

By the Committee on Education; and 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, the  
6       Board of Governors, and the State Board of Education  
7       to administer the program; providing the purpose of  
8       the program; defining the term "open educational  
9       resources"; authorizing state universities and Florida  
10      College System institutions to submit applications for  
11      grant awards under the program; requiring the  
12      department, in coordination with specified entities,  
13      to consider all applications; authorizing the  
14      department in coordination with the boards to make  
15      awards; requiring participating state universities and  
16      Florida College System institutions to use grant funds  
17      for a specified purpose and, in curating and adopting  
18      open educational resources, to give priority to  
19      certain courses; requiring the state board to adopt  
20      rules; authorizing the Board of Governors to adopt  
21      regulations; specifying that implementation of the  
22      program is subject to legislative appropriation;  
23      providing an effective date.

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

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27       Section 1. Section 1004.086, Florida Statutes, is created  
28 to read:

29       1004.086 Open educational resources grant program.-

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30       (1) (a) There is created the Open Educational Resources  
31 Grant Program, which shall be administered by the Department of  
32 Education in coordination with the Board of Governors and the  
33 State Board of Education. The purpose of the program is to  
34 provide grant assistance to state universities and Florida  
35 College System institutions for the development of high-quality,  
36 low-cost open educational resources for students.

37       (b) The term "open educational resources" means licensed  
38 teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the  
39 public domain or have been released under a license that allows  
40 their free use, reuse, modification, and sharing with others.  
41 The term includes open-access textbooks and instructional  
42 materials.

43       (2) A state university or Florida College System  
44 institution may submit an application in a format prescribed by  
45 the department to be awarded a grant under the program. The  
46 department, in coordination with the Board of Governors and the  
47 State Board of Education, shall consider each proposal and may  
48 award grants to state universities and Florida College System  
49 institutions that demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the  
50 department and the boards, a plan for the development of open  
51 educational resources.

52       (3) Each participating state university and Florida College  
53 System institution shall use the grant to curate or adopt open  
54 educational resources for general education courses. In curating  
55 and adopting the open educational resources, each state  
56 university and Florida College System institution must give  
57 priority to required general education courses as provided in  
58 the statewide articulation agreement.

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59       (4) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules, and the  
60 Board of Governors may adopt regulations, to implement this  
61 section.

62       (5) Implementation of the program is subject to legislative  
63 appropriation.

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