

By Senator Montford

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the Open Educational Resources  
3       Grant Program; creating s. 1004.086, F.S.;  
4       establishing the Open Educational Resources Grant  
5       Program; requiring the Department of Education and the  
6       Board of Governors to administer the program;  
7       providing the purpose of the program; defining the  
8       term "open educational resources"; providing for  
9       application requirements and the application process  
10      of the program; requiring participating state  
11      universities to use grant funds for a specified  
12      purpose; requiring the department to adopt rules;  
13      authorizing the board to adopt regulations; specifying  
14      that implementation of the program is subject to  
15      legislative appropriation; providing an effective  
16      date.

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

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20       Section 1. Section 1004.086, Florida Statutes, is created  
21 to read:

22       1004.086 Open educational resources grant program.—

23       (1) (a) There is created the Open Educational Resources  
24 Grant Program, which shall be administered by the Department of  
25 Education in coordination with the Board of Governors. The  
26 purpose of the program is to provide grant assistance to state  
27 universities for the development of high-quality, low-cost open  
28 educational resources for students.

29       (b) The term "open educational resources" means licensed

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30 teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the  
31 public domain or have been released under a license that allows  
32 their free use, reuse, modification, and sharing with others.  
33 The term includes open-access textbooks and instructional  
34 materials.

35 (2) A state university may submit an application in a  
36 format prescribed by the department to be awarded a grant under  
37 the program. The department, in coordination with the board,  
38 shall consider each proposal and may award grants to state  
39 universities that demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the  
40 department and the board, a plan for the development of open  
41 educational resources.

42 (3) Each participating state university shall use the grant  
43 to curate or adopt open educational resources for general  
44 education courses. In curating and adopting the open educational  
45 resources, each state university must give priority to required  
46 general education courses as provided in the statewide  
47 articulation agreement.

48 (4) The department shall adopt rules, and the board may  
49 adopt regulations, to implement this section.

50 (5) Implementation of the program is subject to legislative  
51 appropriation.

52 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.