject to confirmation by  
37 the Senate. Members of the state board shall serve without  
38 compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement of travel  
39 and per diem expenses in accordance with s. 112.061. Members may



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40 only serve two ~~be reappointed by the Governor for additional~~  
41 ~~terms not to exceed 8 years of consecutive service.~~

42 (2) The State Board of Education shall select a chair and a  
43 vice chair from its appointed members. The chair shall serve a  
44 single 2-year term ~~and may be reselected for one additional~~  
45 ~~consecutive term.~~

46 Section 4. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 1001.61,  
47 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

48 1001.61 Florida College System institution boards of  
49 trustees; membership.—

50 (2) Trustees shall be appointed by the Governor to  
51 staggered 4-year terms, subject to confirmation by the Senate in  
52 regular session. A trustee may continue to serve until a  
53 successor is appointed. Trustees may be reappointed by the  
54 Governor for one additional term, not to exceed 8 consecutive  
55 years of service.

56 (4) At its first regular meeting after July 1 of each year,  
57 each Florida College System institution board of trustees shall  
58 organize by electing a chair, whose duty as such is to preside  
59 at all meetings of the board, to call special meetings thereof,  
60 and to attest to actions of the board, and a vice chair, whose  
61 duty as such is to act as chair during the absence or disability  
62 of the elected chair. It is the further duty of the chair of  
63 each board of trustees to notify the Governor, in writing,  
64 whenever a board member fails to attend three consecutive  
65 regular board meetings in any one fiscal year, which absences  
66 may be grounds for removal. The chair shall serve a single 2-  
67 year term.

68 Section 5. Subsection (19) of section 1001.64, Florida



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69 Statutes, is amended to read:

70 1001.64 Florida College System institution boards of  
71 trustees; powers and duties.—

72 (19) Each board of trustees shall appoint, suspend, or  
73 remove the president of the Florida College System institution.  
74 Such appointments, reappointments, suspensions, and extensions  
75 of a president, including associated contracts, are not subject  
76 to approval or confirmation by the State Board of Education. In  
77 appointing a permanent president, the chair of the institution's  
78 board of trustees shall appoint a presidential search committee.  
79 The presidential search committee shall be composed of at least  
80 two members of the board of trustees and may include persons  
81 from the institution's faculty, student body, foundation board,  
82 financing corporation board, if applicable, alumni, donors, and  
83 members from the community the institution serves. However, none  
84 of the persons appointed to serve on the presidential search  
85 committee may hold positions that report directly to the  
86 president. The Commissioner of Education or a member of the  
87 State Board of Education may not serve on a presidential search  
88 committee. The permanent president appointed by the  
89 institution's board of trustees must be recommended by the  
90 presidential search committee ~~The board of trustees may appoint~~  
91 ~~a search committee.~~ The board of trustees shall conduct annual  
92 evaluations of the president in accordance with rules of the  
93 State Board of Education and submit such evaluations to the  
94 State Board of Education for review. The evaluation must address  
95 the achievement of the performance goals established by the  
96 accountability process implemented pursuant to s. 1008.45. A  
97 presidential contract may be renewed for a term exceeding 1



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98 year, but not exceeding the term of the original contract.

99 Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 1001.70, Florida  
100 Statutes, is amended to read:

101 1001.70 Board of Governors of the State University System.-

102 (1) Pursuant to s. 7(d), Art. IX of the State Constitution,  
103 the Board of Governors is established as a body corporate  
104 composed ~~comprised~~ of 17 members as follows: 14 citizen members  
105 appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate;  
106 the Commissioner of Education; the chair of the advisory council  
107 of faculty senates or the equivalent; and the president of the  
108 Florida student association or the equivalent. The appointed  
109 members may only shall ~~serve a single staggered~~ 7-year term  
110 ~~terms. In order to achieve staggered terms, beginning July 1,~~  
111 ~~2003, of the initial appointments, 4 members shall serve 2-year~~  
112 ~~terms, 5 members shall serve 3-year terms, and 5 members shall~~  
113 ~~serve 7-year terms.~~

114 Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5), paragraph (a)  
115 of subsection (6), and paragraph (c) of subsection (12) of  
116 section 1001.706, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph  
117 (k) is added to subsection (3) of that section, to read:

118 1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.-

119 (3) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO ORGANIZATION AND  
120 OPERATION OF STATE UNIVERSITIES.-

121 (k) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations  
122 prohibiting universities that conduct public opinion survey  
123 research from polling activities related to candidates for any  
124 federal, state, or local office. A university may conduct survey  
125 research to measure opinions and inform the public about social,  
126 political, and economic issues unrelated to candidate



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127 preference.

128 (5) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO ACCOUNTABILITY.—

129 (a)1. The Legislature intends that the Board of Governors  
130 shall align the missions of each constituent university with the  
131 academic success of its students; the existing and emerging  
132 economic development needs of the state; the national reputation  
133 of its faculty and its academic and research programs; the  
134 quantity of externally generated research, patents, and  
135 licenses; and the strategic and accountability plans required in  
136 paragraphs (b) and (c). The Board of Governors shall  
137 periodically review the mission of each constituent university  
138 and make updates or revisions as needed. Upon completion of a  
139 review of the mission, the board shall review existing academic  
140 programs, including admission criteria, for alignment with the  
141 mission. The board shall include in its review a directive to  
142 each constituent university regarding its programs for any  
143 curriculum or admission criteria that violates s. 1000.05 or  
144 that is based on theories that systemic racism, sexism,  
145 oppression, and privilege are inherent in the institutions of  
146 the United States and were created to maintain social,  
147 political, and economic inequities. The mission alignment and  
148 strategic plan must consider peer institutions at the  
149 constituent universities. The mission alignment and strategic  
150 plan must acknowledge that universities that have a national and  
151 international impact have the greatest capacity to promote the  
152 state's economic development through: new discoveries, patents,  
153 licenses, and technologies that generate state businesses of  
154 global importance; research achievements through external grants  
155 and contracts that are comparable to nationally recognized and



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156 ranked universities; the creation of a resource rich academic  
157 environment that attracts high-technology business and venture  
158 capital to the state; and this generation's finest minds  
159 focusing on solving the state's economic, social, environmental,  
160 and legal problems in the areas of life sciences, water,  
161 sustainability, energy, and health care. A nationally recognized  
162 and ranked university that has a global perspective and impact  
163 must be afforded the opportunity to enable and protect the  
164 university's competitiveness on the global stage in fair  
165 competition with other institutions of other states in the  
166 highest Carnegie Classification.

167 2. To assist the Board of Governors in its review of  
168 admission criteria, each constituent university shall post  
169 program admission criteria on its website.

170 (6) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO PERSONNEL.—

171 (a) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, shall  
172 establish the personnel program for all employees of a state  
173 university, except the president. The board of trustees of a  
174 state university shall select and reappoint the university  
175 president. In appointing a permanent president, the chair of the  
176 university board of trustees shall appoint a presidential search  
177 committee. The presidential search committee shall be composed  
178 of 15 members, of whom at least three must be members of the  
179 board of trustees, and may include persons from the university's  
180 faculty, the student body, the university's foundation board,  
181 the university's financing corporation board, if applicable,  
182 alumni, donors, and members from the community in which the  
183 university serves. However, none of the persons appointed to  
184 serve on the presidential search committee may hold positions





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185 that report directly to the president. The Chancellor of the  
186 State University System or a member of the Board of Governors  
187 may not serve on the presidential search committee. The  
188 permanent president selected by the board of trustees must have  
189 been recommended by the presidential search committee.

190 Selections, reappointments, and extensions of a president,  
191 including associated contracts, are not subject to approval or  
192 confirmation by the Board of Governors. A presidential contract  
193 may be renewed for a term exceeding 1 year, but not exceeding  
194 the term of the original contract. ~~The Board of Governors shall~~  
195 ~~confirm the presidential selection and reappointment by a~~  
196 ~~university board of trustees as a means of acknowledging that~~  
197 ~~system cooperation is expected.~~

198 (12) PUBLIC EDUCATION CAPITAL OUTLAY.—The Board of  
199 Governors shall submit the prioritized list as required by s.  
200 1013.64(4). Projects considered for prioritization shall be  
201 chosen from a preliminary selection group which shall include  
202 the list of projects maintained pursuant to paragraph (d) and  
203 the top two priorities of each state university.

204 (c) A new construction, remodeling, or renovation project  
205 that has not received an appropriation in a previous year may  
206 ~~shall~~ not be considered for inclusion on the prioritized list  
207 required by s. 1013.64(4), unless:

208 1. A plan is provided to reserve funds in an escrow  
209 account, ~~specific to the project,~~ into which shall be deposited  
210 each year an amount of funds equal to 1 percent of the total  
211 value of the building for future maintenance;

212 2. There exists sufficient capacity within the cash and  
213 bonding estimate of funds by the Revenue Estimating Conference



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214 to accommodate the project within the 3-year Public Education  
215 Capital Outlay funding cycle; and

216 3. The project has been recommended pursuant to s. 1013.31.  
217 Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 1001.71, Florida  
218 Statutes, is amended to read:

219 1001.71 University boards of trustees; membership.—

220 (1) Pursuant to s. 7(c), Art. IX of the State Constitution,  
221 each local constituent university shall be administered by a  
222 university board of trustees composed ~~comprised~~ of 13 members as  
223 follows: 6 citizen members appointed by the Governor subject to  
224 confirmation by the Senate; 5 citizen members appointed by the  
225 Board of Governors subject to confirmation by the Senate; the  
226 chair of the faculty senate or the equivalent; and the president  
227 of the student body of the university. The appointed members  
228 shall serve staggered 5-year terms. Appointed members may be  
229 reappointed for one additional term, not to exceed 10 years of  
230 consecutive service. ~~In order to achieve staggered terms,~~  
231 ~~beginning July 1, 2003, of the initial appointments by the~~  
232 ~~Governor, 2 members shall serve 2-year terms, 3 members shall~~  
233 ~~serve 3-year terms, and 1 member shall serve a 5-year term and~~  
234 ~~of the initial appointments by the Board of Governors, 2 members~~  
235 ~~shall serve 2-year terms, 2 members shall serve 3-year terms,~~  
236 ~~and 1 member shall serve a 5-year term. There shall be no state~~  
237 ~~residency requirement for university board members, but The~~  
238 Governor and the Board of Governors shall consider ~~diversity and~~  
239 regional representation when appointing members. An appointed  
240 board member may continue to serve until a successor is  
241 appointed. ~~Beginning July 2, 2020,~~ For purposes of this  
242 subsection, regional representation includes ~~shall include~~ the



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243 chair of a campus board established pursuant to s. 1004.341.  
244 Section 9. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 1004.085,  
245 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:  
246 1004.085 Textbook and instructional materials affordability  
247 and transparency.—  
248 (1) As used in this section, the term:  
249 (a) ~~The term~~ "Instructional materials" means educational  
250 materials for use within a course which may be available in  
251 printed or digital format.  
252 (b) "Syllabus" or "syllabi" means the course syllabus or  
253 syllabi developed by the instructor assigned to the course.  
254 (c) "Term" includes the fall, spring, and summer terms.  
255 (5) (a) Each Florida College System institution and state  
256 university shall post prominently in the course registration  
257 system and on its website a hyperlink to lists of required and  
258 recommended textbooks and instructional materials for at least  
259 95 percent of all courses and course sections offered at the  
260 institution during the upcoming term. The lists must include the  
261 International Standard Book Number (ISBN) for each required and  
262 recommended textbook and instructional material or other  
263 identifying information, which must include, at a minimum, all  
264 of the following: the title, all authors listed, publishers,  
265 edition number, copyright date, published date, and other  
266 relevant information necessary to identify the specific  
267 textbooks or instructional materials required and recommended  
268 for each course. The lists must include those materials that are  
269 open access or an open educational resource for which there is  
270 no cost, must include a unique identifier, if available, and  
271 must include any relevant information necessary to identify the



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272 specific resource. The State Board of Education and the Board of  
273 Governors shall include in the policies, procedures, and  
274 guidelines adopted under subsection (6) certain limited  
275 exceptions to this notification requirement for classes added  
276 after the notification deadline.

277 (b) The lists of required and recommended textbooks and  
278 instructional materials required in paragraph (a) must be, to  
279 the maximum extent possible, based on a list submitted by the  
280 instructor and must:

281 1. Be posted as early as is feasible but at least 45 days  
282 before the first day of class for each term.

283 2. Remain posted for at least 5 academic years.

284 3. Be searchable by the general education status, the  
285 course subject, the course section, the course number, the  
286 course title, the name of the instructor of the course, the  
287 title of each assigned textbook or instructional material, and  
288 each author of an assigned textbook or instructional material.

289 4. Include the duration of any license allowing access to  
290 the textbook or instructional material for which students must  
291 purchase or pay for access.

292 5.4. Be easily downloadable by current and prospective  
293 students.

294 (c) To maximize informed student choice, courses ~~If a~~  
295 ~~course~~ subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) must include the  
296 current is a general education core course option identified  
297 ~~pursuant to s. 1007.25,~~ course syllabi posted in the same  
298 location as the postings of required and recommended textbooks  
299 and instructional materials at least 10 business days before the  
300 start of the term. Individualized courses, such as directed



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301 individual studies, thesis, dissertation defense, and  
302 performance, are exempt from this requirement. Each syllabus  
303 must contain syllabi information containing sufficient detail to  
304 inform students of all of the following ~~must be included:~~

305 1. The course curriculum, including the required and  
306 recommended textbooks and instructional materials regardless of  
307 cost or whether the materials are open access or an open  
308 educational resource.

309 2. Specific ~~The~~ goals, objectives, and student expectations  
310 of the course.

311 3. How student performance will be evaluated, including the  
312 grading scale and methodology measured.

313 Section 10. Subsection (15) is added to section 1007.25,  
314 Florida Statutes, to read:

315 1007.25 General education courses; common prerequisites;  
316 other degree requirements.—

317 (15) A Florida College System institution or state  
318 university may not impose an institution-wide or university-wide  
319 graduation requirement that includes a course in conflict with  
320 paragraph (3) (c).

321 Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 1011.47, Florida  
322 Statutes, is amended to read:

323 1011.47 Auxiliary enterprises; contracts, grants, and  
324 donations.—As used in s. 19(f) (3), Art. III of the State  
325 Constitution, the term:

326 (1) (a) "Auxiliary enterprises" includes activities that  
327 directly or indirectly provide a product or a service, or both,  
328 to a university or its students, faculty, or staff and for which  
329 a charge is made. These auxiliary enterprises are business



330 activities of a university which require no support from the  
331 General Revenue Fund, and include activities such as housing,  
332 bookstores, student health services, continuing education  
333 programs, food services, college stores, operation of vending  
334 machines, specialty shops, day care centers, golf courses,  
335 student activities programs, data center operations, and  
336 intercollegiate athletics programs.

337 (b) Each university board of trustees may determine whether  
338 its auxiliary enterprises, including intercollegiate athletics  
339 programs, will be self-supporting on an individual or collective  
340 basis. A university board of trustees may approve the transfer  
341 of unreserved cash from one auxiliary enterprise to support  
342 another auxiliary enterprise as long as such transfer does not  
343 reduce revenues necessary to cover all expenditures of the  
344 auxiliary enterprise, violate any bond covenants, or impact debt  
345 service payments and required reserves. Transfers made under  
346 this paragraph must be reported to the Board of Governors  
347 annually. This paragraph expires June 30, 2030.

348 Section 12. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
349 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
350 becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

351  
352 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

353 And the title is amended as follows:

354 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
355 and insert:

356 A bill to be entitled  
357 An act relating to higher education; creating s.  
358 20.701, F.S.; requiring members of a state university



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359 board of trustees and members of the Board of  
360 Governors to be United States citizens and either  
361 residents of this state or graduates of a state  
362 university beginning on a specified date; providing  
363 that specified offices are deemed vacant under certain  
364 circumstances; amending s. 112.3144, F.S.; requiring  
365 certain members of the Board of Governors to comply  
366 with specified financial disclosure requirements  
367 beginning on a specified date; amending s. 1001.01,  
368 F.S.; revising term limits for members and the chair  
369 of the State Board of Education; amending s. 1001.61,  
370 F.S.; providing term limits for members and the chairs  
371 of the Florida College System institution boards of  
372 trustees; authorizing trustees to serve until the  
373 appointment of a successor; amending s. 1001.64, F.S.;  
374 providing that certain actions related to the  
375 president of a Florida College System institution are  
376 not subject to approval by the State Board of  
377 Education; requiring that a presidential search  
378 committee be appointed to make the appointment of such  
379 president; providing requirements for such committee;  
380 requiring that such president be recommended by the  
381 committee; authorizing the renewal of a presidential  
382 contract for a specified period; amending s. 1001.70,  
383 F.S.; providing term limits for appointed members of  
384 the Board of Governors; amending s. 1001.706, F.S.;  
385 requiring the Board of Governors to adopt regulations  
386 regarding state university public opinion survey  
387 research; requiring the Board of Governors to review



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388 the admission criteria of state universities;  
389 requiring that state university program admission  
390 criteria be posted on state university websites;  
391 providing that the president of a state university is  
392 appointed by the university board of trustees;  
393 requiring that a presidential search committee be  
394 appointed to make the appointment of such president;  
395 providing requirements for such committee; requiring  
396 that such president be recommended by the committee;  
397 authorizing the renewal of a presidential contract for  
398 a specified period; deleting a requirement that the  
399 Board of Governors confirm the selection and  
400 reappointment of such president; revising the  
401 requirements for certain state university capital  
402 outlay projects to be included on a specified list;  
403 amending s. 1001.71, F.S.; providing term limits for  
404 appointed members of university boards of trustees;  
405 deleting obsolete language and a certain consideration  
406 for appointed members; authorizing appointed members  
407 to serve until a successor is appointed; amending s.  
408 1004.085, F.S.; defining the terms "syllabus" or  
409 "syllabi" and "term"; adding certain materials to  
410 lists of textbooks and instructional materials;  
411 requiring that the current syllabi for specified  
412 courses be posted as a hyperlink in a specified system  
413 and include specified information; amending s.  
414 1007.25, F.S.; prohibiting a Florida College System  
415 institution or state university from imposing a  
416 certain graduation requirement; amending s. 1011.47,





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417 F.S.; authorizing a university board of trustees to  
418 approve the transfer of unreserved cash from one  
419 auxiliary enterprise to support another auxiliary  
420 enterprise under certain conditions; providing  
421 effective dates.



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The Appropriations Committee on Higher Education (Calatayud) recommended the following:

1           **Senate Amendment to Amendment (261990) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Between lines 312 and 313  
5 insert:

6           Section 10. Present subsections (1), (2), and (3) of  
7 section 1004.098, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
8 subsections (2), (3), and (4), respectively, a new subsection  
9 (1) is added to that section, and paragraph (a) of present  
10 subsection (2) of that section is amended, to read:



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11           1004.098 Applicants for president of a state university or  
12 Florida College System institution; public records exemption;  
13 public meetings exemption.—

14           (1) For the purposes of this section, the term "final group  
15 of applicants" means no fewer than three applicants who will  
16 receive final consideration for president of a state university  
17 or Florida College System institution.

18           (3) (a) ~~(2) (a)~~ Any portion of a meeting held for the purpose  
19 of identifying or vetting applicants for president of a state  
20 university or a Florida College System institution, including  
21 any portion of a meeting which would disclose personal  
22 identifying information of such applicants which is otherwise  
23 confidential and exempt under subsection (2) ~~(1)~~, is exempt from  
24 s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution.

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26 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

27 And the title is amended as follows:

28           Delete line 413

29 and insert:

30           and include specified information; amending s.  
31           1004.098, F.S.; defining the term "final group of  
32           applicants"; amending s.

By Senator Calatayud

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1 A bill to be entitled  
 2 An act relating to higher education; amending s.  
 3 112.3144, F.S.; requiring certain members of the Board  
 4 of Governors to comply with specified financial  
 5 disclosure requirements beginning on a date certain;  
 6 amending s. 1001.01, F.S.; revising term limits for  
 7 members and the chair of the State Board of Education;  
 8 amending s. 1001.61, F.S.; providing term limits for  
 9 members and the chairs of the Florida College System  
 10 institution boards of trustees; amending s. 1001.64,  
 11 F.S.; providing that certain actions related to the  
 12 president of a Florida College System institution are  
 13 not subject to approval by the State Board of  
 14 Education; requiring presidential search committees  
 15 for the appointment such president; providing  
 16 requirements for the committees; requiring that such  
 17 president be recommended by the committee; amending s.  
 18 1001.70, F.S.; requiring appointed members of the  
 19 Board of Governors to be residents of this state;  
 20 providing term limits for appointed members; amending  
 21 s. 1001.706, F.S.; providing that the president of a  
 22 state university is appointed by the university board  
 23 of trustees; requiring presidential search committees  
 24 for the appointment such president; providing  
 25 requirements for the committees; requiring that such  
 26 president be recommended by the committee; deleting a  
 27 requirement that the Board of Governors confirm the  
 28 selection and reappointment of such president;  
 29 amending s. 1001.71, F.S.; providing term limits for

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30 appointed members of university boards of trustees;  
 31 deleting obsolete language and a certain consideration  
 32 for appointed members; amending s. 1004.085, F.S.;  
 33 providing definitions; requiring specified  
 34 supplemental textbooks and instructional materials for  
 35 courses at Florida College System institutions and  
 36 state universities to be included in a specified list;  
 37 revising requirements for such lists; requiring  
 38 certain course syllabi to be posted with textbook and  
 39 instructional materials and include specified  
 40 information; repealing s. 1004.098, F.S., relating to  
 41 applicants for president of a state university or  
 42 Florida College System institution; providing an  
 43 effective date.

44  
 45 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

46  
 47 Section 1. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (1) of  
 48 section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, to read:

49 112.3144 Full and public disclosure of financial  
 50 interests.—

51 (1)

52 (f) Beginning January 1, 2026, each citizen member of the  
 53 Board of Governors of the State University System must comply  
 54 with the financial disclosure requirements of s. 8, Art. II of  
 55 the State Constitution and this section.

56 Section 2. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 1001.01,  
 57 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

58 1001.01 State Board of Education; generally.—

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59 (1) The State Board of Education is established as a body  
60 corporate. The state board shall be a citizen board consisting  
61 of seven members who are residents of the state appointed by the  
62 Governor to staggered 4-year terms, subject to confirmation by  
63 the Senate. Members of the state board shall serve without  
64 compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement of travel  
65 and per diem expenses in accordance with s. 112.061. Members may  
66 only serve two ~~be reappointed by the Governor for additional~~  
67 ~~terms not to exceed 8 years of consecutive service.~~

68 (2) The State Board of Education shall select a chair and a  
69 vice chair from its appointed members. The chair shall serve a  
70 single 2-year term ~~and may be reselected for one additional~~  
71 ~~consecutive term.~~

72 Section 3. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 1001.61,  
73 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

74 1001.61 Florida College System institution boards of  
75 trustees; membership.—

76 (2) Trustees shall be appointed by the Governor to  
77 staggered 4-year terms, subject to confirmation by the Senate in  
78 regular session. Members may be reappointed by the Governor for  
79 one additional term, not to exceed 8 consecutive years of  
80 service.

81 (4) At its first regular meeting after July 1 of each year,  
82 each Florida College System institution board of trustees shall  
83 organize by electing a chair, whose duty as such is to preside  
84 at all meetings of the board, to call special meetings thereof,  
85 and to attest to actions of the board, and a vice chair, whose  
86 duty as such is to act as chair during the absence or disability  
87 of the elected chair. It is the further duty of the chair of

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88 each board of trustees to notify the Governor, in writing,  
89 whenever a board member fails to attend three consecutive  
90 regular board meetings in any one fiscal year, which absences  
91 may be grounds for removal. The chair shall serve a single 2-  
92 year term.

93 Section 4. Subsection (19) of section 1001.64, Florida  
94 Statutes, is amended to read:

95 1001.64 Florida College System institution boards of  
96 trustees; powers and duties.—

97 (19) Each board of trustees shall appoint, suspend, or  
98 remove the president of the Florida College System institution.  
99 Such appointments, reappointments, suspensions, and extensions  
100 of a president, including associated contracts, are not subject  
101 to approval or confirmation by the State Board of Education. In  
102 appointing an interim or a permanent president, the chair of the  
103 institution board of trustees shall appoint a presidential  
104 search committee. The presidential search committee shall  
105 consist of at least two members of the board of trustees and may  
106 include persons from the institution's faculty, the student  
107 body, the institution's foundation board, the institution's  
108 financing corporation board, if applicable, alumni, donors, and  
109 members from the community the institution serves. However, none  
110 of the persons appointed to serve on the presidential search  
111 committee may hold positions that report directly to the  
112 president. The Commissioner of Education or a member of the  
113 State Board of Education may not serve on a presidential search  
114 committee. The interim or permanent president appointed by the  
115 institution board of trustees must be recommended by the  
116 presidential search committee ~~The board of trustees may appoint~~

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117 ~~a search committee.~~ The board of trustees shall conduct annual  
 118 evaluations of the president in accordance with rules of the  
 119 State Board of Education and submit such evaluations to the  
 120 State Board of Education for review. The evaluation must address  
 121 the achievement of the performance goals established by the  
 122 accountability process implemented pursuant to s. 1008.45.

123 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 1001.70, Florida  
 124 Statutes, is amended to read:

125 1001.70 Board of Governors of the State University System.—

126 (1) Pursuant to s. 7(d), Art. IX of the State Constitution,  
 127 the Board of Governors is established as a body corporate  
 128 comprised of 17 members as follows: 14 citizen members appointed  
 129 by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate; the  
 130 Commissioner of Education; the chair of the advisory council of  
 131 faculty senates or the equivalent; and the president of the  
 132 Florida student association or the equivalent. The appointed  
 133 members may only shall serve a single staggered 7-year term.  
 134 Each member appointed by the Governor must be a resident of this  
 135 state terms. In order to achieve staggered terms, beginning July  
 136 1, 2003, of the initial appointments, 4 members shall serve 2-  
 137 year terms, 5 members shall serve 3-year terms, and 5 members  
 138 shall serve 7-year terms.

139 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section  
 140 1001.706, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

141 1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.—

142 (6) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO PERSONNEL.—

143 (a) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, shall  
 144 establish the personnel program for all employees of a state  
 145 university, except the president. The board of trustees of a

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146 state university shall select and reappoint the university  
 147 president. In appointing an interim or permanent president, the  
 148 chair of the university board of trustees shall appoint a  
 149 presidential search committee. The presidential search committee  
 150 shall consist of 15 members consisting of at least three members  
 151 of the board of trustees and may include persons from the  
 152 university's faculty, the student body, the university's  
 153 foundation board, the university's financing corporation board,  
 154 if applicable, alumni, donors, and members from the community in  
 155 which the university serves. However, none of the persons  
 156 appointed to serve on the presidential search committee may hold  
 157 positions that report directly to the president. The Chancellor  
 158 of the State University System or a member of the Board of  
 159 Governors may not serve on the presidential search committee.  
 160 The interim or permanent president selected by the board of  
 161 trustees must have been recommended by the presidential search  
 162 committee. Selections, reappointments, and extensions of a  
 163 president, including associated contracts, are not subject to  
 164 approval or confirmation by the Board of Governors. The Board of  
 165 Governors shall confirm the presidential selection and  
 166 reappointment by a university board of trustees as a means of  
 167 acknowledging that system cooperation is expected.

168 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 1001.71, Florida  
 169 Statutes, is amended to read:

170 1001.71 University boards of trustees; membership.—

171 (1) Pursuant to s. 7(c), Art. IX of the State Constitution,  
 172 each local constituent university shall be administered by a  
 173 university board of trustees comprised of 13 members as follows:  
 174 6 citizen members appointed by the Governor subject to

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175 confirmation by the Senate; 5 citizen members appointed by the  
 176 Board of Governors subject to confirmation by the Senate; the  
 177 chair of the faculty senate or the equivalent; and the president  
 178 of the student body of the university. The appointed members  
 179 shall serve staggered 5-year terms. Appointed members may be  
 180 reappointed for one additional term, not to exceed 10 years of  
 181 consecutive service. ~~In order to achieve staggered terms,~~  
 182 ~~beginning July 1, 2003, of the initial appointments by the~~  
 183 ~~Governor, 2 members shall serve 2-year terms, 3 members shall~~  
 184 ~~serve 3-year terms, and 1 member shall serve a 5-year term and~~  
 185 ~~of the initial appointments by the Board of Governors, 2 members~~  
 186 ~~shall serve 2 year terms, 2 members shall serve 3 year terms,~~  
 187 ~~and 1 member shall serve a 5-year term.~~ There shall be no state  
 188 residency requirement for university board members, but the  
 189 Governor and the Board of Governors shall consider ~~diversity and~~  
 190 regional representation when appointing members. ~~Beginning July~~  
 191 ~~2, 2020,~~ For purposes of this subsection, regional  
 192 representation shall include the chair of a campus board  
 193 established pursuant to s. 1004.341.

194 Section 8. Subsections (1) and (5) and paragraphs (a) and  
 195 (d) of subsection (6) of section 1004.085, Florida Statutes, are  
 196 amended to read:

197 1004.085 Textbook and instructional materials affordability  
 198 and transparency.—

199 (1) As used in this section, the term:

200 (a) The term "Instructional materials" means educational  
 201 materials for use within a course which may be available in  
 202 printed or digital format.

203 (b) "Syllabus" or "syllabi" means the course syllabus or

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204 syllabi developed by the instructor assigned to the course.  
 205 (c) "Term" includes the fall, spring, and summer terms.  
 206 (5) (a) Each Florida College System institution and state  
 207 university shall post prominently in the course registration  
 208 system and on its website a hyperlink to lists of required, ~~and~~  
 209 recommended, and supplemental textbooks and instructional  
 210 materials, including those that are open access or an open  
 211 educational resource or for which there is no cost, for at least  
 212 95 percent of all courses and course sections offered at the  
 213 institution during the upcoming term. The lists must include the  
 214 International Standard Book Number (ISBN) or a unique identifier  
 215 for each required, ~~and~~ recommended, and supplemental textbook  
 216 and instructional material and ~~or~~ other identifying information,  
 217 which must include, at a minimum, all of the following: the  
 218 title, all authors listed, publishers, edition number, copyright  
 219 date, published date, and other relevant information necessary  
 220 to identify the specific textbooks or instructional materials  
 221 required, and recommended, and supplemental for each course. The  
 222 State Board of Education and the Board of Governors shall  
 223 include in the policies, procedures, and guidelines adopted  
 224 under subsection (6) certain limited exceptions to this  
 225 notification requirement for classes added after the  
 226 notification deadline.  
 227 (b) The lists of required, ~~and~~ recommended, and  
 228 supplemental textbooks and instructional materials required in  
 229 paragraph (a) must be based on a list submitted by the  
 230 instructor and:  
 231 1. Be posted as early as is feasible but at least 45 days  
 232 before the first day of class for each term.

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- 233 2. Remain posted for at least 5 academic years.
- 234 3. Be searchable by the general education status, the  
 235 course subject, the course section, the course number, the  
 236 course title, the name of the instructor of the course, the  
 237 title of each assigned textbook or instructional material, and  
 238 each author of an assigned textbook or instructional material.
- 239 4. Include the duration of any license allowing access to  
 240 the textbook or instructional material.
- 241 5. Provide cost comparisons between bulk pricing, if such  
 242 textbooks and materials are offered in bulk or as part of a  
 243 package, and purchasing such textbooks and materials separately.
- 244 6. Identify the lowest cost option for each textbook and  
 245 instructional material.
- 246 ~~7.4.~~ Be easily downloadable by current and prospective  
 247 students.
- 248 (c) To maximize informed student choice, courses ~~if a~~  
 249 course subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) must include the  
 250 current is a general education core course option identified  
 251 pursuant to s. 1007.25, course syllabi posted in the same  
 252 location as the postings of required, recommended, and  
 253 supplemental textbooks and instructional materials. Each  
 254 syllabus must contain syllabi information containing sufficient  
 255 detail to inform students of all of the following ~~must be~~  
 256 included:
- 257 1. The course curriculum, including the required,  
 258 recommended, and supplemental textbooks and instructional  
 259 materials regardless of cost or whether the materials are open  
 260 access or open educational resource.
- 261 2. Specific The goals, objectives, and student expectations

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- 262 of the course.
- 263 3. How student performance will be evaluated, including the  
 264 grading scale and methodology measured.
- 265 (6) After receiving input from students, faculty,  
 266 bookstores, and publishers, the State Board of Education and the  
 267 Board of Governors each shall adopt textbook and instructional  
 268 materials affordability policies, procedures, and guidelines for  
 269 implementation by Florida College System institutions and state  
 270 universities, respectively, that further efforts to minimize the  
 271 cost of textbooks and instructional materials for students  
 272 attending such institutions while maintaining the quality of  
 273 education and academic freedom. The policies, procedures, and  
 274 guidelines shall address:
- 275 (a) The establishment of deadlines for an instructor or  
 276 department to notify the bookstore of required, ~~and~~ recommended,  
 277 and supplemental textbooks and instructional materials so that  
 278 the bookstore may verify availability, source lower cost options  
 279 when practicable, explore alternatives with faculty when  
 280 academically appropriate, and maximize the availability of used  
 281 textbooks and instructional materials.
- 282 (d) The availability of required, ~~and~~ recommended, and  
 283 supplemental textbooks and instructional materials to students  
 284 otherwise unable to afford the cost, including consideration of  
 285 the extent to which an open-access textbook or instructional  
 286 material may be used.
- 287 Section 9. Section 1004.098, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
- 288 Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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The Florida Senate

## Committee Agenda Request

**To:** Senator Gayle Harrell, Chair  
Appropriations on Higher Education

**Subject:** Committee Agenda Request

**Date:** March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

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I respectfully request that **Senate Bill #1726**, relating to Higher Education , be placed on the:

- committee agenda at your earliest possible convenience.
- next committee agenda.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexis Calatayud".

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Senator Alexis Calatayud  
Florida Senate, District 38

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Committee on Higher Education

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BILL: CS/SB 1458

INTRODUCER: Education Postsecondary Committee and Senator DiCeglie

SUBJECT: Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Program Funding

DATE: April 10, 2025

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Brick</u>	<u>Bouck</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>Fav/CS</u>
2.	<u>Gray</u>	<u>Elwell</u>	<u>AHE</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
3.	_____	_____	<u>FP</u>	_____

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**Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:**

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

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**I. Summary:**

CS/SB 1458 establishes requirements for partnerships between apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs and local educational agencies (LEAs), enhances financial transparency, and expands reporting requirements for the Department of Education (DOE). Specifically, the bill:

- Expands the DOE’s uniform minimum standards and policies to require equitable and transparent funding arrangements between LEAs and program providers;
- Modifies the annual DOE apprenticeship and preapprenticeship report by revising the publication deadline and expanding reporting requirements related to responsibilities, costs, and administrative workload;
- Requires the DOE to create a standard model contract for use in LEA-provider partnerships, with specific provisions related to roles, responsibilities, funding, and compliance;
- Establishes funding allocation parameters for LEA-provider partnerships, including a 10 percent cap for LEAs that provide administrative support only;
- Requires the DOE to publish a funding transparency tool by July 1, 2026, with historical apprenticeship funding data searchable by source, district, and Florida College System institution; and
- Adds transparency requirements and revises timelines for meetings of the District Workforce Education Funding Steering Committee.

This bill does not have a fiscal impact on state revenues and expenditures. **See Section V. Fiscal Impact Statement.**

The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.

## II. Present Situation:

### Federal apprenticeship

Registered apprenticeship programs are designated as eligible training providers under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA),<sup>1</sup> the primary federal workforce development program. WIOA funds may be used to support registered apprenticeships through several mechanisms:

- Incumbent Worker Training, which supports training for currently employed apprentices;
- Customized Training, which pays for eligible instructional costs tailored to employer needs;
- On-the-Job Training (OJT) contracts, which reimburse employers for a portion of extraordinary training costs; and
- Individual Training Accounts, which provide funding for instruction tied to apprentice career goals.

Additional federal resources are available to support registered apprenticeship programs, including:

- Federal Student Aid;
- GI Bill and other veterans' education programs;
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment & Training;
- Federal Highway Administration's OJT and Supportive Services Program; and
- Eligible programs under U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funding.<sup>2</sup>

The WIOA also recognizes preapprenticeship as a form of youth work experience and prioritizes its integration into employment pathways.<sup>3</sup> Programs such as Job Corps and YouthBuild offer federal support for preapprenticeship through residential training, academic instruction, and hands-on construction or rehabilitation projects for disadvantaged youth.<sup>4</sup>

### Apprenticeship in Florida

The federal government delegates authority to register apprenticeship programs to states through federally recognized State Apprenticeship Agencies.<sup>5</sup> In Florida, the Department of Education (DOE) serves as the state apprenticeship agency, responsible for registering programs, ensuring compliance with federal and state standards, providing technical assistance, and conducting quality assurance reviews.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 U.S.C. s. 3101 et seq.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, *The Federal Resources Playbook for Registered Apprenticeship*, available at <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/sites/default/files/playbook.pdf>, at 2.

<sup>3</sup> USDOL, *US Department of Labor Announces Nationwide Effort to Prepare Students at Job Corps Centers for Registered Apprenticeship Programs* (Nov. 2022), <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/eta/eta20221114-0> (last visited April 3, 2025).

<sup>4</sup> 29 U.S.C. s. 3226(c)(2)(A).

<sup>5</sup> 29 C.F.R. ss. 29.1 and 29.13.

<sup>6</sup> 29 C.F.R. s. 29.2.

Florida law provides a statutory framework for registered apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs, including key definitions that establish uniform standards for program design, participant eligibility, and instructional delivery. Under current law:

- A preapprentice is a person age 16 or older enrolled in a registered preapprenticeship program.
- An apprentice is a person age 16 or older who is learning a skilled trade through a combination of paid, supervised OJT and related instruction, and who has signed a written agreement with a registered program sponsor.
- A registered apprenticeship sponsor may be an employer, an association of employers, or a local joint apprenticeship committee.
- A preapprenticeship program is a registered, DOE-approved course designed to prepare individuals to enter a registered apprenticeship program and must be sponsored by such a program.
- An apprenticeship program is a DOE-registered instructional program that outlines the qualifications, recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices.
- An OJT program is a structured sequence of job processes, lasting six to 24 months, that may be supplemented by related instruction and must be registered with DOE.
- Related technical instruction (RTI) is systematic, occupation-specific classroom or online instruction designed to complement hands-on job training.<sup>7</sup>

Florida also encourages work-based learning experiences that prioritize paid opportunities, such as apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs.<sup>8</sup> For the 2024–2025 fiscal year, eight industry certifications for apprenticeship and preapprenticeship certificates are included on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List, which provides bonus funding to school districts and Florida College System (FCS) institutions when students earn these approved credentials.<sup>9</sup>

### ***Registered Apprenticeship Programs***

A registered apprenticeship is a paid, work-based learning program that combines supervised OJT with RTI. In Florida, an apprentice is a person at least 16 years of age who has entered into a written agreement with a program sponsor—such as an employer, an association of employers, or a local joint apprenticeship committee—to learn a recognized skilled trade under the supervision of a qualified journey worker.<sup>10</sup>

Apprenticeship training must be coordinated with instruction in technical and supplementary subjects related to the occupation. All programs must be approved and registered with the DOE, which sets minimum program standards and oversees implementation and compliance.<sup>11</sup>

During the 2023–2024 program year:

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<sup>7</sup> Section 446.021, F.S.

<sup>8</sup> Section 446.0915, F.S.

<sup>9</sup> Florida Department of Education, *CAPE Industry Certification Funding List: 2024-25*, available at <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/cape-secondary/cape-industry-cert-funding-list-current.stml> (last visited April 3, 2025).

<sup>10</sup> Section 446.021(2), F.S.

<sup>11</sup> Section 446.041, F.S.

- The DOE registered 32 new apprenticeship programs, bringing the total to 329 active programs;
- These programs trained 19,214 apprentices statewide;
- 2,167 apprentices completed a program and earned a DOE-issued certificate of completion;

The average exit annual salary for program completers was \$57,837.<sup>12</sup>

### ***Registered Preapprenticeship Programs***

A registered preapprenticeship program must be approved and registered with the DOE and sponsored by a registered apprenticeship program.<sup>13</sup> The DOE administers these programs in cooperation with district school boards and Florida College System (FCS) institutions.<sup>14</sup>

A preapprenticeship program is required to include:

- Training and curriculum that aligns with the skill needs of the workforce;
- Access to educational and career counseling;
- Hands-on, meaningful learning activities that are connected to education and training activities;
- Opportunities to attain at least one industry-recognized credential; and
- A partnership with one or more registered apprenticeship programs.<sup>15</sup>

In the 2023–2024 program year, the DOE registered 11 new preapprenticeship programs for a total of 68 programs training 3,230 preapprentices.<sup>16</sup>

### ***Registered Programs and Public Educational Partnerships***

Of the 397 registered apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs in Florida during the 2023–2024 apprenticeship year, 45 percent partnered with a school district or FCS institution for the provision of RTI. Within this 45 percent:

- 126 programs (33 percent of all registered programs) partnered exclusively with school districts;
- 31 programs (eight percent) partnered exclusively with FCS institutions; and
- 16 programs (four percent) partnered with both school districts and FCS institutions.

The remaining 206 programs (55 percent) did not partner with a school district or FCS institution for RTI, but may have partnered with non-state-reporting education providers for instructional delivery.

For programs that partner with a school district or FCS institution for RTI, the local educational agency (LEA)—either the district or the FCS institution—is responsible for reporting enrollment

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<sup>12</sup> Florida Department of Education, *Florida's Annual Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Report (2024)*, available at <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/9904/urlt/2024ApprenticeFL-Annual.pdf>, at 5.

<sup>13</sup> Section 446.021(5), F.S.

<sup>14</sup> Section 446.052, F.S.

<sup>15</sup> 20 C.F.R. s. 681.480.

<sup>16</sup> Florida Department of Education, *Florida's Annual Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Report (2024)*, available at <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/9904/urlt/2024ApprenticeFL-Annual.pdf>, at 5.

data to the Department of Education. This data is used for accountability and funding purposes and is disaggregated by trade or occupation.<sup>17</sup>

### **Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Program Funding**

#### ***District Workforce Education Funding Steering Committee***

To promote equitable funding and account for enrollment growth, the DOE is required to use a funding model developed by the District Workforce Education Funding Steering Committee to determine each district's workforce education funding needs.<sup>18</sup>

#### ***District Workforce Education Funding***

Florida provides state funding to school district workforce education programs through the Workforce Development Fund. The DOE calculates funding based on full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment, using instructional hours and cost-weighting factors for each program type.

For 2024–2025, district-operated apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs receive funding according to the following methodology:

- One FTE is defined as 900 instructional hours.<sup>19</sup>
- RTI hours for apprenticeship programs are weighted between 1.50 and 2.50, depending on the program's classification as low, medium, or high cost.<sup>20</sup>
- OJT hours for apprenticeship programs are funded at a rate of 0.25 FTE per hour.<sup>21</sup>
- For apprenticeship programs, OJT hours are capped at a maximum of 2,000 hours per student; districts reporting more than 2,000 OJT hours for a student have their fundable hours reduced accordingly.<sup>22</sup>
- Weighted FTE totals are multiplied by a base cost factor of \$5,139.73, then adjusted by the district's Comparable Wage Factor (CWF) to reflect local cost variations.
- Each district receives a minimum funding floor of \$81,133.85, adjusted by the District Cost Differential (DCD), regardless of calculated workload.<sup>23</sup>

#### ***Florida College System Funding for Workforce Education***

FCS institutions receive state funding for workforce education through the FCS Program Fund. This funding supports program operations, instruction, and performance-based initiatives aligned with workforce outcomes.<sup>24</sup>

<sup>17</sup> Florida Department of Education, *Florida's Annual Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Report (2024)*, available at <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7729/urlt/2024ApprenticeFL-Annual.pdf>, at 21.

<sup>18</sup> Section 1011.80(7)(a), F.S.

<sup>19</sup> Florida Department of Education, *2024–25 District Workforce Education Funding Summary*, available at <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7529/urlt/2024-25-District-Workforce-Summary-FINAL.pdf>, at 4.

<sup>20</sup> Florida Department of Education, *2024–25 District Workforce Education Funding Summary*, available at <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7529/urlt/2024-25-District-Workforce-Summary-FINAL.pdf>, at 5–6.

<sup>21</sup> Florida Department of Education, *2024–25 District Workforce Education Funding Summary*, available at <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7529/urlt/2024-25-District-Workforce-Summary-FINAL.pdf>, at 6.

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<sup>24</sup> Sections 1011.80 and 1011.81, F.S.; specific appropriations 8, 126 and 128, ch. 2024-231, Laws of Fla.

For the 2024–2025 fiscal year, a total of \$1.63 billion was appropriated to FCS institutions for operational expenses and performance incentives.<sup>25</sup>

Performance-based funding is awarded to FCS institutions based on metrics such as program completion rates, job placement outcomes, and graduate earnings.<sup>26</sup>

### ***Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program***

The Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program is administered by the DOE to support the establishment, expansion, and operation of apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs.<sup>27</sup> Grant funds may be used for direct program costs, including:

- RTI;
- Instructional equipment;
- Supplies;
- Instructional personnel;
- Student services; and
- Other expenses associated with the creation, expansion, or operation of an apprenticeship program.

Grant funds may not be used for administrative or indirect costs.<sup>28</sup> The DOE is responsible for soliciting proposals, making funding recommendations, and prescribing required quarterly reporting from grant recipients.<sup>29</sup>

For the 2024–2025 program year, the Legislature appropriated \$20 Million, and reappropriated approximately \$10.8 Million, for the Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program.<sup>30</sup> As of January 27, 2025, the DOE has provided \$16.7 Million in grants to 61 district school boards, state colleges, and registered apprenticeship programs. Apprenticeship programs sponsored by an entity that is not affiliated with a district school board or state college received \$11.5 Million.<sup>31</sup>

### **Credential Alignment and High-Demand Occupations**

Florida’s workforce education system prioritizes alignment between career education programs and statewide or regional workforce needs. Several tools guide program funding, development, and accountability:

- The Master Credential List is maintained by the Credentials Review Committee under the Reimagining Education and Career Help (REACH) Act. It includes credentials identified as

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<sup>25</sup> Specific Appropriations 8, 126 and 128, ch. 2024-231, Laws of Fla.

<sup>26</sup> Section 1011.81, F.S.

<sup>27</sup> Section 1011.802(1), F.S.

<sup>28</sup> Section 1011.802(3), F.S.

<sup>29</sup> Section 1011.802(2)-(3), F.S.

<sup>30</sup> Transparency Florida, *2024-2025 Operating Budget in Ledger Format*,

<http://www.transparencyflorida.gov/OperatingBudget/Ledger.aspx?FY=22&BE=48250800&AC=051310&Fund=1000&LI=123&OB=Y&SC=F>, (last visited April 3, 2025).

<sup>31</sup> Florida Department of Education, *Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program*, PCOG Prioritized Funding List (Statewide Competition), <https://www.fldoe.org/file/18794/2091876759.pdf>.

high-value based on criteria such as wage thresholds, demand, and alignment with career pathways.

- The Framework of Quality establishes the criteria for including credentials on the Master Credential List. These criteria emphasize stackability, industry recognition, portability, and alignment with high-skill, high-wage, in-demand occupations.<sup>32</sup>
- The Labor Market Estimating Conference, in partnership with the Department of Commerce, identifies critical statewide and regional shortages and high-demand occupations that help prioritize funding for workforce education and apprenticeship programs.<sup>33</sup>

### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill establishes requirements for partnerships between apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs and local educational agencies (LEAs), enhances financial transparency, and expands reporting requirements for the Department of Education (DOE).

#### Uniform Minimum Standards and Policies

The bill amends s. 446.032, F.S., to add to the DOE's existing requirement to adopt uniform minimum standards and policies for registered apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs. Specifically, the bill requires DOE's standards and policies to include provisions that:

- Allow programs to partner with LEAs and determine an equitable split of apprenticeship funding;
- Require LEAs to ensure transparency in funding partnerships by:
  - Confirming that all parties understand the total amount and allocation of apprenticeship funding;
  - Documenting the terms of the partnership in a written agreement or contract; and
  - Prohibiting LEAs from imposing additional fees or withholding funds beyond what is specified in the agreement, unless explicitly outlined.

#### Annual Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Report

The bill modifies the required contents of the DOE's annual apprenticeship and preapprenticeship report by expanding existing reporting elements related to local educational LEA expenditures. Specifically, the bill:

- Shifts the deadline for publication of the report from September 1 to November 30.
- Expands the expenditure summary to include both the LEA's and the apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program's responsibilities and costs.
- Adds to the requirement for reporting allocations by training provider, program, and occupation to also include the total funds "received."
- Adds to the reporting of administrative costs a requirement to include the total number of personnel hours required to administer each apprenticeship and preapprenticeship program.

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<sup>32</sup> Section 445.004(4), F.S.

<sup>33</sup> Section 216.136(7), F.S.



### **Standard Model Contract for LEAs and Apprenticeship or Preapprenticeship Programs**

The bill requires the DOE to develop a standard model contract template to be used by LEAs and apprenticeship or preapprenticeship programs. The bill specifies the minimum required elements of the contract template, which must include:

- Identification of the parties to the contract;
- Duration of the contract;
- Funds paid or received under the contract;
- Assignment of responsibilities between the parties, including:
  - Which party is responsible for providing equipment, related technical instruction, and on-the-job training;
  - Which party is responsible for hiring and evaluating instructors; and
  - Which party is responsible for administrative support, including reporting requirements;
- A requirement for both parties to comply with applicable federal and state laws and insurance requirements; and
- Execution of the contract.

The bill establishes parameters partnership agreements between LEAs and apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program providers. Specifically, the bill:

- Requires each partnership agreement between an LEA and apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program provider to:
  - Define the respective roles of each party; and
  - Establish how the funding will be divided, based on the responsibilities assigned in the agreement.
- Limits the LEA's share of funding to 10 percent if the LEA does not provide classroom space, related technical instruction, or on-the-job training services, meaning the role is administrative only.
- Requires the funding allocation to be proportional to responsibilities when the LEA and provider share duties related to administrative support, classroom space, related technical instruction, or on-the-job training.

### **Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Funding Transparency Tool**

The bill requires the DOE to develop an apprenticeship and preapprenticeship funding transparency tool by July 1, 2026. The bill requires that:

- The tool display historical funding amounts provided to school district and Florida College System (FCS) institution apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs;
- The data include funds from workforce development appropriations and other legislative appropriations;
- The tool is published on the DOE website; and
- Users are able to search the data by:
  - Source of funds;
  - School district; or
  - FCS institution; and
- The tool include funding data for the preceding three fiscal years.

### **District Workforce Education Funding Steering Committee Meetings**

The bill amends s. 1011.80(7)(b), F.S., to revise procedures and deadlines related to meetings of the District Workforce Education Funding Steering Committee. Specifically, the bill:

- Requires that any meeting of the committee held to take action or recommend workload for the workforce education funding model must:
  - Be publicly noticed at least seven days in advance;
  - Be open to the public;
  - Provide a reasonable opportunity for public comment;
  - Include publication and distribution of all workpapers at the time of notice; and
  - Allow the meeting to be held using communications media technology, defined to include telephone, video, or other platforms that allow all participants to audibly communicate.
- Revises the deadline by which the steering committee must recommend a funding methodology to the Commissioner of Education—changing it from no later than March 1 to no less than two months before the start of the regular session of the Legislature.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.

#### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

#### **V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

**B. Private Sector Impact:**

None.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

This bill could have an impact on the Department of Education to develop a standard model contract template to be used by local educational agencies and apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs. However, it is likely the department would be able to absorb the current provisions of this bill within their existing resources.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 446.032 and 1011.80.

**IX. Additional Information:****A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

**CS by Education Postsecondary on March 31, 2025:**

Authorizes apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs to partner with local educational agencies (LEAs) and determine an equitable funding split through a documented agreement;

- Prohibits LEAs from imposing additional fees or withholding funds beyond the agreed-upon amount unless explicitly outlined in the agreement;
- Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to adopt rules to administer minimum standards and policies and to publish an expanded annual report by September 1 each year with detailed financial, enrollment, performance, and outcome data by program and provider;
- Requires the DOE to develop a standard model contract template to be used between LEAs and apprenticeship/preapprenticeship providers, with defined roles and funding terms;
- Caps administrative funding at 10% for LEAs that do not provide classroom space, related technical instruction, or on-the-job training services;
- Requires the DOE to publish a funding transparency tool by July 1, 2026, showing historical funding allocations for apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs.
- Expands transparency and public access requirements for meetings of the District Workforce Education Funding Steering Committee;

- Requires all related workpapers to be published with the meeting notice and provide a reasonable opportunity for public comment;
- Requires the funding model used by the DOE to be submitted to the Legislature at least two months prior to the regular session.

B. Amendments:

None.

By the Committee on Education Postsecondary; and Senator  
DiCeglie

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to apprenticeship and  
3 preapprenticeship program funding; amending s.  
4 446.032, F.S.; revising requirements for the uniform  
5 minimum standards and policies governing  
6 apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs and  
7 agreements to include requirements for partnerships  
8 between local educational agencies and apprenticeship  
9 and preapprenticeship programs; revising the required  
10 date for a specified report on apprenticeship and  
11 preapprenticeship programs; revising the requirements  
12 for such report; requiring the Department of Education  
13 to develop a standard model contract template for  
14 local educational agencies and apprenticeship and  
15 preapprenticeship programs; providing requirements for  
16 such template; providing requirements for local  
17 educational agencies and apprenticeship and  
18 preapprenticeship programs that enter into partnership  
19 agreements; requiring the department to develop an  
20 apprenticeship and preapprenticeship funding  
21 transparency tool by a specified date; providing  
22 requirements for such tool; amending s. 1011.80, F.S.;  
23 providing requirements for District Workforce  
24 Education Funding Steering Committee meetings;  
25 providing requirements for certain workpapers;  
26 authorizing such meetings to be held using  
27 communications media technology; defining the term  
28 "communications media technology"; requiring a  
29 specified funding model to be provided to the

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30 Legislature annually within a specified timeframe;  
31 providing an effective date.  
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33 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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35 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 446.032,  
36 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (5) and (6) are  
37 added to that section, to read:

38 446.032 General duties of the department for apprenticeship  
39 training.—The department shall:

40 (1) (a) Establish uniform minimum standards and policies  
41 governing apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs and  
42 agreements which must require training providers to submit data  
43 necessary to determine program performance consistent with state  
44 and federal law. The standards and policies:

45 1. Shall govern the terms and conditions of the  
46 apprentice's employment and training, including the quality  
47 training of the apprentice for, but not limited to, such matters  
48 as ratios of apprentices to journeyworkers, safety, related  
49 instruction, and on-the-job training; but these standards and  
50 policies may not include rules, standards, or guidelines that  
51 require the use of apprentices and job trainees on state,  
52 county, or municipal contracts.

53 2. Must allow an apprenticeship or preapprenticeship  
54 program to partner with a local educational agency and determine  
55 an equitable split of apprenticeship funding. The local  
56 educational agency must ensure that all parties understand the  
57 total amount of apprenticeship funding and allocations. The  
58 terms of a partnership between an apprenticeship or

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59 preapprenticeship program and a local educational agency must be  
 60 documented in an agreement or a contract. A local educational  
 61 agency may not impose additional fees or withhold additional  
 62 funds beyond the agreed upon amount in such agreement or  
 63 contract unless explicitly outlined to ensure financial clarity  
 64 and prevent unexpected costs for apprenticeship and  
 65 preapprenticeship program sponsors.

66 ~~(b) The department shall~~ Adopt rules necessary to  
 67 administer the standards and policies.

68 (2) By November 30 ~~September 1~~ of each year, publish an  
 69 annual report on apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs.  
 70 The report must be published on the department's website and, at  
 71 a minimum, include all of the following:

72 (a) A list of registered apprenticeship and  
 73 preapprenticeship programs, sorted by local educational agency,  
 74 as defined in s. 1004.02(18), and apprenticeship sponsor, under  
 75 s. 446.071.

76 (b) A detailed summary of each local educational agency's  
 77 responsibilities, costs, and expenditure of funds for  
 78 apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs, including, but  
 79 not limited to, all the following:

81 1. The total amount of funds received and expended for  
 82 apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs.

83 2. The total amount of funds received and allocated by  
 84 training provider, program, and occupation.

85 3. The total amount of funds expended for administrative  
 86 costs by training provider, program, and occupation, and the  
 87 total number of personnel hours required to administer each

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88 apprenticeship and preapprenticeship program.

89 4. The total amount of funds expended for instructional  
 90 costs by training provider, program, and occupation.

91 (c) The number of apprentices and preapprentices per trade  
 92 and occupation.

93 (d) The percentage of apprentices and preapprentices who  
 94 complete their respective programs in the appropriate timeframe.

95 (e) Information and resources related to applications for  
 96 new apprenticeship programs and technical assistance and  
 97 requirements for potential applicants.

98 (f) Documentation of activities conducted by the department  
 99 to promote apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs through  
 100 public engagement, community-based partnerships, and other  
 101 initiatives and the outcomes of such activities and their impact  
 102 on establishing or expanding apprenticeship and  
 103 preapprenticeship programs.

104 (g) Retention and completion rates of participants  
 105 disaggregated by training provider, program, and occupation.

106 (h) Wage progression of participants as demonstrated by  
 107 starting, exit, and postapprenticeship wages at 1 and 5 years  
 108 after participants exit the program.

109 (5) (a) Develop a standard model contract template to be  
 110 used by local educational agencies and apprenticeship and  
 111 preapprenticeship programs. At a minimum, the contract template  
 112 shall include sections to address the following:

113 1. The parties to the contract.

114 2. The duration of the contract.

115 3. The funds paid or received pursuant to the contract.

116 4. The responsibilities assigned to each party to the

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117 contract, including which party is responsible for providing  
 118 equipment, related technical instruction, and on-the-job  
 119 training; hiring instructors and evaluating such instructors'  
 120 credentials and qualifications; and providing administrative  
 121 support, including any reporting requirements.

122 5. A requirement that each party follow all applicable  
 123 federal and state laws and insurance requirements.

124 6. The execution of such contract.

125 (b) A local educational agency and an apprenticeship or  
 126 preapprenticeship program provider that partner to provide  
 127 apprenticeship or preapprenticeship education and training  
 128 programs must define their respective roles in the partnership  
 129 agreement and establish how the funding will be divided. The  
 130 partnership agreement must divide the funding based on the  
 131 responsibilities that the local educational agency and  
 132 apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program provider will hold  
 133 in the partnership agreement.

134 1. If the local educational agency does not provide  
 135 classroom space, related technical instruction, or on-the-job  
 136 training services, its role is deemed to be administrative only  
 137 and its funding share may not exceed 10 percent.

138 2. If the local educational agency and apprenticeship or  
 139 preapprenticeship program provider share the responsibilities of  
 140 providing administrative support, classroom space, related  
 141 technical instruction, and on-the-job training, the manner in  
 142 which the agency and provider divide the funding must be  
 143 directly tied to each of their responsibilities under the  
 144 partnership agreement.

145 (6) By July 1, 2026, develop an apprenticeship and

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146 preapprenticeship funding transparency tool showing historical  
 147 funding amounts provided to school district and Florida College  
 148 System institution apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs  
 149 from workforce development funds and other funds appropriated by  
 150 the Legislature. The transparency tool shall be published on the  
 151 Department of Education's website and shall include historical  
 152 funding amounts searchable by the source of funds, school  
 153 district, or Florida College System institution for the  
 154 preceding 3 fiscal years.

155 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section  
 156 1011.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

157 1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education  
 158 programs.—

159 (7) (a) A school district or a Florida College System  
 160 institution that provides workforce education programs shall  
 161 receive funds in accordance with distributions for base and  
 162 performance funding established by the Legislature in the  
 163 General Appropriations Act. To ensure equitable funding for all  
 164 school district workforce education programs and to recognize  
 165 enrollment growth, the Department of Education shall use the  
 166 funding model developed by the District Workforce Education  
 167 Funding Steering Committee to determine each district's  
 168 workforce education funding needs. Any District Workforce  
 169 Education Funding Steering Committee meeting held for the  
 170 purpose of taking action or recommending the workload for the  
 171 funding model used by the Department of Education shall be  
 172 publicly noticed 7 days in advance, be open to the public, and  
 173 provide a reasonable opportunity for public comment. All  
 174 workpapers shall be published and distributed at the time of

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175 notice. Such meetings may be held using communications media  
176 technology. For purposes of this paragraph, the term  
177 "communications media technology" means telephone conference,  
178 video conference, or other communications technology by which  
179 all persons attending a public meeting or workshop may audibly  
180 communicate. To assist the Legislature in allocating workforce  
181 education funds in the General Appropriations Act, the funding  
182 model shall annually be provided to the legislative  
183 appropriations committees no less than 2 months before the start  
184 of the regular session of the Legislature later than March 1.  
185 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.





**THE FLORIDA SENATE**  
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District 18

Ben Albritton  
President of the Senate

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President Pro Tempore

April 1, 2025

Dear Chair Harrell,

I respectfully request that **SB 1458: Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Program Funding** be placed on the agenda of the Appropriations Committee on Higher Education. If my office can be of any assistance to the committee, please do not hesitate to contact me at [DiCeglie.Nick@flsenate.gov](mailto:DiCeglie.Nick@flsenate.gov) or (850) 487-5018. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nick DiCeglie".

Nick DiCeglie

State Senator, District 18

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Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Carol BOWEN

Phone (954) 465-6821

Address PO Box 880478

Street

Email cbowen@abcfloida.com

Boca Raton FL 33488

City

State

Zip

Speaking: [X] For [ ] Against [ ] Information OR Waive Speaking: [ ] In Support [ ] Against

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[ ] I am not a lobbyist, but received something of value for my appearance (travel, meals, lodging, etc.), sponsored by:

Associated Builders + Contractors of Florida

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Tashaunda Nicole Washington*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical  
University**

for a term beginning on the Seventh day of January, A.D., 2025,  
until the Sixth day of January, A.D., 2030 and is subject to be  
confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the  
Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Twenty-Seventh day of February, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State

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**RON DeSANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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TALLAHASSEE FL

December 30, 2024

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 1001.71, Florida Statutes:

Ms. TaShaunda "Nicole" Washington  
800 West Avenue  
Apartment 440  
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

as a member of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees, succeeding Otis Cliatt, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective January 7, 2025, for a term ending January 6, 2030.

Sincerely,

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Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

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STATE OF FLORIDA

County of LEON

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

FLORIDA A & M UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

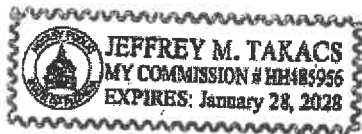
on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

[Signature]  
Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence  
Or  online notarization this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.



[Signature]  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known  or Produced Identification

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## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

800 WEST AVENUE, APT 440

Street or Post Office Box

TASHAUNDA NICOLE WASHINGTON

Print Name

MIAMI BEACH FL 33139

City, State, Zip Code

[Signature]  
Signature



APRIL 10, 2025

Meeting Date

The Florida Senate  
**APPEARANCE RECORD**

Deliver both copies of this form to  
Senate professional staff conducting the meeting

Board of Trustees Confirmation

Bill Number or Topic

Committee

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Nicole Washington

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip

Speaking:  For  Against  Information **OR** Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

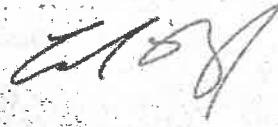
*Jed V. Davis*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
University of Florida**

for a term beginning on the Twentieth day of February, A.D.,  
2025, until the Sixth day of January, A.D., 2030 and is subject  
to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of  
the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Fifth day of March, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State



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State University System of  
Florida  
325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1614  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
Phone 850.245.0466  
Fax: 850.245.9685

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Ms. Inez Williams  
Mr. Chris Kimball

**FROM:** Shannon McDermott  
Director, University Trustee Relations and  
Assistant to the Chancellor

**DATE:** February 21, 2025

**RE:** Appointments to the University Boards of Trustees by the Board of  
Governors

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This is to advise you that the Board of Governors made the following appointment to the University Boards of Trustees, on February 20, 2025.

To the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees:

- Ms. Sherry Murphy was reappointed for a term that begins on February 20, 2025 and ends on January 6, 2030.

To the University of Florida Board of Trustees:

- Mr. Jed Davis was appointed for a term that begins on February 20, 2025 and ends on January 6, 2030.

To the University of North Florida Board of Trustees:

- Ms. Jill Davis was reappointed for a term that begins on February 20, 2025 and ends on January 6, 2030.
- Mr. Nik Patel was reappointed for a term that begins on February 20, 2025 and ends on January 6, 2030.

Attached are copies of the appointment letters sent to the new appointees from Chancellor Ray Rodrigues.

Thank you for your assistance in processing these appointments for their Senate confirmation. Please call me if you need additional information.

Enclosures

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February 21, 2025

Mr. Jed Davis  
2312 River Road  
Jacksonville, Florida 32207

Dear Mr. Davis:

On February 20, 2025, the Florida Board of Governors approved the recommendation made by its Nomination and Governance Committee to appoint you as a member of the University of Florida Board of Trustees. Please accept our congratulations.

The appointment acknowledges your numerous career milestones. Your achievements are sure to provide expertise to the State University System of Florida and the University of Florida as you serve in the capacity of a trustee. Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate and completion of the trustee training conducted by the Board of Governors. Your term begins on February 20, 2025 and ends on January 6, 2030.

You will receive an Oath of Office form and a Senate Questionnaire from the Florida Department of State. Both forms must be completed and submitted in order for you to be considered for confirmation by the Florida Senate during the 2025 legislative session. Please submit these forms to the Board of Governors Office at 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1614, Tallahassee, FL 32399, so that we can record them into our records and hand-deliver them to the Department of State.

You are also required to file a Statement of Financial Interests form with the Florida Commission on Ethics. This needs to be filed electronically through the Florida Commission on Ethics website. This form needs to be filed within 30 days of your appointment.

Thank you for your willingness to serve. We look forward to working with you as a member of the University of Florida Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

Ray Rodriguez  
Chancellor

c: Brian Lamb, Chair, Board of Governors and Nomination and Governance Committee  
Mori Hosseini, Chair, University of Florida Board of Trustees  
Kent Fuchs, Interim President, University of Florida  
Melissa Orth, Board of Trustees Liaison  
Shannon McDermott, Director, University Trustee Relations

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# OATH OF OFFICE

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STATE OF FLORIDA

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

County of Duval

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

University of Florida Board of Trustees

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

[Signature]  
Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence

Or  online notarization this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.



[Signature]  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known  or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Post Office Box

Jed V. Davis  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

[Signature]  
Signature

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Elections

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Rahul Patel*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
University of Florida**

for a term beginning on the Seventh day of January, A.D., 2025,  
until the Sixth day of January, A.D., 2030 and is subject to be  
confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the  
Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Nineteenth day of February, A.D., 2025.*



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Byrd", is written over the printed name of the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State

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**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

January 3, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 1001.71, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Rahul Patel  
1180 Peachtree Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

as a member of the University of Florida Board of Trustees, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective January 7, 2025, for a term ending January 6, 2030.

Sincerely,

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Ron DeSantis  
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# OATH OF OFFICE

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
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STATE OF ~~FLORIDA~~

County of Fulton

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Member of University of Florida Board of Trustees

(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence

Or  online notarization this 11th day of February, 2025.

Angela Torres  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

ANGELA TORRES  
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known  or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced drivers license



## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

1650 Randall Mill Pl.  
Street or Post Office Box

Atlanta, Ga 30327  
City, State, Zip Code

RAHUL PATEL  
Print Name

Signature



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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Elections

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Nikul Patel*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
University of North Florida**

for a term beginning on the Twentieth day of February, A.D.,  
2025, until the Sixth day of January, A.D., 2030 and is subject  
to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of  
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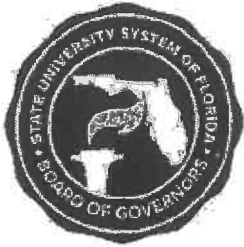
*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Seventh day of March, A.D., 2025.*



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Mr. Chris Kimball

**FROM:** Shannon McDermott  
Director, University Trustee Relations and  
Assistant to the Chancellor

**DATE:** February 21, 2025

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Enclosures

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STATE UNIVERSITY  
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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE FL

County of DUVAL

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA, BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

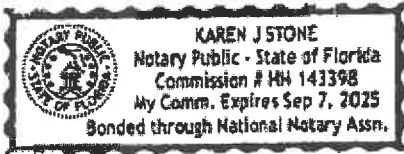
on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

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[Signature]  
Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence  
Or  online notarization this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025



Karen J Stone  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public  
Karen J Stone  
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known  or Produced Identification   
Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

8271 PERSIMMON HILL LANE

NIKUL PATEL

Street or Post Office Box

Print Name

JACKSONVILLE, FL 32256

[Signature]

City, State, Zip Code

Signature

The Florida Senate

APPEARANCE RECORD

4/10/25

Meeting Date

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Bill Number or Topic

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name NIKUL PATEL

Phone 704 293 4877

Address 8271 PERSIMMON HILL LANE

Email NIKGATOR@GMAIL.COM

Street

JACKSONVILLE

FL

32256

City

State

Zip

Speaking: [X] For [ ] Against [ ] Information OR Waive Speaking: [ ] In Support [ ] Against

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Elections

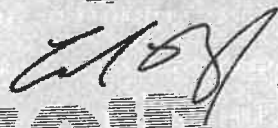
I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Paul Bailey*

is duly appointed a member of the  
**Board of Trustees,**  
**University of West Florida**

for a term beginning on the Sixth day of January, A.D., 2025,  
until the Sixth day of January, A.D., 2026 and is subject to be  
confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the  
Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Nineteenth day of February, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State



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**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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January 6, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 1001.71, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Paul Bailey  
1020 South Ferdon Boulevard  
Crestview, Florida 32536

as a member of the University of West Florida Board of Trustees, filling a vacant seat previously occupied by Jill Singer, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective January 6, 2025, for a term ending January 6, 2026.

Sincerely,

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Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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# OATH OF OFFICE

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STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Okaloosa

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Trustee for the University of West Florida  
(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Paul Bailey  
Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence  
Or  online notarization this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

Kristen D. Ellis  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Kristen D. Ellis  
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public



Personally Known  or Produced Identification   
Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

1020 S Ferdon Blvd

Paul Bailey

Street or Post Office Box

Print Name

Crestview, FL 32536

Paul Bailey  
Signature

City, State, Zip Code

The Florida Senate

APPEARANCE RECORD

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UWF Trustees

4/10/25

Meeting Date

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Name

JUDITH BENSE

Phone

850-293-4240

Address

2910 Magnolia Ave

Street

Email

jbense@uwf.edu

Pensacola FL

City

State

32503

Zip

Speaking:

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PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

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TABS 12-14

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OWF Trustees

Bill Number or Topic

4/10/25

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Committee

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name

Honey Harris

Phone

850 293 8206

Address

1005 Harbourview Cir.

Email

honey.g.harris@gmail.com

Street

Pensacola

FL

32507

City

State

Zip

Speaking:

For

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections**

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do hereby certify that

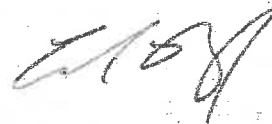
*Christopher Allen Young*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
University of West Florida**

for a term beginning on the Sixth day of January, A.D., 2025,  
until the Sixth day of January, A.D., 2028 and is subject to be  
confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the  
Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Twenty-Sixth day of February, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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January 6, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 1001.71, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Chris Young

as a member of the University of West Florida Board of Trustees, succeeding Alonzie Scott subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective January 6, 2025, for a term ending January 6, 2028.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of BAY

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

University of West Florida Board of Trustees

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

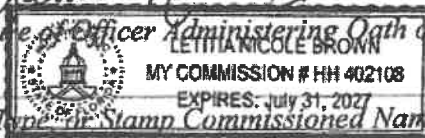
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*Signature*

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence  
Or  online notarization this 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

*Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public*



*Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public*

Personally Known  or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

Street or Post Office Box

City, State, Zip Code

Christopher Allan Young

Print Name

Signature

04/10/25

Meeting Date

# APPEARANCE RECORD

UWF

Bill Number or Topic

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App. Comm on Higher Education  
Committee

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name CHRIS YOUNG

Phone (850) 258-3259

Address 200 Harrison Ave  
Street

Email cyoung@perry-young.com

Panama City  
City

FL  
State

32401  
Zip

Speaking:  For  Against  Information **OR** Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against

### PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

I am appearing without compensation or sponsorship.

I am a registered lobbyist, representing:

I am not a lobbyist, but received something of value for my appearance (travel, meals, lodging, etc.), sponsored by:

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TAOS 12-14

UWF Trustees

4/10/25

Meeting Date

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Higer Ed Appropriations

Committee

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name JUDITH BENSE Phone 850-293-4240

Address 2910 Magnolia Ave Email jbenise@uwf.edu

Pensacola FL 32503

Speaking: [ ] For [x] Against [ ] Information OR Waive Speaking: [ ] In Support [ ] Against

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- [x] I am appearing without compensation or sponsorship. [ ] I am a registered lobbyist, representing: [ ] I am not a lobbyist, but received something of value for my appearance (travel, meals, lodging, etc.), sponsored by:

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APPEARANCE RECORD

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OWF Trustees

Bill Number or Topic

4/10/25

Meeting Date

Approps Higher Ed.

Committee

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name

Honey Harris

Phone

850 293 8206

Address

1005 Harbourview Cir.

Email

honey.g.harris@gmail.com

Street

Pensacola

FL

32507

City

State

Zip

Speaking:

For

Against

Information

Information

OR

Waive Speaking:

In Support

Against

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

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S-001 (08/10/2021)

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Elections

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*R. Gates Garcia*

is duly appointed a member of the

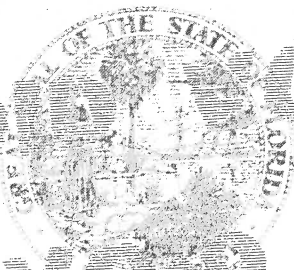
**Board of Trustees,  
University of West Florida**

for a term beginning on the Sixth day of January, A.D., 2025,  
until the Sixth day of January, A.D., 2026 and is subject to be  
confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the  
Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Eleventh day of February, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State



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**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

January 6, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 1001.71, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Gates Garcia  
6 South Treasure Drive  
Tampa, Florida 33609

as a member of the University of West Florida Board of Trustees, filling a vacant seat previously occupied by Robert Sires, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective January 6, 2025, for a term ending January 6, 2026.

Sincerely,

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Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Hillsborough

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

The University of West Florida Board of Trustees  
(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

[Signature]  
Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence  
Or  online notarization this 22 day of January, 2025.

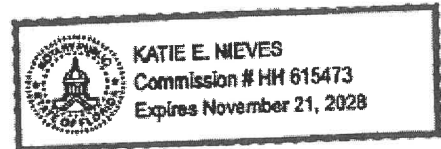
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Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Katie Nieves  
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known  or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE



I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

6 S. Treasure Dr.  
Street or Post Office Box

R. Gates Garcia  
Print Name

Tampa, FL 33609  
City, State, Zip Code

[Signature]  
Signature

# APPEARANCE RECORD

4-16-25

Meeting Date

UWF BOT

Bill Number or Topic

Deliver both copies of this form to  
Senate professional staff conducting the meeting

Senate Appropriations  
Committee on higher ed

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name R. Gates Garcia Phone 813-541-4047

Address 6 S. Treasure Dr. Email Gates.Garcia@gmail.com  
Street

Tampa FL 33609  
City State Zip

Speaking:  For  Against  Information **OR** Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against

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UWF Trustees

Bill Number or Topic

4/10/25

Meeting Date

Approps Higher Ed.

Committee

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Honey Harris

Phone 850 293 8206

Address 1005 Harbourview Cir.

Email honey.g.harris@gmail.com

Street

Pensacola

FL

32507

City

State

Zip

Speaking:  For  Against  Information OR Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against

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UWF Trustees

4/10/25

Meeting Date

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Committee

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Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name

JUDITH BENISE

Phone

850-293-4240

Address

2910 Magnolia Ave

Email

jbense@uwf.edu

Street

Pensacola FL

32503

City

State

Zip

Speaking:

For

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Edward P. Fleming*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
Pensacola State College**

for a term beginning on the Fourteenth day of February, A.D.,  
2025, until the Thirty-First day of May, A.D., 2025 and is  
subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular  
session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Twelfth day of March, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State

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**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

February 14, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 1001.61, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Edward Fleming  
719 South Palafox Street  
P.O. Box 12388  
Pensacola, Florida 32391

as a member of the Pensacola State College District Board of Trustees, succeeding Carol Carlan, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective February 14, 2025, for a term ending May 31, 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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# OATH OF OFFICE

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Escambia

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Pensacola State College District Board of Trustees

(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

Effective February 14, 2025, ending May 31, 2025,

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

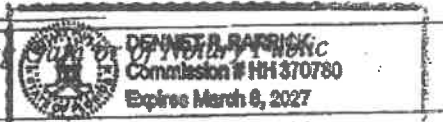
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[Signature]  
Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence  
Or  online notarization this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

[Signature]  
Signature of Officer Administering



Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known  or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

719 S. Palafox Street

Street or Post Office Box

Edward P. Fleming

Print Name

Pensacola, FL 32502

City, State, Zip Code

[Signature]

Signature



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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

***Thomas Zachary Smith***

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
Pensacola State College**

for a term beginning on the Fourteenth day of February, A.D.,  
2025, until the Thirty-First day of May, A.D., 2027 and is  
subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular  
session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Twentieth day of March, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

February 14, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 1001.61, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Zachary Smith

as a member of the Pensacola State College District Board of Trustees, succeeding Julie Sheppard, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective February 14, 2025, for a term ending May 31, 2027.

Sincerely,

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Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Escambia

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Pensacola State College District Board of Trustees  
(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

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[Signature]  
Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence  
Or  online notarization this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

Kendall Burton  
Notary Public - State of Florida  
Commission # HH 590380  
My Comm. Expires 10/01/2028

[Signature]

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Kendall Burton

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Personally Known  or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced Florida Drivers License

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

Street or Post Office Box

Thomas Zachary Smith  
Print Name

City, State, Zip Code

[Signature]  
Signature

The Florida Senate

APPEARANCE RECORD

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Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

4/10/25

Meeting Date

Hegm Ed. Appr.

Committee

Name

Zack Smith

Phone

Address

Street

Punta Gorda

City

FL

State

30503

Zip

Email

Zack.Smith@heritage.org

Speaking:

For

Against

Information

OR

Waive Speaking:

In Support

Against

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:



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I am a registered lobbyist, representing:



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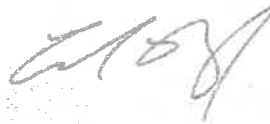
***Andrew Hobbs***

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
Pensacola State College**

for a term beginning on the Fourteenth day of February, A.D.,  
2025, until the Thirty-First day of May, A.D., 2025 and is  
subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular  
session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Seventh day of March, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

February 14, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 1001.61, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Andrew Hobbs  
7533 Woods Road  
Pensacola, Florida 32526

as a member of the Pensacola State College District Board of Trustees, filling a vacant seat previously occupied by Patrick Dawson, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective February 14, 2025, for a term ending May 31, 2025.

Sincerely,

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Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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# OATH OF OFFICE

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STATE OF FLORIDA

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

County of ESCAMBIA

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence  
Or  online notarization this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2025.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

*[Handwritten Name]*

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known  or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE



I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

Street or Post Office Box

ANDREW HOBBS

Print Name

City, State, Zip Code

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Signature



## THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

### COMMITTEES:

Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, *Vice Chair*  
Appropriations Committee on Higher Education  
Commerce and Tourism  
Education Pre-K - 12  
Fiscal Policy  
Health Policy  
Transportation

### JOINT COMMITTEE:

Joint Legislative Auditing Committee

### SENATOR TRACIE DAVIS

*Democratic Leader Pro Tempore*  
5th District

April 9, 2025

The Honorable Gayle Harrell  
Appropriations Committee on Higher Education, Chair  
201 The Capitol  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chair Harrell,

I respectfully request an excused absence from the April 10, 2025, Appropriations Committee on Higher Education committee meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tracie Davis".

Tracie Davis  
State Senator  
District 05



# CourtSmart Tag Report

**Room:** SB 110  
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11:05:22 AM Sen. DiCeglie  
11:06:37 AM Sen. Harrell  
11:06:52 AM Carol Bowen, Lobbyist, Associated Builders and Contractors of Florida (waives in support)  
11:06:59 AM Eric Carr, Lobbyist, Florida Chamber of Commerce (waives in support)  
11:07:06 AM Logan Bragdon, Lobbyist, Foundation for Florida's Future (waives in support)  
11:07:14 AM David Shepp, Lobbyist, Independent Electrical Contractors (waives in support)  
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11:25:02 AM Sen. Calatayud  
11:26:23 AM Sen. Harrell

11:27:57 AM TAB 3 - SENATE CONFIRMATION HEARING: Board of Trustees, New College of Florida  
11:28:03 AM Nicole Washington  
11:32:16 AM Sen. Harrell  
11:32:39 AM TAB 10 - SENATE CONFIRMATION HEARING: Board of Trustees, University of North Florida  
11:32:50 AM Nikul Patel  
11:34:55 AM Sen. Harrell  
11:34:58 AM Sen. Bradley  
11:35:16 AM Sen. Harrell  
11:36:00 AM TAB 16 - SENATE CONFIRMATION HEARING: Board of Trustees, Pensacola State College  
11:36:02 AM Thomas "Zach" Smith  
11:39:03 AM Sen. Harrell  
11:39:52 AM Z. Smith  
11:40:14 AM Sen. Harrell  
11:40:21 AM Sen. Smith  
11:41:08 AM Z. Smith  
11:42:43 AM TAB 13 - SENATE CONFIRMATION HEARING: Board of Trustees, University of West Florida  
11:42:50 AM Christopher "Chris" Young  
11:49:17 AM Sen. Smith  
11:49:50 AM C. Young  
11:50:56 AM Sen. Smith  
11:51:50 AM C. Young  
11:52:39 AM Sen. Trumbull  
11:53:40 AM Sen. Bradley  
11:53:59 AM Sen. Burgess  
11:54:09 AM C. Young  
11:54:54 AM TAB 14 - SENATE CONFIRMATION HEARING: Board of Trustees, University of West Florida  
11:55:20 AM R. Gates Garcia  
11:59:50 AM Sen. Smith  
12:00:13 PM G. Garcia  
12:00:42 PM Sen. Smith  
12:00:55 PM G. Garcia  
12:01:06 PM Sen. Smith  
12:01:26 PM G. Garcia  
12:01:40 PM Sen. Harrell  
12:02:06 PM G. Garcia  
12:02:32 PM Sen. Calatayud  
12:03:34 PM G. Garcia  
12:04:10 PM Sen. Calatayud  
12:05:03 PM G. Garcia  
12:05:49 PM Sen. Bradley  
12:06:27 PM G. Garcia  
12:06:34 PM Sen. Bradley  
12:06:43 PM G. Garcia  
12:07:05 PM Sen. Bradley  
12:07:42 PM G. Garcia  
12:08:27 PM Jaqueline Hartstein  
12:13:48 PM TAB 12 - SENATE CONFIRMATION HEARING: Board of Trustees, University of West Florida  
12:14:25 PM Paul Bailey  
12:19:31 PM Sen. Smith  
12:20:56 PM P. Bailey  
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12:21:53 PM Dr. Judith Bense  
12:26:19 PM Honey Harris  
12:29:35 PM TAB 15 - SENATE CONFIRMATION HEARING: Board of Trustees, Pensacola State College  
12:29:39 PM Edward Fleming  
12:35:08 PM TAB 8 - SENATE CONFIRMATION HEARING: Board of Trustees, University of Florida  
12:35:16 PM Rahul Patel  
12:39:22 PM Sen. Harrell  
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12:40:33 PM Jed Davis  
12:42:35 PM Sen. Harrell  
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**12:43:31 PM** Andrew Hobbs  
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**12:46:37 PM** Sen. Smith  
**12:46:49 PM** Sen. Harrell  
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**12:50:30 PM** Sen. Burgess  
**12:54:21 PM** Sen. Bradley  
**12:54:36 PM** Sen. Calatayud  
**12:56:26 PM** Sen. Harrell  
**12:58:25 PM** Sen. Leek  
**12:58:31 PM** Sen. Trumbull