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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to higher education; amending s.  
3           11.45, F.S.; requiring the Auditor General to verify  
4           the accuracy of unexpended amounts in specified funds  
5           certified by university and Florida College System  
6           institution chief financial officers; amending s.  
7           215.985, F.S.; requiring employees and officers of  
8           Florida College System institutions to be included in  
9           a Department of Management Services website that  
10          provides specified information relating to such  
11          employees or officers; amending s. 216.136, F.S.;  
12          requiring the Revenue Estimating Conference to provide  
13          a maximum appropriation estimate assuming the full  
14          utilization of bonding; requiring the conference to  
15          determine maximum appropriations assuming average  
16          bonding capacities for specified years; providing an  
17          expiration date; amending s. 1001.03, F.S.; requiring  
18          the State Board of Education to develop a prioritized  
19          list of capital projects based on previously funded  
20          but not completed projects and ranked priorities for  
21          Florida College System institutions; requiring the  
22          State Board of Education to develop a points-based  
23          prioritization method to rank projects based on  
24          specified criteria; specifying that specified new  
25          projects at a Florida College System institution with  
26          a final FTE of 15,000 or greater must satisfy  
27          specified criteria; requiring weighted values within  
28          the point scale; requiring the State Board of  
29          Education to maintain a list of capital outlay

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30 projects for which state funds have been appropriated  
31 but which have not been completed; requiring the State  
32 Board of Education to review its space need  
33 calculation methodology and to present a summary and  
34 preliminary recommendations to the chairs of the  
35 legislative appropriations committees by a specified  
36 date and at a specified interval thereafter; amending  
37 s. 1001.706, F.S.; requiring the Board of Governors to  
38 develop and annually deliver a training program for  
39 members of state university boards of trustees;  
40 requiring trustee participation within a specified  
41 timeframe of appointment and reappointment; requiring  
42 the inclusion of certain information in the training  
43 program; requiring the board to define data components  
44 and methodology for specified purposes; requiring  
45 state universities to submit annual institutional  
46 audits to the board's Office of Inspector General;  
47 requiring the board to match certain student  
48 information with specified educational and employment  
49 records; requiring the board to enter into an  
50 agreement with the Department of Economic Opportunity  
51 for certain purposes; providing requirements for such  
52 agreement; requiring the Board of Governors to develop  
53 a prioritized list of capital projects based on  
54 previously funded but not completed projects and  
55 ranked priorities at state universities; requiring the  
56 Board of Governors to develop a points-based  
57 prioritization method to rank projects based on  
58 specified criteria; requiring the board to consider

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59 specified criteria for certain projects; requiring  
60 weighted values within the point scale; requiring the  
61 Board of Governors to maintain a list of capital  
62 outlay projects for which state funds have been  
63 appropriated but which have not been completed;  
64 requiring the Board of Governors to review and submit  
65 its space need calculation methodology; amending s.  
66 1004.335, F.S.; clarifying that the University of  
67 South Florida St. Petersburg and the University of  
68 South Florida Sarasota/Manatee are branch campuses;  
69 revising the date the Board of Governors will use  
70 specified data to determine funding under certain  
71 circumstances; requiring the Board of Governors to  
72 monitor the implementation of a specified plan;  
73 providing requirements for specified campuses to be  
74 considered branch campuses; amending s. 1004.70, F.S.;  
75 prohibiting a Florida College System institution  
76 direct-support organization from giving, directly or  
77 indirectly, any gift to a political committee;  
78 amending s. 1007.23, F.S.; requiring the statewide  
79 articulation agreement to include a reverse transfer  
80 agreement for students transferring from a Florida  
81 College System institution to a state university  
82 without having earned an associate in arts degree;  
83 requiring, by a specified academic year, Florida  
84 College System institutions and state universities to  
85 execute agreements to establish "2+2" targeted pathway  
86 programs; providing requirements for such agreements;  
87 specifying requirements for student participation;

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88 requiring the State Board of Education and the Board  
89 of Governors to collaborate to eliminate barriers in  
90 executing pathway articulation agreements; amending s.  
91 1007.25, F.S.; requiring a university to, at specified  
92 times, notify students enrolled at the university of  
93 the criteria and option to request an associate in  
94 arts degree; requiring that universities notify  
95 students not enrolled at the university who meet  
96 specified criteria of the option to receive an  
97 associate in arts degree, beginning with students  
98 enrolled in the 2018-2019 academic year and  
99 thereafter; amending s. 1008.32, F.S.; requiring the  
100 Commissioner of Education to report certain audit  
101 findings to the State Board of Education under certain  
102 circumstances; requiring district school boards and  
103 Florida College System institutions' boards of  
104 trustees to document compliance with the law under  
105 certain circumstances; amending s. 1008.322, F.S.;  
106 requiring the Chancellor of the State University  
107 System to report certain audit findings to the Board  
108 of Governors under certain circumstances; requiring  
109 state universities' boards of trustees to document  
110 compliance with the law under certain circumstances;  
111 amending s. 1009.215, F.S.; revising the academic  
112 terms in which certain students are eligible to  
113 receive Bright Futures Scholarships; providing that  
114 such students may receive the scholarships for the  
115 fall term for specified coursework under certain  
116 circumstances; amending s. 1009.286, F.S.; requiring a

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117 state university to calculate an excess hour threshold  
118 for each student based on specified criteria;  
119 providing that the excess hour threshold may be  
120 adjusted only under certain circumstances; revising  
121 the threshold for assessing the excess credit hour  
122 surcharge; amending s. 1009.53, F.S.; removing a  
123 requirement for a Florida high school graduate to  
124 enroll in certain programs within 3 years of  
125 graduation from high school in order to receive funds  
126 from the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
127 expanding the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship  
128 Program to include the Florida Gold Seal CAPE  
129 Scholarship; conforming provisions to changes made by  
130 the act; removing a limitation of 45 semester credit  
131 hours or the equivalent for an annual award for the  
132 scholarship program; requiring an institution that  
133 receives scholarship funds for summer terms to certify  
134 to the department certain funding information and  
135 remit any undisbursed funds within a specified time;  
136 amending s. 1009.531, F.S.; expanding the eligibility  
137 for an initial award of a scholarship under the  
138 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to include  
139 students who earn a high school diploma from a private  
140 school; modifying the date by which certain students  
141 must apply for a scholarship under the program;  
142 deleting provisions relating to scholarship  
143 eligibility and application requirements for certain  
144 students who graduated from high school during  
145 specified years; extending the amount of time in which

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146 a student may reapply for an award to 5 years after  
147 high school graduation; extending the amount of time  
148 in which a student who enlists in the United States  
149 Armed Forces immediately after high school may apply  
150 for an award to 5 years after separation from active  
151 duty; providing that a student who is unable to accept  
152 an initial award due to a religious or service  
153 obligation may apply for an award within 5 years after  
154 the completion of his or her religious or service  
155 obligation; requiring that school districts provide a  
156 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Evaluation Report  
157 and Key only to students in specified grades; allowing  
158 a student who does not meet certain requirements for a  
159 program award additional time to meet such  
160 requirements under certain conditions; providing that  
161 such students who timely meet the requirements must  
162 receive an award for the full academic year; revising  
163 the minimum examination scores required for a student  
164 to be eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars award  
165 or a Florida Medallion Scholars award; requiring the  
166 Department of Education to develop a method for  
167 determining the required examination scores which  
168 ensures equivalency between specified examinations and  
169 is consistent with specified limitations; requiring  
170 the department to publish any changes to examination  
171 score requirements; conforming a provision to changes  
172 made by the act; amending s. 1009.532, F.S.; revising  
173 student eligibility requirements for renewal of  
174 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program awards;

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175 removing obsolete language; conforming provisions to  
176 changes made by the act; amending s. 1009.536, F.S.;  
177 permitting certain Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars to  
178 receive an award from a specified funding source;  
179 providing grade point average requirements for Florida  
180 Gold Seal CAPE Scholars; removing limitations for  
181 certain academic years on the number of credit hours  
182 to which a student may apply a Florida Gold Seal  
183 Vocational Scholarship; amending s. 1011.45, F.S.;  
184 requiring each state university to maintain a minimum  
185 carry forward balance of at least 7 percent of its  
186 state operating budget; requiring a university that  
187 fails to maintain such balance to submit a plan to the  
188 Board of Governors to attain the minimum balance;  
189 requiring each university with a carry forward balance  
190 in excess of 7 percent to submit a spending plan to  
191 the university board of trustees; specifying  
192 requirements and authorized expenditures in such  
193 spending plan; requiring each university chief  
194 financial officer to certify annually the unexpended  
195 amount of carry forward amounts from specified funds;  
196 amending s. 1011.80, F.S.; removing a limitation on  
197 the maximum amount of funding that may be appropriated  
198 for performance funding relating to funds for  
199 operation of workforce education programs; creating s.  
200 1011.802, F.S.; creating the Florida Pathways to  
201 Career Opportunities Grant Program; providing for  
202 funding; providing purpose, requirements, and  
203 administration of the program; requiring certain

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204 career centers and institutions to provide quarterly  
205 reports; authorizing rulemaking; amending s. 1011.81,  
206 F.S.; removing a limitation on the maximum amount of  
207 funding that may be appropriated for performance  
208 funding relating to industry certifications for  
209 Florida College System institutions; amending s.  
210 1011.84, F.S.; establishing a threshold of the  
211 unencumbered balance at a Florida College System  
212 institution based on the final FTE at the Florida  
213 College System institution in the prior year;  
214 requiring each Florida College System institution  
215 chief financial officer to annually certify the  
216 unexpended amount of specified funds; amending s.  
217 1013.03, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Education  
218 and the Board of Governors to establish uniform space  
219 utilization standards that include standards for post-  
220 secondary classroom and teaching laboratory space;  
221 requiring the State Board of Education and the Board  
222 of Governors to adopt standards for use in each  
223 Florida College System institution's and state  
224 university's survey; requiring the State Board of  
225 Education and the Board of Governors to define and  
226 apply specified space utilization metrics when  
227 calculating space need; amending s. 1013.31, F.S.;  
228 requiring projections for facility space needs for  
229 each Florida College System institution to comply with  
230 specified space needs utilization standards and  
231 metrics; requiring projections for facility space  
232 needs for each state university to comply with



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233 specified space needs utilization standards and  
234 metrics; amending s. 1013.40, F.S.; prohibiting the  
235 finance of additional dormitory beds through the  
236 issuance of bonds by Florida College System  
237 institutions; providing that bonds may be issued by  
238 nonpublic entities as part of a public-private  
239 partnership; amending s. 1013.60, F.S.; requiring the  
240 Commissioner of Education to develop a budget request  
241 allocation plan for a specified purpose; establishing  
242 requirements for the budget request allocation plan to  
243 include an assessment over the 3 years of the plan of  
244 the amount of state funding needed to complete  
245 previously funded projects; amending s. 1013.64, F.S.;  
246 requiring the Board of Governors to specify by  
247 regulation the procedures for reporting or expending  
248 specified funds; requiring each university to report  
249 expended amounts from all sources; requiring the State  
250 Board of Education to specify by rule the procedures  
251 for the reporting of specified funds appropriated or  
252 expended; establishing a timeframe by which the State  
253 Board of Education and Board of Governors must update  
254 the capital outlay project list, with specified  
255 criteria; creating s. 1013.841, F.S.; requiring  
256 unexpended amounts in any fund in any Florida College  
257 System institution current year state operating budget  
258 to be carried forward and included in the approved  
259 operating budget for the following year; requiring  
260 each Florida College System institution with a final  
261 FTE of less than 15,000 to maintain a minimum carry

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262 forward balance of at least 5 percent of its state  
263 operating budget; requiring each Florida College  
264 System institution president, if the institution fails  
265 to maintain such balance, to provide written  
266 notification to the State Board of Education;  
267 requiring each Florida College System institution with  
268 a final FTE of less than 15,000 that retains a state  
269 operating fund carry forward balance in excess of 5  
270 percent to submit a spending plan for its excess carry  
271 forward funds with specified requirements; requiring  
272 each Florida College System institution with a final  
273 FTE of 15,000 or greater to maintain a minimum carry  
274 forward balance of at least 7 percent of its state  
275 operating budget; requiring each Florida College  
276 System institution with a final FTE of 15,000 or  
277 greater that retains a state operating fund carry  
278 forward balance in excess of 7 percent to submit a  
279 spending plan for its excess carry forward funds with  
280 specified requirements; requiring that state  
281 university and Florida College System institution  
282 project surveys must utilize updated space need  
283 calculations; providing an effective date.

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285 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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287 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
288 11.45, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

289 11.45 Definitions; duties; authorities; reports; rules.—

290 (2) DUTIES.—The Auditor General shall:

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291 (c) Annually conduct financial audits of all state  
292 universities and Florida College System institutions and verify  
293 the accuracy of the amounts certified by each state university  
294 and Florida College System institution chief financial officer  
295 pursuant to ss. 1011.45 and 1011.84 ~~state colleges.~~

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297 The Auditor General shall perform his or her duties  
298 independently but under the general policies established by the  
299 Legislative Auditing Committee. This subsection does not limit  
300 the Auditor General's discretionary authority to conduct other  
301 audits or engagements of governmental entities as authorized in  
302 subsection (3).

303 Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 215.985, Florida  
304 Statutes, is amended to read:

305 215.985 Transparency in government spending.—

306 (6) The Department of Management Services shall establish  
307 and maintain a website that provides current information  
308 relating to each employee or officer of a state agency, a state  
309 university, a Florida College System institution, or the State  
310 Board of Administration, regardless of the appropriation  
311 category from which the person is paid.

312 (a) For each employee or officer, the information must  
313 include, at a minimum, his or her:

- 314 1. Name and salary or hourly rate of pay.
- 315 2. Position number, class code, and class title.
- 316 3. Employing agency and budget entity.

317 (b) The information must be searchable by state agency,  
318 state university, Florida College System institution, and the  
319 State Board of Administration, and by employee name, salary

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320 range, or class code and must be downloadable in a format that  
321 allows offline analysis.

322 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 216.136, Florida  
323 Statutes, is amended to read:

324 216.136 Consensus estimating conferences; duties and  
325 principals.—

326 (3) REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE.—

327 (a) The Revenue Estimating Conference shall develop such  
328 official information with respect to anticipated state and local  
329 government revenues as the conference determines is needed for  
330 the state planning and budgeting system. Any principal may  
331 request the conference to review and estimate revenues for any  
332 trust fund.

333 (b) For each year in a forecast period, the Revenue  
334 Estimating Conference must provide a maximum appropriation  
335 estimate, which includes bonding, for funds accruing to the  
336 Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund. The  
337 maximum available appropriation estimate for each year must  
338 assume the full utilization of available bonding capacity, as  
339 limited by s. 215.61, and the full utilization of remaining  
340 available cash balances.

341 (c) For each of the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023  
342 fiscal years, the conference shall also determine maximum  
343 appropriations available for funds accruing to the Public  
344 Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund, assuming  
345 that the bonding capacity for each year is equal to the average  
346 of annual bonding capacities, as determined under paragraph (b),  
347 of that year and the years remaining through the 2022-2023  
348 fiscal year. This paragraph expires July 1, 2023.

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349 Section 4. Subsection (18) is added to section 1001.03,  
350 Florida Statutes, to read:

351 1001.03 Specific powers of State Board of Education.—

352 (18) PUBLIC EDUCATION CAPITAL OUTLAY.—The State Board of  
353 Education shall develop and submit the prioritized list required  
354 by s. 1013.64(4). Projects considered for prioritization shall  
355 be chosen from a preliminary selection group that shall include  
356 the list of projects maintained pursuant to paragraph (d) and up  
357 to the top five ranked priorities of each Florida College System  
358 institution.

359 (a) The state board shall develop a points-based  
360 prioritization method to rank projects for consideration from  
361 the preliminary selection group and award points for the degree  
362 to which a project meets specific criteria compared to other  
363 projects in the preliminary selection group. The state board  
364 shall consider criteria that evaluates the degree to which:

365 1. The project was previously funded by the Legislature and  
366 the amount of funds needed for completion constitute a  
367 relatively low percentage of total project costs;

368 2. The project represents a building maintenance project or  
369 the repair of utility infrastructure which is necessary to  
370 preserve a safe environment for students and staff, or a project  
371 that is necessary to maintain the operation of a Florida College  
372 System institution site, and for which the institution can  
373 demonstrate that it has no other funding source available to  
374 complete the project;

375 3. The project addresses the greatest current or projected  
376 need for space as indicated by factors such as increased  
377 instructional capacity that enhances educational opportunities

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378 for students;

379 4. The project reflects a ranked priority of the submitting  
380 Florida College System institution;

381 5. The project represents the most practical and cost-  
382 effective replacement or renovation of an existing building;

383 6. The project is deemed by the state board to be integral  
384 to the mission of the system or the institution in serving the  
385 strategic needs of communities, regions, or the state; and

386 7. For a new construction, remodeling, or renovation  
387 project that has not received a prior appropriation, the project  
388 has received, or has commitments to receive, funding from  
389 sources other than a project-specific state appropriation to  
390 assist with completion of the project and future maintenance  
391 needs associated with the project; the project is needed to  
392 preserve the safety of persons using the facility; or the  
393 project is consistent with a strategic legislative or state  
394 board initiative.

395 (b) For each Florida College System institution with a  
396 final FTE of 15,000 or greater for the prior year, a new  
397 construction, remodeling, or renovation project that has not  
398 received an appropriation in a previous year may not be  
399 considered for inclusion on the prioritized list required by s.  
400 1013.64(4), unless:

401 1. There are sufficient excess funds from the allocation  
402 provided pursuant to s. 1013.60 within the 3-year planning  
403 period which are not needed to complete the projects listed  
404 pursuant to paragraph (d); and

405 2. The project has been recommended pursuant to s. 1013.31.

406 (c) The project scoring the highest for each criterion

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407 shall be awarded the maximum points in the range of points  
408 within the points scale developed by the state board. The state  
409 board shall weight the value of criteria such that the maximum  
410 points awarded for each criterion represents a percent of the  
411 total maximum points.

412 (d) The state board shall continually maintain a list of  
413 all public education capital outlay projects for which state  
414 funds were previously appropriated and have not been completed.  
415 The list shall include an estimate of the amount of state  
416 funding needed for the completion of each project.

417 (e) The state board shall review its space need calculation  
418 methodology developed pursuant to s. 1013.03(2) (a) and present a  
419 summary of its work with preliminary draft recommendations to  
420 the chairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives  
421 appropriations committees by January 15, 2020, and every 3 years  
422 thereafter.

423 Section 5. Paragraph (e) of subsection (5) of section  
424 1001.706, Florida Statutes, is amended, paragraph (j) is added  
425 to subsection (3) and paragraph (i) is added to subsection (5)  
426 of that section, and subsection (12) is added to that section,  
427 to read:

428 1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.—

429 (3) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO ORGANIZATION AND  
430 OPERATION OF STATE UNIVERSITIES.—

431 (j) The Board of Governors shall develop and annually  
432 deliver a training program for members of each state university  
433 board of trustees that addresses the role of such boards in  
434 governing institutional resources and protecting the public  
435 interest. At a minimum, each trustee must participate in the

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436 training program within 1 year of appointment and reappointment  
437 to a university board of trustees. The program must include  
438 information on trustee responsibilities relating to all of the  
439 following:

440 1. Meeting the statutory, regulatory, and fiduciary  
441 obligations of the board.

442 2. Establishing internal process controls and  
443 accountability mechanisms for the institution's president and  
444 other administrative officers.

445 3. Oversight of planning, construction, maintenance,  
446 expansion, and renovation projects that impact the university's  
447 consolidated infrastructure, physical facilities, and natural  
448 environment, including its lands, improvements, and capital  
449 equipment.

450 4. Establishing policies that promote college  
451 affordability, including ensuring that the costs of university  
452 fees, textbooks, and instructional materials are minimized  
453 whenever possible.

454 5. Creation and implementation of institutionwide rules and  
455 regulations.

456 6. Institutional ethics and conflicts of interest.

457 7. Best practices for board governance.

458 8. Understanding current national and state issues in  
459 higher education.

460 9. Any other responsibilities the Board of Governors deems  
461 necessary or appropriate.

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

463 (e) The Board of Governors shall maintain an effective  
464 information system to provide accurate, timely, and cost-



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465 effective information about each university. The board shall  
466 continue to collect and maintain, at a minimum, management  
467 information as such information existed on June 30, 2002. To  
468 ensure consistency, the Board of Governors shall define the data  
469 components and methodology used to implement ss. 1001.7065 and  
470 1001.92. Each university shall conduct an annual audit to verify  
471 that the data submitted pursuant to ss. 1001.7065 and 1001.92  
472 complies with the data definitions established by the board and  
473 submit the audits to the Board of Governors Office of Inspector  
474 General as part of the annual certification process required by  
475 the Board of Governors.

476 (i) The Board of Governors shall match individual student  
477 information with information in the files of state and federal  
478 agencies that maintain educational and employment records. The  
479 board must enter into an agreement with the Department of  
480 Economic Opportunity that allows access to the individual  
481 reemployment assistance wage records maintained by the  
482 department. The agreement must protect individual privacy and  
483 provide that student information may be used only for the  
484 purposes of auditing or evaluating higher education programs  
485 offered by state universities.

486 (12) PUBLIC EDUCATION CAPITAL OUTLAY.—The Board of  
487 Governors shall submit the prioritized list as required by s.  
488 1013.64(4). Projects considered for prioritization shall be  
489 chosen from a preliminary selection group that shall include the  
490 list of projects maintained pursuant to paragraph (d) and up to  
491 the top five ranked priorities of each state university.

492 (a) The board shall develop a points-based prioritization  
493 method to rank projects for consideration from the preliminary

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494 selection group and award points for the degree to which a  
495 project meets specific criteria compared to other projects in  
496 the preliminary selection group. The board shall consider  
497 criteria that evaluate the degree to which:

498 1. The project was funded previously by the Legislature and  
499 the amount of funds needed for completion constitutes a  
500 relatively low percentage of total project costs;

501 2. The project represents a building maintenance project or  
502 the repair of utility infrastructure which is necessary to  
503 preserve a safe environment for students and staff, or a project  
504 that is necessary to maintain the operation of a university  
505 site, and for which the university can demonstrate it has no  
506 other fund source available to complete the project;

507 3. The project addresses the greatest current or projected  
508 need for space as indicated by factors such as increased  
509 instructional or research capacity that enhances educational  
510 opportunities for students;

511 4. The project reflects a ranked priority of the submitting  
512 university;

513 5. The project represents the most practical and cost-  
514 effective replacement or renovation of an existing building;

515 6. The project is deemed integral to the mission of the  
516 system or the institution in serving the strategic needs of  
517 communities, regions, or this state; and

518 7. For a new construction, remodeling, or renovation  
519 project that has not received a prior appropriation, the project  
520 has received, or has commitments to receive, funding from  
521 sources other than a project-specific state appropriation to  
522 assist with completion of the project and future maintenance

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523 needs associated with the project; the project is needed to  
524 preserve the safety of persons using the facility; or the  
525 project is consistent with a strategic legislative or board  
526 initiative.

527 (b) A new construction, remodeling, or renovation project  
528 that has not received an appropriation in a previous year may  
529 not be considered for inclusion on the prioritized list required  
530 by s. 1013.64(4), unless:

531 1. There are sufficient excess funds from the allocation  
532 provided pursuant to s. 1013.60 within the 3-year planning  
533 period which are not needed to complete the projects listed  
534 pursuant to paragraph (d); and

535 2. The project has been recommended pursuant to s. 1013.31.

536 (c) The project scoring the highest for each criterion  
537 shall be awarded the maximum points in the range of points  
538 within the points scale developed by the board. The board shall  
539 weight the value of criteria such that the maximum points  
540 awarded for each criterion represent a percent of the total of  
541 maximum points.

542 (d) The board shall continually maintain a list of all  
543 public education capital outlay projects for which state funds  
544 were previously appropriated which have not been completed. The  
545 list shall include an estimate of the amount of state funding  
546 needed for the completion of each project.

547 (e) The board shall review its space need calculation  
548 methodology developed pursuant to s. 1013.03(2)(a) and present a  
549 summary of its work with preliminary draft recommendations to  
550 the chairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives  
551 appropriations committees by January 15, 2020, and every 3 years

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552 thereafter.

553 Section 6. Present subsection (7) of section 1004.335,  
554 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (8), a new  
555 subsection (7) is added to that section, and subsection (1),  
556 paragraphs (a) and (g) of subsection (4), subsection (5), and  
557 paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of that section are amended, to  
558 read:

559 1004.335 Accreditation consolidation of University of South  
560 Florida branch campuses.—

561 (1) The University of South Florida Consolidation Planning  
562 Study and Implementation Task Force is established to develop  
563 recommendations to improve service to students by phasing out  
564 the separate accreditation of the University of South Florida  
565 St. Petersburg branch campus and the University of South Florida  
566 Sarasota/Manatee branch campus, which were conferred by the  
567 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on  
568 Colleges (SACSCOC) pursuant to ss. 1004.33 and 1004.34,  
569 respectively.

570 (4) No later than February 15, 2019, the task force must  
571 submit a report to the University of South Florida Board of  
572 Trustees which includes, at a minimum, recommendations on the  
573 following:

574 (a) Identification of specific degrees in programs of  
575 strategic significance, including health care, science,  
576 technology, engineering, mathematics, and other program  
577 priorities to be offered at the University of South Florida St.  
578 Petersburg branch campus and the University of South Florida  
579 Sarasota/Manatee branch campus and the timeline for the  
580 development and delivery of programs on each campus;

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581 (g) Developing and delivering integrated academic programs,  
582 student and faculty governance, and administrative services to  
583 better serve the students, faculty, and staff at the University  
584 of South Florida College of Marine Science, the University of  
585 South Florida Sarasota/Manatee branch campus, and the University  
586 of South Florida St. Petersburg branch campus.

587 (5) No later than March 15, 2019, the Board of Trustees of  
588 the University of South Florida, after considering the  
589 recommendations of the task force, must adopt and submit to the  
590 Board of Governors an implementation plan that:

591 (a) Establishes a timeline for each step that is necessary  
592 to terminate the separate accreditation for each campus no later  
593 than June 30, 2020, while maintaining branch campus status for  
594 both campuses, so that there is no lapse in institutional  
595 accreditation for any campus during the phasing-out process.

596 (b) Minimizes disruption to students attending ~~any~~ the  
597 University of South Florida or any of its branch campuses ~~campus~~  
598 so that the consolidation of SACSCOC accreditation does not  
599 impede a student's ability to graduate within 4 years after  
600 initial first-time-in-college enrollment.

601 (c) Requires that, on or before July 1, 2020, the entirety  
602 of the University of South Florida, including all branch  
603 campuses and other component units of the university, operate  
604 under a single institutional accreditation from the SACSCOC.

605 (d) Requires that, on each regularly scheduled submission  
606 date subsequent to July 1, 2020, the University of South Florida  
607 report consolidated data for all of the university's campuses  
608 and students to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data  
609 System and to the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors

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610 shall use the consolidated data for purposes of determining  
611 eligibility for funding pursuant to ss. 1001.7065 and 1001.92.  
612 However, if the University of South Florida meets the deadline  
613 outlined in paragraph (c) and the University of South Florida  
614 Sarasota/Manatee and the University of South Florida St.  
615 Petersburg maintain branch campus status as defined in  
616 subsection (7), the Board of Governors may not use the  
617 consolidated data for purposes of determining eligibility for  
618 funding pursuant to s. 1001.7065 until July 1, 2022.

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620 The Board of Governors shall monitor the fidelity of the  
621 implementation of the plan.

622 (6) Notwithstanding ss. 1001.7065 and 1001.92 or any Board  
623 of Governors regulation to the contrary relating to the  
624 calculation of graduation rates and retention rates, a student  
625 who meets all of the following criteria may not be counted by  
626 the Board of Governors when calculating or confirming the  
627 graduation rate or the retention rate of the University of South  
628 Florida under those sections:

629 (a) The student was admitted to and initially enrolled  
630 before the spring 2020 semester as a first-time-in-college  
631 student at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg branch  
632 campus or the University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee  
633 branch campus.

634 (7) For purposes of this section, a branch campus is an  
635 instructional site located geographically apart and independent  
636 of the main campus of the institution. A location is independent  
637 of the main campus if the location:

638 (a) Is permanent in nature;

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639       (b) Offers courses in educational programs leading to a  
640 degree, diploma, certificate, or other recognized educational  
641 credential;

642       (c) Has its own faculty and administrative or supervisory  
643 organization; and

644       (d) Has its own budgetary and hiring authority.

645       Section 7. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section  
646 1004.70, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

647       1004.70 Florida College System institution direct-support  
648 organizations.—

649       (4) ACTIVITIES; RESTRICTIONS.—

650       (d) A Florida College System institution direct-support  
651 organization is prohibited from giving, either directly or  
652 indirectly, any gift to a political committee as defined in s.  
653 106.011 for any purpose ~~other than those certified by a majority~~  
654 ~~roll call vote of the governing board of the direct-support~~  
655 ~~organization at a regularly scheduled meeting as being directly~~  
656 ~~related to the educational mission of the Florida College System~~  
657 ~~institution.~~

658       Section 8. Subsections (7) and (8) are added to section  
659 1007.23, Florida Statutes, to read:

660       1007.23 Statewide articulation agreement.—

661       (7) The articulation agreement must specifically provide  
662 for a reverse transfer agreement for Florida College System  
663 associate in arts degree-seeking students who transfer to a  
664 state university before earning an associate in arts degree.  
665 Students must be awarded an associate in arts degree by the  
666 Florida College System institution upon completion of degree  
667 requirements at the state university if the student earned more

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668 than 30 credit hours toward the associate in arts degree from  
669 the Florida College System institution. State universities must  
670 identify students who have completed the requirements for the  
671 associate in arts degree and, upon student consent, transfer  
672 credits earned at the state university back to the Florida  
673 College System institution so that the associate in arts degree  
674 may be awarded by the Florida College System institution.

675 (8) By the 2019-2020 academic year, to strengthen Florida's  
676 "2+2" system of articulation and improve student retention and  
677 on-time graduation, each Florida College System institution  
678 shall execute at least one "2+2" targeted pathway articulation  
679 agreement with one or more state universities, and each state  
680 university shall execute at least one such agreement with one or  
681 more Florida College System institutions to establish "2+2"  
682 targeted pathway programs. The agreement must provide students  
683 who graduate with an associate in arts degree and who meet  
684 specified requirements guaranteed access to the state university  
685 and a degree program at that university, in accordance with the  
686 terms of the "2+2" targeted pathway articulation agreement.

687 (a) To participate in a "2+2" targeted pathway program, a  
688 student must:

- 689 1. Enroll in the program before completing 30 credit hours,  
690 including, but not limited to, college credits earned through  
691 articulated acceleration mechanisms pursuant to s. 1007.27;
- 692 2. Complete an associate in arts degree; and
- 693 3. Meet the university's transfer requirements.

694 (b) A state university that executes a "2+2" targeted  
695 pathway articulation agreement must meet the following  
696 requirements in order to implement a "2+2" targeted pathway



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697 program in collaboration with its partner Florida College System  
698 institution:

699 1. Establish a 4-year, on-time graduation plan for a  
700 baccalaureate degree program, including, but not limited to, a  
701 plan for students to complete associate in arts degree programs,  
702 general education courses, common prerequisite courses, and  
703 elective courses;

704 2. Advise students enrolled in the program about the  
705 university's transfer and degree program requirements; and

706 3. Provide students who meet the requirements under this  
707 paragraph with access to academic advisors and campus events and  
708 with guaranteed admittance to the state university and a degree  
709 program of the state university, in accordance with the terms of  
710 the agreement.

711 (c) To assist the state universities and Florida College  
712 System institutions with implementing the "2+2" targeted pathway  
713 programs effectively, the State Board of Education and the Board  
714 of Governors shall collaborate to eliminate barriers in  
715 executing "2+2" targeted pathway articulation agreements.

716 Section 9. Subsection (11) of section 1007.25, Florida  
717 Statutes, is amended to read:

718 1007.25 General education courses; common prerequisites;  
719 other degree requirements.-

720 (11) Students at state universities may request an  
721 associate in arts degree certificates if they have successfully  
722 completed the minimum requirements for the degree of associate  
723 in arts ~~(A.A.)~~. The university must grant the student an  
724 associate in arts degree if the student has successfully  
725 completed minimum requirements for the associate in arts degree,

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726 as determined by the state university college-level  
727 communication and computation skills adopted by the State Board  
728 of Education and 60 academic semester hours or the equivalent  
729 within a degree program area, including 36 semester hours in  
730 general education courses in the subject areas of communication,  
731 mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences,  
732 consistent with the general education requirements specified in  
733 the articulation agreement pursuant to s. 1007.23. The  
734 university must notify students of the criteria and process for  
735 requesting an associate in arts degree during orientation.  
736 Additional notification must be provided to each student  
737 enrolled at the university upon completion of the requirements  
738 for an associate in arts degree. Beginning with students  
739 enrolled at the university in the 2018-2019 academic year and  
740 thereafter, the university must also notify any student who has  
741 not graduated from the university of the option and process to  
742 request an associate in arts degree if that student has  
743 completed the requirements for an associate in arts degree but  
744 has not reenrolled at the university in the subsequent fall  
745 semester and thereafter.

746 Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 1008.32, Florida  
747 Statutes, is amended to read:

748 1008.32 State Board of Education oversight enforcement  
749 authority.—The State Board of Education shall oversee the  
750 performance of district school boards and Florida College System  
751 institution boards of trustees in enforcement of all laws and  
752 rules. District school boards and Florida College System  
753 institution boards of trustees shall be primarily responsible  
754 for compliance with law and state board rule.

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755           (2) (a) The Commissioner of Education may investigate  
756 allegations of noncompliance with law or state board rule and  
757 determine probable cause. The commissioner shall report  
758 determinations of probable cause to the State Board of Education  
759 which shall require the district school board or Florida College  
760 System institution board of trustees to document compliance with  
761 law or state board rule.

762           (b) The Commissioner of Education shall report to the State  
763 Board of Education any findings by the Auditor General that a  
764 district school board or Florida College System institution is  
765 acting without statutory authority or contrary to general law.  
766 The State Board of Education shall require the district school  
767 board or Florida College System institution board of trustees to  
768 document compliance with such law.

769           Section 11. Subsection (3) of section 1008.322, Florida  
770 Statutes, is amended to read:

771           1008.322 Board of Governors oversight enforcement  
772 authority.—

773           (3) (a) The Chancellor of the State University System may  
774 investigate allegations of noncompliance with any law or Board  
775 of Governors' rule or regulation and determine probable cause.  
776 The chancellor shall report determinations of probable cause to  
777 the Board of Governors, which may require the university board  
778 of trustees to document compliance with the law or Board of  
779 Governors' rule or regulation.

780           (b) The Chancellor of the State University System shall  
781 report to the Board of Governors any findings by the Auditor  
782 General that a university is acting without statutory authority  
783 or contrary to general law. The Board of Governors shall require

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784 the university board of trustees to document compliance with  
785 such law.

786 Section 12. Effective July 1, 2019, and upon the expiration  
787 and reversion of the amendment made to section 1009.215, Florida  
788 Statutes, pursuant to section 13 of chapter 2018-10, Laws of  
789 Florida, subsection (3) of section 1009.215, Florida Statutes,  
790 is amended to read:

791 1009.215 Student enrollment pilot program for the spring  
792 and summer terms.-

793 (3) Students who are enrolled in the pilot program and who  
794 are eligible to receive Bright Futures Scholarships under ss.  
795 1009.53-1009.536 are ~~shall be~~ eligible to receive the  
796 scholarship award for attendance during the spring and summer  
797 terms. This student cohort is also eligible to receive Bright  
798 Futures Scholarships during the fall term which may be used for  
799 off-campus or online coursework, if Bright Futures Scholarship  
800 funding is provided by the Legislature for three terms for other  
801 eligible students during that academic year ~~no more than 2~~  
802 ~~semesters or the equivalent in any fiscal year, including the~~  
803 ~~summer term.~~

804 Section 13. Subsection (2) of section 1009.286, Florida  
805 Statutes, is amended to read:

806 1009.286 Additional student payment for hours exceeding  
807 baccalaureate degree program completion requirements at state  
808 universities.-

809 (2) State universities shall require a student to pay an  
810 excess hour surcharge for each credit hour in excess of the  
811 number of credit hours required to complete the baccalaureate  
812 degree program in which the student is enrolled. Each university

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813 must calculate an excess hour threshold for each student based  
814 on the number of credit hours required for the degree. For any  
815 student who changes degree programs, the excess hour threshold  
816 must be adjusted only if the number of credit hours required to  
817 complete the new degree program exceeds that of the original  
818 degree program. The excess hour surcharge ~~shall become effective~~  
819 for students who enter a state university for the first time and  
820 maintain continuous enrollment is as follows:

821 (a) For the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 academic years, an  
822 excess hour surcharge equal to 50 percent of the tuition rate  
823 for each credit hour in excess of 120 percent.

824 (b) For the 2011-2012 academic year, an excess hour  
825 surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate for each  
826 credit hour in excess of 115 percent.

827 (c) For the 2012-2013 academic year through the 2019 spring  
828 term and thereafter, an excess hour surcharge equal to 100  
829 percent of the tuition rate for each credit hour in excess of  
830 110 percent. For the 2019 summer term and thereafter, an excess  
831 hour surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate for each  
832 credit hour in excess of 120 percent. Notwithstanding the  
833 requirements of this subsection, a state university shall refund  
834 the excess hour surcharge assessed pursuant to this paragraph  
835 for up to 12 credit hours to any first-time-in-college student  
836 who completes a baccalaureate degree program within 4 years  
837 after his or her initial enrollment in a state university.

838 Section 14. Subsections (1), (2), and (3), paragraph (a) of  
839 subsection (4), subsection (5), and subsection (7) of section  
840 1009.53, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

841 1009.53 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.—

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842 (1) The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program is  
843 created to establish a lottery-funded scholarship program to  
844 reward any Florida high school graduate who merits recognition  
845 of high academic achievement and who enrolls in a degree  
846 program, certificate program, or applied technology program at  
847 an eligible Florida public or private postsecondary education  
848 institution ~~within 3 years of graduation from high school.~~

849 (2) The Bright Futures Scholarship Program consists of four  
850 ~~three types of~~ awards: the Florida Academic Scholarship, the  
851 Florida Medallion Scholarship, the Florida Gold Seal CAPE  
852 Scholarship, and the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship.

853 (3) The Department of Education shall administer the Bright  
854 Futures Scholarship Program according to rules and procedures  
855 established by the State Board of Education. A single  
856 application must be sufficient for a student to apply for any of  
857 the ~~three types of~~ awards. The department shall advertise the  
858 availability of the scholarship program and shall notify  
859 students, teachers, parents, certified school counselors, and  
860 principals or other relevant school administrators of the  
861 criteria and application procedures. The department must begin  
862 this process of notification no later than January 1 of each  
863 year.

864 (4) Funding for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program must  
865 be allocated from the Education Enhancement Trust Fund and must  
866 be provided before allocations from that fund are calculated for  
867 disbursement to other educational entities.

868 (a) If funds appropriated are not adequate to provide the  
869 maximum allowable award to each eligible applicant, awards in  
870 all ~~three~~ components of the program must be prorated using the

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871 same percentage reduction.

872 (5) The department shall issue awards from the scholarship  
873 program annually. ~~Annual awards may be for up to 45 semester~~  
874 ~~credit hours or the equivalent.~~ Before the registration period  
875 each semester, the department shall transmit payment for each  
876 award to the president or director of the postsecondary  
877 education institution, or his or her representative, except that  
878 the department may withhold payment if the receiving institution  
879 fails to report or to make refunds to the department as required  
880 in this section.

881 (a) Within 30 days after the end of regular registration  
882 each semester, the educational institution shall certify to the  
883 department the eligibility status of each student who receives  
884 an award. After the end of the drop and add period, an  
885 institution is not required to reevaluate or revise a student's  
886 eligibility status; however, an institution must make a refund  
887 to the department within 30 days after the end of the semester  
888 of any funds received for courses dropped by a student or  
889 courses from which a student has withdrawn after the end of the  
890 drop and add period, unless the student has been granted an  
891 exception by the department pursuant to subsection (11).

892 (b) An institution that receives funds from the program for  
893 the fall and spring terms shall certify to the department the  
894 amount of funds disbursed to each student and shall remit to the  
895 department any undisbursed advances within 60 days after the end  
896 of regular registration. An institution that receives funds from  
897 the program for the summer term shall certify to the department  
898 the amount of funds disbursed to each student and shall remit to  
899 the department any undisbursed advances within 30 days after the

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900 end of the summer term.

901 (c) Each institution that receives moneys through this  
902 program shall provide for a financial audit, as defined in s.  
903 11.45, conducted by an independent certified public accountant  
904 or the Auditor General for each fiscal year in which the  
905 institution expends program moneys in excess of \$100,000. At  
906 least every 2 years, the audit shall include an examination of  
907 the institution's administration of the program and the  
908 institution's accounting of the moneys for the program since the  
909 last examination of the institution's administration of the  
910 program. The report on the audit must be submitted to the  
911 department within 9 months after the end of the fiscal year. The  
912 department may conduct its own annual audit of an institution's  
913 administration of the program. The department may request a  
914 refund of any moneys overpaid to the institution for the  
915 program. The department may suspend or revoke an institution's  
916 eligibility to receive future moneys for the program if the  
917 department finds that an institution has not complied with this  
918 section. The institution must remit within 60 days any refund  
919 requested in accordance with this subsection.

920 (d) Any institution that is not subject to an audit  
921 pursuant to this subsection shall attest, under penalty of  
922 perjury, that the moneys were used in compliance with law. The  
923 attestation shall be made annually in a form and format  
924 determined by the department.

925 (7) A student may receive only one type of award from the  
926 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program at any given a time,  
927 but may transfer from one type of award to another through the  
928 renewal application process, if the student's eligibility status



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929 changes. However, a student is not eligible to transfer from a  
930 Florida Medallion Scholarship, a Florida Gold Seal CAPE  
931 Scholarship, or a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship to a  
932 Florida Academic Scholarship. A student who receives an award  
933 from the program may also receive a federal family education  
934 loan or a federal direct loan, and the value of the award must  
935 be considered in the certification or calculation of the  
936 student's loan eligibility.

937 Section 15. Section 1009.531, Florida Statutes, is amended  
938 to read:

939 1009.531 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
940 student eligibility requirements for initial awards.—

941 (1) In order to be eligible for an initial award from any  
942 of the ~~three types of~~ scholarships under the Florida Bright  
943 Futures Scholarship Program, a student must:

944 (a) Be a Florida resident as defined in s. 1009.40 and  
945 rules of the State Board of Education.

946 (b) Earn a standard Florida high school diploma pursuant to  
947 s. 1002.3105(5), s. 1003.4281, or s. 1003.4282 or a high school  
948 equivalency diploma pursuant to s. 1003.435 unless:

949 1. The student completes a home education program according  
950 to s. 1002.41; ~~or~~

951 2. The student earns a high school diploma from a non-  
952 Florida school while living with a parent or guardian who is on  
953 military or public service assignment away from Florida; or

954 3. The student earns a high school diploma from a Florida  
955 private school operating pursuant to s. 1002.42.

956 (c) Be accepted by and enroll in an eligible Florida public  
957 or independent postsecondary education institution.

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958 (d) Be enrolled for at least 6 semester credit hours or the  
959 equivalent in quarter hours or clock hours.

960 (e) Not have been found guilty of, or entered a plea of  
961 nolo contendere to, a felony charge, unless the student has been  
962 granted clemency by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the  
963 Executive Office of Clemency.

964 (f) Apply for a scholarship from the program by high school  
965 graduation. However, a student who graduates from high school  
966 midyear must apply no later than December ~~August~~ 31 of the  
967 student's graduation year in order to be evaluated for and, if  
968 eligible, receive an award for the current academic year.

969 ~~(2) (a) A student graduating from high school prior to the~~  
970 ~~2010-2011 academic year is eligible to accept an initial award~~  
971 ~~for 3 years following high school graduation and to accept a~~  
972 ~~renewal award for 7 years following high school graduation. A~~  
973 ~~student who applies for an award by high school graduation and~~  
974 ~~who meets all other eligibility requirements, but who does not~~  
975 ~~accept his or her award, may reapply during subsequent~~  
976 ~~application periods up to 3 years after high school graduation.~~  
977 ~~For a student who enlists in the United States Armed Forces~~  
978 ~~immediately after completion of high school, the 3-year~~  
979 ~~eligibility period for his or her initial award shall begin upon~~  
980 ~~the date of separation from active duty. For a student who is~~  
981 ~~receiving a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship and discontinues~~  
982 ~~his or her education to enlist in the United States Armed~~  
983 ~~Forces, the remainder of his or her 7-year renewal period shall~~  
984 ~~commence upon the date of separation from active duty.~~

985 ~~(b) Students graduating from high school in the 2010-2011~~  
986 ~~and 2011-2012 academic years are eligible to accept an initial~~

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987 ~~award for 3 years following high school graduation and to accept~~  
988 ~~a renewal award for 5 years following high school graduation. A~~  
989 ~~student who applies for an award by high school graduation and~~  
990 ~~who meets all other eligibility requirements, but who does not~~  
991 ~~accept his or her award, may reapply during subsequent~~  
992 ~~application periods up to 3 years after high school graduation.~~  
993 ~~For a student who enlists in the United States Armed Forces~~  
994 ~~immediately after completion of high school, the 3-year~~  
995 ~~eligibility period for his or her initial award and the 5-year~~  
996 ~~renewal period shall begin upon the date of separation from~~  
997 ~~active duty. For a student who is receiving a Florida Bright~~  
998 ~~Futures Scholarship award and discontinues his or her education~~  
999 ~~to enlist in the United States Armed Forces, the remainder of~~  
1000 ~~his or her 5-year renewal period shall commence upon the date of~~  
1001 ~~separation from active duty. If a course of study is not~~  
1002 ~~completed after 5 academic years, an exception of 1 year to the~~  
1003 ~~renewal timeframe may be granted due to a verifiable illness or~~  
1004 ~~other documented emergency pursuant to s. 1009.40(1)(b)4.~~

1005 ~~(c)~~ A student graduating from high school in the 2012-2013  
1006 academic year and thereafter is eligible to receive an ~~accept an~~  
1007 ~~initial award for 2 years following high school graduation and~~  
1008 ~~to accept a renewal~~ award for 5 years following high school  
1009 graduation. A student who applies for an award by high school  
1010 graduation and who meets all other eligibility requirements, but  
1011 who does not accept his or her award, may reapply during  
1012 subsequent application periods up to 5 ~~2~~ years after high school  
1013 graduation. For a student who enlists in the United States Armed  
1014 Forces immediately after completion of high school, ~~the 2-year~~  
1015 ~~eligibility period for his or her initial award and the 5-year~~

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1016 ~~renewal~~ period shall begin upon the date of separation from  
1017 active duty. For a student who is receiving a Florida Bright  
1018 Futures Scholarship award and discontinues his or her education  
1019 to enlist in the United States Armed Forces, the remainder of  
1020 his or her 5-year renewal period shall commence upon the date of  
1021 separation from active duty. For a student who is unable to  
1022 accept an initial award ~~immediately after completion of high~~  
1023 ~~school~~ due to a full-time religious or service obligation  
1024 lasting at least 18 months which begins within 1 year after  
1025 completion of high school, ~~the 2-year eligibility period for his~~  
1026 ~~or her initial award and the 5-year renewal period begins~~ begin  
1027 upon the completion of his or her religious or service  
1028 obligation. The organization sponsoring the full-time religious  
1029 or service obligation must meet the requirements for nonprofit  
1030 status under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or be a  
1031 federal government service organization, including, but not  
1032 limited to, the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps programs. The  
1033 obligation must be documented in writing and verified by the  
1034 entity for which the student completed the obligation on a  
1035 standardized form prescribed by the department. If a course of  
1036 study is not completed after 5 academic years, an exception of 1  
1037 year to the renewal timeframe may be granted due to a verifiable  
1038 illness or other documented emergency pursuant to s.  
1039 1009.40(1)(b)4.

1040 (3) For purposes of calculating the grade point average to  
1041 be used in determining initial eligibility for a Florida Bright  
1042 Futures Scholarship, the department shall assign additional  
1043 weights to grades earned in the following courses:

1044 (a) Courses identified in the course code directory as

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1045 Advanced Placement, pre-International Baccalaureate,  
1046 International Baccalaureate, International General Certificate  
1047 of Secondary Education (pre-AICE), or Advanced International  
1048 Certificate of Education.

1049 (b) Courses designated as academic dual enrollment courses  
1050 in the statewide course numbering system.

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1052 The department may assign additional weights to courses, other  
1053 than those described in paragraphs (a) and (b), that are  
1054 identified by the Department of Education as containing rigorous  
1055 academic curriculum and performance standards. The additional  
1056 weight assigned to a course pursuant to this subsection shall  
1057 not exceed 0.5 per course. The weighted system shall be  
1058 developed and distributed to all high schools in the state prior  
1059 to January 1, 1998. The department may determine a student's  
1060 eligibility status during the senior year before graduation and  
1061 may inform the student of the award at that time.

1062 (4) Each school district shall annually provide to each  
1063 high school student in grade 11 or 12 a complete and accurate  
1064 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Evaluation Report and Key.  
1065 The report shall be disseminated at the beginning of each school  
1066 year. The report must include all high school coursework  
1067 attempted, the number of credits earned toward each type of  
1068 award, and the calculation of the grade point average for each  
1069 award. The report must also identify all requirements not met  
1070 per award, including the grade point average requirement, as  
1071 well as identify the awards for which the student has met the  
1072 academic requirements. The student report cards must contain a  
1073 disclosure that the grade point average calculated for purposes

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1074 of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program may differ  
1075 from the grade point average on the report card.

1076 (5) A student who wishes to qualify for a particular award  
1077 within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, but who  
1078 does not meet all of the requirements for that ~~level of award by~~  
1079 the applicable deadlines, may be allowed additional time to  
1080 complete the requirements, ~~nevertheless, receive the award if~~  
1081 the principal of the student's school or the district  
1082 superintendent verifies that the deficiency is caused by the  
1083 fact that school district personnel provided inaccurate or  
1084 incomplete information to the student. The school district must  
1085 provide a means for the student to correct the deficiencies and  
1086 the student must correct them, either by completing comparable  
1087 work at the postsecondary institution or by completing a  
1088 directed individualized study program developed and administered  
1089 by the school district. If the student does not complete the  
1090 requirements by December 31 immediately following high school  
1091 graduation, the student is ineligible to participate in the  
1092 program. If the student completes the requirements by December  
1093 31, the student must receive the award for the full academic  
1094 year, including the fall term.

1095 (6) (a) The State Board of Education shall publicize the  
1096 examination score required for a student to be eligible for a  
1097 Florida Academic Scholars award, pursuant to s. 1009.534(1) (a)  
1098 or (b), as follows:

1099 1. For high school students graduating in the 2018-2019 and  
1100 2019-2020 academic years, a student must achieve an SAT combined  
1101 score of 1290 or an ACT composite score of 29.

1102 2. For high school students graduating in the 2020-2021

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1103 academic year and thereafter, a student must achieve the  
1104 required examination scores published by the department, which  
1105 are determined as provided in subsection (c) High school  
1106 ~~students must earn an SAT score of 1290 which corresponds to the~~  
1107 ~~89th SAT percentile rank or a concordant ACT score of 29.~~

1108 (b) The State Board of Education shall publicize the  
1109 examination score required for a student to be eligible for a  
1110 Florida Medallion Scholars award, pursuant to s. 1009.535(1) (a)  
1111 or (b), as follows:

1112 1. For high school students graduating in the 2018-2019 and  
1113 2019-2020 academic years, a student must achieve an SAT combined  
1114 score of 1170 or an ACT composite score of 26.

1115 2. For high school students graduating in the 2020-2021  
1116 academic year and thereafter, a student must achieve the  
1117 required examination scores published by the department, which  
1118 are determined as provided in subsection (c) High school  
1119 ~~students must earn an SAT score of 1170 which corresponds to the~~  
1120 ~~75th SAT percentile rank or a concordant ACT score of 26.~~

1121 (c) To ensure that the required examination scores  
1122 represent top student performance and are equivalent between the  
1123 SAT and ACT, the department shall develop a method for  
1124 determining the required examination scores which incorporates  
1125 all of the following:

1126 1. The minimum required SAT score for the Florida Academic  
1127 Scholarship must be set no lower than the 89th national  
1128 percentile on the SAT. The department may adjust the required  
1129 SAT score only if the required score drops below the 89th  
1130 national percentile, and any such adjustment must be applied to  
1131 the bottom of the SAT score range that is concordant to the ACT.

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1132       2. The minimum required SAT score for the Florida Medallion  
1133 Scholarship must be set no lower than the 75th national  
1134 percentile on the SAT. The department may adjust the required  
1135 SAT score only if the required score drops below the 75th  
1136 national percentile, and any such adjustment must be made to the  
1137 bottom of the SAT score range that is concordant to the ACT.

1138       3. The required ACT scores must be made concordant to the  
1139 required SAT scores, using the latest published national  
1140 concordance table developed jointly by the College Board and  
1141 ACT, Inc.

1142       (d) Before each school year, the department shall publish  
1143 any changes to the examination score requirements that apply to  
1144 students graduating in the next 2 years ~~The SAT percentile ranks~~  
1145 ~~and corresponding SAT scores specified in paragraphs (a) and (b)~~  
1146 ~~are based on the SAT percentile ranks for 2010 college bound~~  
1147 ~~seniors in critical reading and mathematics as reported by the~~  
1148 ~~College Board. The next highest SAT score is used when the~~  
1149 ~~percentile ranks do not directly correspond.~~

1150       Section 16. Section 1009.532, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1151 to read:

1152       1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
1153 student eligibility requirements for renewal awards.-

1154       (1) To be eligible to renew a scholarship from any of the  
1155 ~~three types of~~ scholarships under the Florida Bright Futures  
1156 Scholarship Program, a student must:

1157       (a) Effective for students funded in the 2009-2010 academic  
1158 year and thereafter, earn at least 24 semester credit hours or  
1159 the equivalent in the last academic year in which the student  
1160 earned a scholarship if the student was enrolled full time, or a



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1161 prorated number of credit hours as determined by the Department  
1162 of Education if the student was enrolled less than full time for  
1163 any part of the academic year. ~~For students initially eligible~~  
1164 ~~prior to the 2010-2011 academic term, if a student fails to earn~~  
1165 ~~the minimum number of hours required to renew the scholarship,~~  
1166 ~~the student shall lose his or her eligibility for renewal for a~~  
1167 ~~period equivalent to 1 academic year. Such student is eligible~~  
1168 ~~to restore the award the following academic year if the student~~  
1169 ~~earns the hours for which he or she was enrolled at the level~~  
1170 ~~defined by the department and meets the grade point average for~~  
1171 ~~renewal. A student is eligible for such restoration one time.~~  
1172 ~~The department shall notify eligible recipients of the~~  
1173 ~~provisions of this paragraph. Each institution shall notify~~  
1174 ~~award recipients of the provisions of this paragraph during the~~  
1175 ~~registration process.~~

1176 (b) Maintain the cumulative grade point average required by  
1177 the scholarship program, except that:

1178 1. If a recipient's grades fall beneath the average  
1179 required to renew a Florida Academic Scholarship, but are  
1180 sufficient to renew a Florida Medallion Scholarship, a Florida  
1181 Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship, or a Florida Gold Seal Vocational  
1182 Scholarship, the Department of Education may grant a renewal  
1183 from one of those other scholarship programs, if the student  
1184 meets the renewal eligibility requirements;

1185 ~~2. For students initially eligible prior to the 2010-2011~~  
1186 ~~academic term, if at any time during the eligibility period a~~  
1187 ~~student's grades are insufficient to renew the scholarship, the~~  
1188 ~~student may restore eligibility by improving the grade point~~  
1189 ~~average to the required level. A student is eligible for such a~~

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1190 ~~restoration one time. The Legislature encourages education~~  
1191 ~~institutions to assist students to calculate whether or not it~~  
1192 ~~is possible to raise the grade point average during the summer~~  
1193 ~~term. If the institution determines that it is possible, the~~  
1194 ~~education institution may so inform the department, which may~~  
1195 ~~reserve the student's award if funds are available. The renewal,~~  
1196 ~~however, must not be granted until the student achieves the~~  
1197 ~~required cumulative grade point average. If the summer term is~~  
1198 ~~not sufficient to raise the grade point average to the required~~  
1199 ~~renewal level, the student's next opportunity for renewal is the~~  
1200 ~~fall semester of the following academic year; or~~

1201 2.3. For students initially eligible in the 2010-2011  
1202 academic term and thereafter, if at any time during a student's  
1203 first academic year the student's grades are insufficient to  
1204 renew the scholarship, the student may restore eligibility by  
1205 improving the grade point average to the required level. A  
1206 student is eligible for such a restoration one time. The  
1207 Legislature encourages education institutions to assist students  
1208 to calculate whether or not it is possible to raise the grade  
1209 point average during the summer term. If the education  
1210 institution determines that it is possible, the institution may  
1211 so inform the department, which may reserve the student's award  
1212 if funds are available. The renewal, however, must not be  
1213 granted until the student achieves the required cumulative grade  
1214 point average. If the summer term is not sufficient to raise the  
1215 grade point average to the required renewal level, the student's  
1216 next opportunity for renewal is the fall semester of the  
1217 following academic year.

1218 (c) Reimburse or make satisfactory arrangements to

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1219 reimburse the institution for the award amount received for  
1220 courses dropped after the end of the drop and add period or  
1221 courses from which the student withdraws after the end of the  
1222 drop and add period unless the student has received an exception  
1223 pursuant to s. 1009.53(11).

1224 (2) For students initially eligible in the 2010-2011  
1225 academic term and thereafter, and unless otherwise provided in  
1226 this section, if a student does not meet the requirements for  
1227 renewal of a scholarship because of lack of completion of  
1228 sufficient credit hours or insufficient grades, the scholarship  
1229 shall be renewed only if the student failed to complete  
1230 sufficient credit hours or to meet sufficient grade requirements  
1231 due to verifiable illness or other documented emergency, in  
1232 which case the student may be granted an exception from academic  
1233 requirements pursuant to s. 1009.40(1)(b)4.

1234 ~~(3)(a) A student who is initially eligible prior to the~~  
1235 ~~2010-2011 academic year and is enrolled in a program that~~  
1236 ~~terminates in an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree may~~  
1237 ~~receive an award for a maximum of 110 percent of the number of~~  
1238 ~~credit hours required to complete the program. A student who is~~  
1239 ~~enrolled in a program that terminates in a career certificate~~  
1240 ~~may receive an award for a maximum of 110 percent of the credit~~  
1241 ~~hours or clock hours required to complete the program up to 90~~  
1242 ~~credit hours.~~

1243 ~~(b) Students who are initially eligible in the 2010-2011~~  
1244 ~~and 2011-2012 academic years may receive an award for a maximum~~  
1245 ~~of 100 percent of the number of credit hours required to~~  
1246 ~~complete an associate degree program or a baccalaureate degree~~  
1247 ~~program or receive an award for a maximum of 100 percent of the~~

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1248 ~~credit hours or clock hours required to complete up to 90 credit~~  
1249 ~~hours of a program that terminates in a career certificate.~~

1250 (a)~~(e)~~ A student who is initially eligible in the 2012-2013  
1251 academic year and thereafter may receive an award for a maximum  
1252 of 100 percent of the number of credit hours required to  
1253 complete an associate degree program, a baccalaureate degree  
1254 program, or a postsecondary career certificate program or, for a  
1255 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, may receive an  
1256 award for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours  
1257 or equivalent clock hours required to complete one of the  
1258 following at a Florida public or nonpublic education institution  
1259 that offers these specific programs: for an applied technology  
1260 diploma program as defined in s. 1004.02(7), up to 60 credit  
1261 hours or equivalent clock hours; for a technical degree  
1262 education program as defined in s. 1004.02(13), up to the number  
1263 of hours required for a specific degree not to exceed 72 credit  
1264 hours or equivalent clock hours; or for a career certificate  
1265 program as defined in s. 1004.02(20), up to the number of hours  
1266 required for a specific certificate not to exceed 72 credit  
1267 hours or equivalent clock hours. A student who transfers from  
1268 one of these program levels to another program level becomes  
1269 eligible for the higher of the two credit hour limits.

1270 (b)~~(d)~~1. A student who is initially eligible in the 2017-  
1271 2018 academic year and thereafter for a Florida Gold Seal CAPE  
1272 Scholars award under s. 1009.536(2) may receive an award for a  
1273 maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours or  
1274 equivalent clock hours required to complete one of the following  
1275 at a Florida public or nonpublic education institution that  
1276 offers these specific programs: for an applied technology

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1277 diploma program as defined in s. 1004.02(7), up to 60 credit  
1278 hours or equivalent clock hours; for a technical degree  
1279 education program as defined in s. 1004.02(13), up to the number  
1280 of hours required for a specific degree, not to exceed 72 credit  
1281 hours or equivalent clock hours; or for a career certificate  
1282 program as defined in s. 1004.02(20), up to the number of hours  
1283 required for a specific certificate, not to exceed 72 credit  
1284 hours or equivalent clock hours. A student who transfers from  
1285 one of these program levels to another program level is eligible  
1286 for the higher of the two credit hour limits.

1287 2. A Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholar who completes a  
1288 technical degree education program as defined in s. 1004.02(13)  
1289 may also receive an award for:

1290 a. A maximum of 60 credit hours for a bachelor of science  
1291 degree program for which there is a statewide associate in  
1292 science degree program to bachelor of science degree program  
1293 articulation agreement; or

1294 b. A maximum of 60 credit hours for a bachelor of applied  
1295 science degree program at a Florida College System institution.

1296 (4) A student who receives an initial award during the  
1297 spring term shall be evaluated for scholarship renewal after the  
1298 completion of a full academic year, ~~which begins with the fall~~  
1299 ~~term.~~

1300 (5) A student who receives an award and is subsequently  
1301 determined ineligible due to updated grade or hour information  
1302 may not receive a disbursement for a subsequent term, unless the  
1303 student successfully restores the award.

1304 Section 17. Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section  
1305 1009.536, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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1306 1009.536 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars and Florida  
1307 Gold Seal CAPE Scholars awards.—The Florida Gold Seal Vocational  
1308 Scholars award and the Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award are  
1309 created within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to  
1310 recognize and reward academic achievement and career preparation  
1311 by high school students who wish to continue their education.

1312 (3) A Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar or a Florida  
1313 Gold Seal CAPE Scholar who is enrolled in a public or nonpublic  
1314 postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award  
1315 equal to the amount specified in the General Appropriations Act  
1316 to assist with the payment of educational expenses.

1317 (4) To be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida Gold  
1318 Seal Vocational Scholar or a Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholar, a  
1319 student must maintain the equivalent of a cumulative grade point  
1320 average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale with an opportunity for  
1321 restoration one time as provided in this chapter.

1322 (5) (a) ~~A student who is initially eligible prior to the~~  
1323 ~~2010-2011 academic year may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational~~  
1324 ~~Scholarship for 110 percent of the number of credit hours~~  
1325 ~~required to complete the program, up to 90 credit hours or the~~  
1326 ~~equivalent.~~

1327 ~~(b) Students who are initially eligible in the 2010-2011~~  
1328 ~~and 2011-2012 academic years may earn a Florida Gold Seal~~  
1329 ~~Vocational Scholarship for 100 percent of the number of credit~~  
1330 ~~hours required to complete the program, up to 90 credit hours or~~  
1331 ~~the equivalent.~~

1332 ~~(c)~~ A student who is initially eligible in the 2012-2013  
1333 academic year and thereafter may earn a Florida Gold Seal  
1334 Vocational Scholarship for a maximum of 100 percent of the

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1335 number of credit hours or equivalent clock hours required to  
1336 complete one of the following at a Florida public or nonpublic  
1337 education institution that offers these specific programs: for  
1338 an applied technology diploma program as defined in s.  
1339 1004.02(7), up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; for  
1340 a technical degree education program as defined in s.  
1341 1004.02(13), up to the number of hours required for a specific  
1342 degree not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours;  
1343 or for a career certificate program as defined in s.  
1344 1004.02(20), up to the number of hours required for a specific  
1345 certificate not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock  
1346 hours.

1347 (b)~~(d)~~1. A student who is initially eligible in the 2017-  
1348 2018 academic year and thereafter for a Florida Gold Seal CAPE  
1349 Scholars award under subsection (2) may receive an award for a  
1350 maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours or  
1351 equivalent clock hours required to complete one of the following  
1352 at a Florida public or nonpublic education institution that  
1353 offers these specific programs: for an applied technology  
1354 diploma program as defined in s. 1004.02(7), up to 60 credit  
1355 hours or equivalent clock hours; for a technical degree  
1356 education program as defined in s. 1004.02(13), up to the number  
1357 of hours required for a specific degree, not to exceed 72 credit  
1358 hours or equivalent clock hours; or for a career certificate  
1359 program as defined in s. 1004.02(20), up to the number of hours  
1360 required for a specific certificate, not to exceed 72 credit  
1361 hours or equivalent clock hours. A student who transfers from  
1362 one of these program levels to another program level is eligible  
1363 for the higher of the two credit hour limits.

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1364 2. A Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholar who completes a  
1365 technical degree education program as defined in s. 1004.02(13)  
1366 may also receive an award for:

1367 a. A maximum of 60 credit hours for a bachelor of science  
1368 degree program for which there is a statewide associate in  
1369 science degree program to bachelor of science degree program  
1370 articulation agreement; or

1371 b. A maximum of 60 credit hours for a bachelor of applied  
1372 science degree program at a Florida College System institution.

1373 Section 18. Section 1011.45, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1374 to read:

1375 1011.45 End of year balance of funds.—Unexpended amounts in  
1376 any fund in a university current year operating budget shall be  
1377 carried forward and included as the balance forward for that  
1378 fund in the approved operating budget for the following year.

1379 (1) Each university shall maintain a minimum carry forward  
1380 balance of at least 7 percent of its state operating budget. If  
1381 a university fails to maintain a 7 percent balance in state  
1382 operating funds, the university shall submit a plan to the Board  
1383 of Governors to attain the minimum percent balance of state  
1384 operating funds within the next fiscal year.

1385 (2) Each university that retains a state operating fund  
1386 carry forward balance in excess of the 7 percent minimum shall  
1387 submit a spending plan for its excess carry forward balance. The  
1388 spending plan shall be submitted to the university's board of  
1389 trustees for approval and publishing by September 1, 2019, and  
1390 each September 1 thereafter. The Board of Governors shall  
1391 publish each university's carry forward spending plan by October  
1392 1, 2019, and each October 1 thereafter.



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1393 (3) A university's carry forward spending plan shall  
1394 include the estimated cost per planned expenditure and a  
1395 timeline for completion of the expenditure, when appropriate.  
1396 Authorized expenditures in a carry forward spending plan may  
1397 include:

1398 (a) Commitment of funds to a public education capital  
1399 outlay project for which an appropriation was previously  
1400 provided that requires additional funds for completion and which  
1401 is included in the list required by s. 1001.706(12) (d);

1402 (b) Completion of a renovation, repair, or maintenance  
1403 project that is consistent with the provisions of s. 1013.64(1),  
1404 up to \$5 million per project;

1405 (c) Completion of a remodeling or infrastructure project,  
1406 including a project for a development research school, up to \$10  
1407 million per project, if such project is survey recommended  
1408 pursuant to s. 1013.31;

1409 (d) Completion of a repair or replacement project necessary  
1410 due to damage caused by a natural disaster for buildings  
1411 included in the inventory required pursuant to s. 1013.31;

1412 (e) Operating expenditures that support the university  
1413 mission and that are nonrecurring; and

1414 (f) Any purpose approved by the board or specified in the  
1415 General Appropriations Act.

1416 (4) Annually, by August 15, the chief financial officer of  
1417 each university shall certify the unexpended amount of funds  
1418 appropriated to the university from the General Revenue Fund,  
1419 the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund, and the  
1420 Education/General Student and Other Fees Trust Fund as of June  
1421 30 of the previous fiscal year.

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1422 Section 19. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section  
1423 1011.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1424 1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education  
1425 programs.—

1426 (6)

1427 (b) Performance funding for industry certifications for  
1428 school district workforce education programs is contingent upon  
1429 specific appropriation in the General Appropriations Act and  
1430 shall be determined as follows:

1431 1. Occupational areas for which industry certifications may  
1432 be earned, as established in the General Appropriations Act, are  
1433 eligible for performance funding. Priority shall be given to the  
1434 occupational areas emphasized in state, national, or corporate  
1435 grants provided to Florida educational institutions.

1436 2. The Chancellor of Career and Adult Education shall  
1437 identify the industry certifications eligible for funding on the  
1438 CAPE Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List approved  
1439 by the State Board of Education pursuant to s. 1008.44, based on  
1440 the occupational areas specified in the General Appropriations  
1441 Act.

1442 3. Each school district shall be provided \$1,000 for each  
1443 industry certification earned by a workforce education student.  
1444 ~~The maximum amount of funding appropriated for performance~~  
1445 ~~funding pursuant to this paragraph shall be limited to \$15~~  
1446 ~~million annually.~~ If funds are insufficient to fully fund the  
1447 calculated total award, such funds shall be prorated.

1448 Section 20. Section 1011.802, Florida Statutes, is created  
1449 to read:

1450 1011.802 Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant

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1451 Program.—

1452 (1) Subject to appropriations provided in the General  
1453 Appropriations Act, the Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities  
1454 Grant Program is created to provide grants to high schools,  
1455 career centers, charter technical career centers, Florida  
1456 College System institutions, and other entities authorized to  
1457 sponsor an apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program, as  
1458 defined in s. 446.021, on a competitive basis to establish new  
1459 apprenticeship or preapprenticeship programs and expand existing  
1460 apprenticeship or preapprenticeship programs. The Department of  
1461 Education shall administer the grant program.

1462 (2) Applications must contain projected enrollment and  
1463 projected costs for the new or expanded apprenticeship program.

1464 (3) The department shall give priority to apprenticeship  
1465 programs with demonstrated regional demand. Grant funds may be  
1466 used for instructional equipment, supplies, personnel, student  
1467 services, and other expenses associated with the creation or  
1468 expansion of an apprenticeship program. Grant funds may not be  
1469 used for recurring instructional costs or for indirect costs.  
1470 Grant recipients must submit quarterly reports in a format  
1471 prescribed by the department.

1472 (4) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to  
1473 administer this section.

1474 Section 21. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
1475 1011.81, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1476 1011.81 Florida College System Program Fund.—

1477 (2) Performance funding for industry certifications for  
1478 Florida College System institutions is contingent upon specific  
1479 appropriation in the General Appropriations Act and shall be

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1480 determined as follows:

1481 (c) Each Florida College System institution shall be  
1482 provided \$1,000 for each industry certification earned by a  
1483 student. ~~The maximum amount of funding appropriated for~~  
1484 ~~performance funding pursuant to this subsection shall be limited~~  
1485 ~~to \$15 million annually.~~ If funds are insufficient to fully fund  
1486 the calculated total award, such funds shall be prorated.

1487 Section 22. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section  
1488 1011.84, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1489 1011.84 Procedure for determining state financial support  
1490 and annual apportionment of state funds to each Florida College  
1491 System institution district.—The procedure for determining state  
1492 financial support and the annual apportionment to each Florida  
1493 College System institution district authorized to operate a  
1494 Florida College System institution under the provisions of s.  
1495 1001.61 shall be as follows:

1496 (3) DETERMINING THE APPORTIONMENT FROM STATE FUNDS.—

1497 (e) If at any time the unencumbered balance in the general  
1498 fund of the Florida College System institution board of trustees  
1499 approved operating budget goes below 5 percent for a Florida  
1500 College System institution with a final FTE less than 15,000 for  
1501 the prior year, or below 7 percent for a Florida College System  
1502 institution with a final FTE of 15,000 or greater for the prior  
1503 year, the president shall provide written notification to the  
1504 State Board of Education. Annually, by August 15, the chief  
1505 financial officer of each Florida College System institution  
1506 shall certify the unexpended amount of state funds remaining in  
1507 the general fund of an institution as of June 30 of the previous  
1508 fiscal year.

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1509 Section 23. Subsection (2) of section 1013.03, Florida  
1510 Statutes, is amended to read:

1511 1013.03 Functions of the department and the Board of  
1512 Governors.—The functions of the Department of Education as it  
1513 pertains to educational facilities of school districts and  
1514 Florida College System institutions and of the Board of  
1515 Governors as it pertains to educational facilities of state  
1516 universities shall include, but not be limited to, the  
1517 following:

1518 (2) Establish, for the purpose of determining need,  
1519 equitably uniform utilization standards for all types of like  
1520 space, regardless of the level of education, that includes  
1521 standards for post-secondary classroom and teaching laboratory  
1522 space. These standards shall also establish, for postsecondary  
1523 education classrooms, a minimum room utilization rate of 40  
1524 hours per week and a minimum station utilization rate of 60  
1525 percent. These rates shall be subject to increase based on  
1526 national norms for utilization of postsecondary education  
1527 classrooms. The State Board of Education and the Board of  
1528 Governors shall adopt standards, with justification, for use in  
1529 each Florida College System institution's survey and state  
1530 university's survey, respectively, as applied pursuant to s.  
1531 1013.31.

1532 (a) The boards must define and apply, at minimum, the  
1533 following space utilization metrics when calculating space need:

1534 1. For postsecondary education classroom space, a minimum  
1535 room utilization rate and a minimum station utilization rate.

1536 2. For postsecondary education nonvocational, teaching  
1537 laboratory space, a minimum room utilization rate and a minimum

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1538 station utilization rate.

1539 (b) Each state university and Florida College System  
1540 institution shall determine full-time equivalent enrollment  
1541 estimate adjustments to account for online students.

1542 (c) By January 1, 2021, the Board of Governors for state  
1543 universities and the State Board of Education for Florida  
1544 College System institutions shall each provide on its website  
1545 the most recent summary survey data by state university or  
1546 Florida College System institution, as applicable, showing space  
1547 needs met for each campus by type of space. The format shall be  
1548 consistent across all state universities and all Florida College  
1549 System institutions.

1550 Section 24. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
1551 1013.31, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1552 1013.31 Educational plant survey; localized need  
1553 assessment; PECO project funding.—

1554 (1) At least every 5 years, each board shall arrange for an  
1555 educational plant survey, to aid in formulating plans for  
1556 housing the educational program and student population, faculty,  
1557 administrators, staff, and auxiliary and ancillary services of  
1558 the district or campus, including consideration of the local  
1559 comprehensive plan. The Department of Education shall document  
1560 the need for additional career and adult education programs and  
1561 the continuation of existing programs before facility  
1562 construction or renovation related to career or adult education  
1563 may be included in the educational plant survey of a school  
1564 district or Florida College System institution that delivers  
1565 career or adult education programs. Information used by the  
1566 Department of Education to establish facility needs must

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1567 include, but need not be limited to, labor market data, needs  
1568 analysis, and information submitted by the school district or  
1569 Florida College System institution.

1570 (c) *Required need assessment criteria for district, Florida*  
1571 *College System institution, state university, and Florida School*  
1572 *for the Deaf and the Blind plant surveys.*—Educational plant  
1573 surveys must use uniform data sources and criteria specified in  
1574 this paragraph. Each revised educational plant survey and each  
1575 new educational plant survey supersedes previous surveys.

1576 1. The school district's survey must be submitted as a part  
1577 of the district educational facilities plan defined in s.  
1578 1013.35. To ensure that the data reported to the Department of  
1579 Education as required by this section is correct, the department  
1580 shall annually conduct an onsite review of 5 percent of the  
1581 facilities reported for each school district completing a new  
1582 survey that year. If the department's review finds the data  
1583 reported by a district is less than 95 percent accurate, within  
1584 1 year from the time of notification by the department the  
1585 district must submit revised reports correcting its data. If a  
1586 district fails to correct its reports, the commissioner may  
1587 direct that future fixed capital outlay funds be withheld until  
1588 such time as the district has corrected its reports so that they  
1589 are not less than 95 percent accurate.

1590 2. Each survey of a special facility, joint-use facility,  
1591 or cooperative career education facility must be based on  
1592 capital outlay full-time equivalent student enrollment data  
1593 prepared by the department for school districts and Florida  
1594 College System institutions and by the Chancellor of the State  
1595 University System for universities. A survey of space needs of a

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1596 joint-use facility shall be based upon the respective space  
1597 needs of the school districts, Florida College System  
1598 institutions, and universities, as appropriate. Projections of a  
1599 school district's facility space needs may not exceed the norm  
1600 space and occupant design criteria established by the State  
1601 Requirements for Educational Facilities.

1602 3. Each Florida College System institution's survey must  
1603 reflect the capacity of existing facilities as specified in the  
1604 inventory maintained by the Department of Education. Projections  
1605 of facility space needs must comply with standards for  
1606 determining space needs as specified by rule of the State Board  
1607 of Education, consistent with the standards and metrics adopted  
1608 pursuant to s. 1013.03(2)(a). The 5-year projection of capital  
1609 outlay student enrollment must be consistent with the annual  
1610 report of capital outlay full-time student enrollment prepared  
1611 by the Department of Education.

1612 4. Each state university's survey must reflect the capacity  
1613 of existing facilities as specified in the inventory maintained  
1614 and validated by the Chancellor of the State University System.  
1615 Projections of facility space needs must be consistent with  
1616 standards for determining space needs as specified by regulation  
1617 of the Board of Governors, consistent with the standards and  
1618 metrics adopted pursuant to s. 1013.03(2)(a). The projected  
1619 capital outlay full-time equivalent student enrollment must be  
1620 consistent with the 5-year planned enrollment cycle for the  
1621 State University System approved by the Board of Governors.

1622 5. The district educational facilities plan of a school  
1623 district and the educational plant survey of a Florida College  
1624 System institution, state university, or the Florida School for



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1625 the Deaf and the Blind may include space needs that deviate from  
1626 approved standards for determining space needs if the deviation  
1627 is justified by the district or institution and approved by the  
1628 department or the Board of Governors, as appropriate, as  
1629 necessary for the delivery of an approved educational program.

1630 Section 25. Subsection (4) of section 1013.40, Florida  
1631 Statutes, is amended to read:

1632 1013.40 Planning and construction of Florida College System  
1633 institution facilities; property acquisition.—

1634 (4) The campus of a Florida College System institution  
1635 within a municipality designated as an area of critical state  
1636 concern, as defined in s. 380.05, and having a comprehensive  
1637 plan and land development regulations containing a building  
1638 permit allocation system that limits annual growth, may  
1639 construct dormitories for up to 300 beds for Florida College  
1640 System institution students. Such dormitories are exempt from  
1641 the building permit allocation system and may be constructed up  
1642 to 45 feet in height if the dormitories are otherwise consistent  
1643 with the comprehensive plan, the Florida College System  
1644 institution has a hurricane evacuation plan that requires all  
1645 dormitory occupants to be evacuated 48 hours in advance of  
1646 tropical force winds, and transportation is provided for  
1647 dormitory occupants during an evacuation. State funds and  
1648 tuition and fee revenues may not be used for construction, debt  
1649 service payments, maintenance, or operation of such dormitories.  
1650 Additional dormitory beds constructed after July 1, 2016, may  
1651 not be financed through the issuance of bonds by the Florida  
1652 College System institution; however, bonds may be issued by  
1653 nonpublic entities as part of a public-private partnership

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1654 between the college and a nonpublic entity.

1655 Section 26. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 1013.60,  
1656 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3) and (4),  
1657 respectively, subsection (1) of that section is amended, and a  
1658 new subsection (2) is added to that section, to read:

1659 1013.60 Legislative capital outlay budget request.—

1660 (1) The Commissioner of Education shall develop a budget  
1661 request allocation plan ~~procedure~~ deemed appropriate in arriving  
1662 at the appropriate amounts ~~required~~ to fund each project  
1663 ~~projects~~ as reflected in the integrated, comprehensive budget  
1664 request required by this section. The official estimates for  
1665 funds accruing to the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt  
1666 Service Trust Fund made by the Revenue Estimating Conference  
1667 shall be used in determining the budget request pursuant to this  
1668 section. The commissioner, in consultation with the  
1669 appropriations committees of the Legislature, shall provide  
1670 annually an estimate of funds that shall be utilized by Florida  
1671 College System institutions and universities in developing their  
1672 required 3-year prioritized ~~priority~~ lists pursuant to s.  
1673 1013.64.

1674 (2) The commissioner shall include with the submission of  
1675 each updated budget request allocation plan an assessment over  
1676 the 3 years of the plan of the amount of state funding needed to  
1677 complete previously funded projects compared to the amount of  
1678 funds provided in the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt  
1679 Service Trust Fund for projects funded in a prior year and which  
1680 require additional state funds for completion.

1681 Section 27. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
1682 1013.64, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs (i) and

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1683 (j) are added to subsection (1) of that section, to read:

1684 1013.64 Funds for comprehensive educational plant needs;  
1685 construction cost maximums for school district capital  
1686 projects.—Allocations from the Public Education Capital Outlay  
1687 and Debt Service Trust Fund to the various boards for capital  
1688 outlay projects shall be determined as follows:

1689 (1)

1690 (i) The Board of Governors shall specify by regulation the  
1691 procedures for the reporting of funds appropriated or expended  
1692 pursuant to this section or s. 1011.45. Each university shall  
1693 report the amounts expended by the university from all sources,  
1694 including, but not limited to, the Public Education Capital  
1695 Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund and carry forward funds.

1696 (j) The State Board of Education shall specify by rule the  
1697 procedures for the reporting of funds appropriated or expended  
1698 pursuant to this section or s. 1013.841. Each Florida College  
1699 System institution shall report the amounts expended by the  
1700 institution from all sources, including, but not limited to, the  
1701 Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund and  
1702 carry forward funds.

1703 (4) (a) Florida College System institution boards of  
1704 trustees and university boards of trustees shall receive funds  
1705 for projects based on a 3-year prioritized ~~priority~~ list, to be  
1706 updated annually, which is submitted to the Legislature in the  
1707 legislative budget request at least 90 days before ~~prior to~~ the  
1708 legislative session. The State Board of Education shall submit a  
1709 3-year prioritized ~~priority~~ list for Florida College System  
1710 institutions, and the Board of Governors shall submit a 3-year  
1711 prioritized ~~priority~~ list for universities to the Legislature

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1712 not later than 60 days before each regular legislative session  
1713 which shall be updated upon request after subsequent estimating  
1714 conferences. The sum of each year's project lists must consider  
1715 the total amount to be distributed for construction and  
1716 renovation provided for each year pursuant to the 3-year budget  
1717 request allocation plan developed by the Commissioner of  
1718 Education pursuant to s. 1013.60. The lists shall reflect  
1719 decisions by the State Board of Education pursuant to s. 1001.03  
1720 for Florida College System institutions and the Board of  
1721 Governors pursuant to s. 1001.706 for state universities  
1722 concerning program priorities that implement the statewide plan  
1723 for program growth and quality improvement in education. No  
1724 remodeling or renovation project shall be included on the 3-year  
1725 priority list unless the project has been recommended pursuant  
1726 to s. 1013.31 or is for the purpose of correcting health and  
1727 safety deficiencies. No new construction project shall be  
1728 included on the first year of the 3-year priority list unless  
1729 the educational specifications have been approved by the  
1730 commissioner for a Florida College System institution project or  
1731 by the Board of Governors for a university project, as  
1732 applicable. The funds requested for a new construction project  
1733 in the first year of the 3-year priority list shall be in  
1734 conformance with the scope of the project as defined in the  
1735 educational specifications. Any new construction project  
1736 requested in the first year of the 3-year priority list which is  
1737 not funded by the Legislature shall be carried forward to be  
1738 listed first in developing the updated 3-year priority list for  
1739 the subsequent year's capital outlay budget. Should the order of  
1740 the priority of the projects change from year to year, a

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1741 ~~justification for such change shall be included with the updated~~  
1742 ~~priority list.~~

1743 Section 28. Section 1013.841, Florida Statutes, is created  
1744 to read:

1745 1013.841 End of year balance of Florida College System  
1746 institution funds.—

1747 (1) Unexpended amounts in any fund in any Florida College  
1748 System institution current year state operating budget shall be  
1749 carried forward and included as the balance forward for that  
1750 fund in the approved operating budget for the following year.

1751 (2) (a) Each Florida College System institution with a final  
1752 FTE less than 15,000 for the prior year shall maintain a minimum  
1753 carry forward balance of at least 5 percent of its state  
1754 operating budget. If a Florida College System institution fails  
1755 to maintain a 5 percent balance in state operating funds, the  
1756 president shall provide written notification to the State Board  
1757 of Education.

1758 (b) Each Florida College System institution with a final  
1759 FTE less than 15,000 for the prior year that retains a state  
1760 operating fund carry forward balance in excess of the 5 percent  
1761 minimum shall submit a spending plan for its excess carry  
1762 forward balance. The spending plan shall include all excess  
1763 carry forward funds from state operating funds. The spending  
1764 plan shall be submitted to the Florida College System  
1765 institution's board of trustees for approval and publishing by  
1766 September 1, 2019, and each September 1 thereafter.

1767 (3) (a) Each Florida College System institution with a final  
1768 FTE of 15,000 or greater for the prior year shall maintain a  
1769 minimum carry forward balance of at least 7 percent of its state

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1770 operating budget. If a Florida College System institution fails  
1771 to maintain a 7 percent balance in state operating funds, the  
1772 institution shall submit a plan to the State Board of Education  
1773 to attain the minimum balance.

1774 (b) Each Florida College System institution with a final  
1775 FTE of 15,000 or greater for the prior year that retains a state  
1776 operating fund carry forward balance in excess of the 7 percent  
1777 minimum shall submit a spending plan for its excess carry  
1778 forward balance. The spending plan shall include all excess  
1779 carry forward funds from state operating funds. The spending  
1780 plan shall be submitted to the Florida College System  
1781 institution's board of trustees for approval and publishing by  
1782 September 1, 2019, and each September 1 thereafter. The Florida  
1783 College System institution shall submit approved plans to the  
1784 State Board of Education for publication and review by October  
1785 1, 2019, and each October 1 thereafter.

1786 (4) A Florida College System institution identified in  
1787 paragraph (3) (a) must include in its carry forward spending plan  
1788 the estimated cost per planned expenditure and a timeline for  
1789 completion of the expenditure. Authorized expenditures in a  
1790 carry forward spending plan may include:

1791 (a) Commitment of funds to a public education capital  
1792 outlay project for which an appropriation was previously  
1793 provided, which requires additional funds for completion, and  
1794 which is included in the list required by s. 1001.03(18) (d);

1795 (b) Completion of a renovation, repair, or maintenance  
1796 project that is consistent with the provisions of s. 1013.64(1),  
1797 up to \$5 million per project;

1798 (c) Completion of a remodeling or infrastructure project,

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1799 up to \$10 million per project, if such project is survey  
1800 recommended pursuant to s. 1013.31;

1801 (d) Completion of a repair or replacement project necessary  
1802 due to damage caused by a natural disaster for buildings  
1803 included in the inventory required pursuant to s. 1013.31;

1804 (e) Operating expenditures that support the Florida College  
1805 System institution's mission which are nonrecurring; and

1806 (f) Any purpose approved by the state board or specified in  
1807 the General Appropriations Act.

1808 Section 29. By December 1, 2020, all survey recommended  
1809 projects for each state university and Florida College System  
1810 institution shall be reviewed and revised to incorporate the  
1811 updated space need calculation requirements as specified in s.  
1812 1013.31(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

1813 Section 30. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.