

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to higher education; amending s.  
3           1001.7065, F.S.; removing a provision requiring future  
4           funding increases to be distributed to certain  
5           preeminent state research universities; amending s.  
6           1004.013, F.S.; revising a certain duty of the State  
7           Board of Education and the Board of Governors under  
8           the Strengthening Alignment between Industry and  
9           Learning to 60 Initiative; repealing s. 1004.6498,  
10          F.S.; relating to the State University Professional  
11          and Graduate Degree Excellence Program; amending s.  
12          1006.73, F.S.; removing provisions relating to the  
13          Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative;  
14          providing responsibilities for the Florida  
15          Postsecondary Academic Library Network; requiring that  
16          the Board of Governors and the Department of Education  
17          jointly oversee a host entity chosen to deliver  
18          certain services to public postsecondary educational  
19          institutions; transferring responsibility for the  
20          statewide Internet-based catalog of distance learning  
21          courses to the host entity; providing requirements for  
22          such catalog; transferring responsibility for certain  
23          statewide online student advising services to the host  
24          entity; providing requirements for such services;  
25          requiring the host entity to submit a certain annual

26 | report to the Chancellor of the State University  
27 | System and the Chancellor of the Florida College  
28 | System by a specified date; requiring the chancellors  
29 | to submit a certain report to specified persons;  
30 | providing that specified entities are jointly  
31 | responsible for the governance and administration of  
32 | the services provided by the host entity; requiring  
33 | the Chancellor of the State University System and the  
34 | Chancellor of the Florida College System to provide  
35 | oversight for the successful delivery of such  
36 | services; requiring the Commissioner of Education and  
37 | the Chancellor of the State University System to  
38 | provide a certain joint recommendation for certain  
39 | career centers to access certain services; repealing  
40 | s. 1006.735, F.S., relating to the Complete Florida  
41 | Plus Program; amending s. 1009.89, F.S.; revising  
42 | eligibility criteria for the William L. Boyd, IV,  
43 | Effective Access to Student Education grant program;  
44 | requiring recipient institutions to submit a specified  
45 | report to the Department of Education; requiring  
46 | institutions to meet certain performance benchmarks to  
47 | remain eligible under the grant program; requiring  
48 | each recipient institution to report certain data to  
49 | the department; repealing s. 1009.891, F.S., relating  
50 | to the Access to Better Learning and Education Grant

51 Program; amending s. 1012.976, F.S.; expanding state  
 52 university compensation limits to all state university  
 53 employees, rather than state university administrative  
 54 employees; providing exceptions; providing  
 55 applicability; amending ss. 257.02, 295.22, 1007.27,  
 56 1009.23, and 1009.24, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
 57 changes made by the act; amending ss. 320.08056,  
 58 1007.01, 1009.40, and 1009.94, F.S.; conforming cross-  
 59 references; providing an effective date.

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

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63 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 257.02, Florida  
 64 Statutes, is amended to read:

65 257.02 State Library Council.—

66 (1) There shall be a State Library Council to advise and  
 67 assist the division with planning, policy, and priorities  
 68 related to the development of statewide information services.  
 69 The council shall consist of nine members who shall be appointed  
 70 by the Secretary of State. Of the nine members, three members  
 71 must represent Florida public libraries, two members must  
 72 represent the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network  
 73 ~~Services Cooperative~~, one member must represent a multitype  
 74 library cooperative, one member must represent a school library  
 75 media center, one member must represent the Independent Colleges

76 and Universities of Florida, and one member must represent a  
 77 Florida library professional association. Members shall be  
 78 appointed for 4-year terms. A vacancy on the council shall be  
 79 filled for the period of the unexpired term. A person may not be  
 80 appointed to serve more than two consecutive terms as a member  
 81 of the council. The secretary may remove from office any council  
 82 member for malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty,  
 83 incompetence, permanent inability to perform official duties, or  
 84 pleading guilty or nolo contendere to, or being found guilty of,  
 85 a felony.

86 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
 87 295.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

88 295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.—

89 (3) ADMINISTRATION.—Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., shall  
 90 administer the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program  
 91 and perform all of the following functions:

92 (b) Assist veterans who reside in or relocate to this  
 93 state and who are seeking employment. The corporation shall  
 94 offer skills assessments to veterans and assist them in  
 95 establishing employment goals and applying for and achieving  
 96 gainful employment.

97 1. Assessment may include skill match information, skill  
 98 gap analysis, resume creation, translation of military skills  
 99 into civilian workforce skills, and translation of military  
 100 achievements and experience into generally understood civilian

101 workforce skills.

102       2. Assistance may include providing the veteran with  
103 information on current workforce demand by industry or  
104 geographic region, creating employment goals, and aiding or  
105 teaching general knowledge related to completing applications.  
106 The corporation may provide information related to industry  
107 certifications approved by the Department of Education under s.  
108 1008.44 as well as information related to earning academic  
109 college credit at public postsecondary educational institutions  
110 for college-level training and education acquired in the  
111 military under s. 1004.096.

112       3. The corporation shall encourage veterans to register  
113 with the state's job bank system and may refer veterans to local  
114 one-stop career centers for further services. The corporation  
115 shall provide each veteran with information about state  
116 workforce programs and shall consolidate information about all  
117 available resources on one website that, if possible, includes a  
118 hyperlink to each resource's website and contact information, if  
119 available. ~~If appropriate, a veteran shall be encouraged to~~  
120 ~~participate in the Complete Florida Degree Program established~~  
121 ~~under s. 1006.735.~~

122       4. Assessment and assistance may be in person or by  
123 electronic means, as determined by the corporation to be most  
124 efficient and best meet the needs of veterans.

125       Section 3. Subsection (12) of section 320.08056, Florida

126 Statutes, is amended to read:

127 320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

128 (12) Notwithstanding s. 320.08058(3)(a), the department,  
 129 in cooperation with the independent colleges or universities as  
 130 described ~~defined~~ in s. 1009.89 ~~or s. 1009.891~~, shall create a  
 131 standard template specialty license plate with a unique logo or  
 132 graphic identifying each independent college or university. Each  
 133 independent college or university may elect to use this standard  
 134 template specialty license plate in lieu of its own specialty  
 135 license plate. Annual use fees from the sale of these license  
 136 plates shall be distributed to the independent college or  
 137 university for which the logo or graphic is displayed on the  
 138 license plate and shall be used as provided in s. 320.08058(3).  
 139 Independent colleges or universities opting to use the standard  
 140 template specialty license plate shall have their plate sales  
 141 combined for purposes of meeting the minimum license plate sales  
 142 threshold in paragraph (8)(a) and for determining the license  
 143 plate limit in s. 320.08053(3)(b). Specialty license plates  
 144 created pursuant to this subsection must be ordered directly  
 145 from the department.

146 Section 4. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section  
 147 1001.7065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

148 1001.7065 Preeminent state research universities program.—

149 (5) PREEMINENT STATE RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES PROGRAM  
 150 SUPPORT.—

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151 (c) The award of funds under this subsection is contingent  
152 upon funding provided by the Legislature to support the  
153 preeminent state research universities program created under  
154 this section. ~~Funding increases appropriated beyond the amounts~~  
155 ~~funded in the previous fiscal year shall be distributed to each~~  
156 ~~designated preeminent state research university that meets the~~  
157 ~~criteria in paragraph (a).~~ Each designated preeminent state  
158 research university shall receive an equal amount of any such  
159 funds as the Legislature provides funding.

160 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
161 1004.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

162 1004.013 SAIL to 60 Initiative.—

163 (2) The State Board of Education and the Board of  
164 Governors shall work collaboratively to, at a minimum:

165 (a) Increase the awareness and use of:

166 1. The student advising system established under s.  
167 1006.73 ~~s. 1006.735(4)(b).~~

168 ~~2. The Complete Florida Degree Initiative established~~  
169 ~~under s. 1006.735(2) that facilitates degree completion for the~~  
170 ~~state's adult learners. The Chancellor of the State University~~  
171 ~~System and the Chancellor of the Florida College System shall~~  
172 ~~consult with the Complete Florida Degree Initiative to identify~~  
173 ~~barriers to program expansion and develop recommendations to~~  
174 ~~increase the number of participating institutions and students~~  
175 ~~served by the program. The recommendations must consider, at a~~

176 ~~minimum, methods for increasing outreach efforts to help~~  
177 ~~students complete the "last mile" by providing financial~~  
178 ~~assistance to students who are within 12 credit hours of~~  
179 ~~completing their first associate or baccalaureate degree, but~~  
180 ~~have separated from their institution of enrollment for more~~  
181 ~~than one semester. Recommendations must be submitted to the~~  
182 ~~Board of Governors, the State Board of Education, and the~~  
183 ~~Governor no later than October 1, 2019.~~

184 2.3. Summer bridge programs at state universities and  
185 Florida College System institutions that help students  
186 transition to postsecondary education.

187 Section 6. Section 1004.6498, Florida Statutes, is  
188 repealed.

189 Section 7. Section 1006.73, Florida Statutes, is amended  
190 to read:

191 (Substantial rewording of section. See  
192 s. 1006.73, F.S., for present text.)

193 1006.73 Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network.—

194 (1) PURPOSE.—The Board of Governors and the Department of  
195 Education shall jointly oversee the host entity in accordance  
196 with subsection (5) which shall deliver the following services  
197 to public postsecondary educational institutions:

198 (a) Provide information regarding and access to distance  
199 learning courses and degree programs offered by public  
200 postsecondary educational institutions within the state.



201        (b) Coordinate with the Florida College System and the  
202 State University System to identify and provide online academic  
203 support services and resources when the multi-institutional  
204 provision of such services and resources is more cost effective  
205 or operationally effective.

206        (c) Administer a single library automation system and  
207 associated resources and services that all public postsecondary  
208 institutions shall use to support learning, teaching, and  
209 research needs and develop automated library management tools  
210 that must include, but are not limited to, the following:

211            1. A shared Internet-based catalog and discovery tool that  
212 allows a user to search and, if authorized, access the aggregate  
213 library holdings of the state's public postsecondary educational  
214 institutions. The catalog and discovery tool must allow a user  
215 to search the library holdings of one institution, selected  
216 institutions, or all institutions and, to the extent feasible,  
217 must include an interlibrary loan function that ensures an  
218 authorized user can access the required library holding.

219            2. An Internet-based searchable collection of electronic  
220 resources that must include, but not be limited to, full-text  
221 journals, articles, databases, and electronic books licensed  
222 under paragraph (d).

223            3. An integrated library management system and its  
224 associated services that all public postsecondary educational  
225 institution academic libraries shall use for purposes of

226 acquiring, cataloging, circulating, and tracking library  
227 material.

228 4. A statewide searchable database that includes an  
229 inventory of digital archives and collections held by public  
230 postsecondary educational institutions.

231 (d) In collaboration with library staff from Florida  
232 College System institutions and state universities, coordinate  
233 the negotiation of statewide licensing of electronic library  
234 resources and preferred pricing agreements, issue purchase  
235 orders, and enter into contracts for the acquisition of library  
236 support services, electronic resources, and other goods and  
237 services necessary to carry out the duties of the host entity  
238 under this section.

239 (e) Promote and provide recommendations concerning the use  
240 and distribution of open-access textbooks and education  
241 resources as a method for reducing costs.

242 (f) Provide appropriate help desk support, training, and  
243 consultation services to institutions and students.

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245 For purposes of this section, the term "public postsecondary  
246 educational institution" or "institution" means all Florida  
247 College System and State University System institutions in the  
248 state.

249 (2) STATEWIDE INTERNET-BASED CATALOG OF DISTANCE LEARNING  
250 COURSES.—There is established a statewide Internet-based catalog

251 of distance learning courses, degree programs, and resources  
252 offered by public postsecondary educational institutions which  
253 must assist in the coordination and collaboration of  
254 articulation and access pursuant to parts II and III of chapter  
255 1007. The host entity is responsible for developing and  
256 disseminating operational procedures and technical guidelines  
257 for the catalog which must be followed by all participating  
258 institutions. Such procedures and guidelines must address the  
259 following:

260 (a) Specific information concerning the distance learning  
261 course or degree program, including, but not limited to, course  
262 number, classification of instructional programs number, and  
263 information on the availability of the course or degree program;  
264 any prerequisite course or technology competency or skill; the  
265 availability of academic support services and financial aid  
266 resources; and course costs, fees, and payment policies.

267 (b) Define and describe the catalog's search and retrieval  
268 options that, at a minimum, must allow users to search by  
269 academic term or course start date; institution, multiple  
270 institutions, or all institutions; and course or program  
271 delivery methods, course type, course availability, subject or  
272 discipline, and course number or classification of instructional  
273 programs number.

274 (c) An Internet-based analytic tool that allows for the  
275 collection and analysis of data as to usage of resources

276 accessed or interaction with constituent institutions whose  
277 courses and programs are listed in the catalog.

278 (d) Frequent review and updates to institution catalogs to  
279 ensure that distance learning courses and degree programs comply  
280 with operational procedures.

281 (3) STATEWIDE ONLINE STUDENT ADVISING SERVICES AND  
282 SUPPORT.—The following online services and support shall be made  
283 available on a statewide basis:

284 (a) A streamlined online admissions application process  
285 that must be used by all public postsecondary educational  
286 institutions for undergraduate transient students currently  
287 enrolled and pursuing a degree at a public postsecondary  
288 educational institution who enroll in a course offered by an  
289 institution that is not the student's degree-granting  
290 institution. The online admissions application process must:

291 1. Use the transient student admissions application  
292 available through the statewide computer-assisted student  
293 advising system established pursuant to paragraph (b). This  
294 admissions application is the only application required for  
295 enrollment of a transient student as described in this  
296 paragraph.

297 2. Implement the financial aid procedures required by the  
298 transient student admissions application process.

299 3. Transfer credit awarded by the institution offering the  
300 course to the transient student's degree-granting institution.

301 4. Provide an interface between the institutional advising  
302 system and the statewide computer-assisted student advising  
303 system established pursuant to paragraph (b) in order to  
304 electronically send, receive, and process the transient student  
305 admissions application.

306 (b) A statewide computer-assisted student advising system  
307 that shall support the process of advising, registering, and  
308 capturing student progression toward a degree and career and  
309 that shall include a degree audit and an articulation component.  
310 Florida College System institutions and state universities shall  
311 interface institutional advising systems with the statewide  
312 computer-assisted student advising system. At a minimum, the  
313 statewide computer-assisted student advising system shall:

314 1. Allow a student to access the system at any time.

315 2. Allow a student to search public postsecondary  
316 educational institutions and identify course options that meet  
317 the requirements of a selected path toward a degree.

318 3. Audit transcripts of students enrolled in a public  
319 postsecondary educational institution to assess current academic  
320 standing, the requirements for a student to transfer to another  
321 institution, and all requirements necessary for graduation.

322 4. Serve as the official statewide repository for the  
323 common prerequisite manual, admissions information for  
324 transferring programs, foreign language requirements, residency  
325 requirements, and statewide articulation agreements.

326 5. Provide information relating to career descriptions and  
327 corresponding educational requirements, admissions requirements,  
328 and available sources of student financial assistance.

329 6. Provide the admissions application for transient  
330 students pursuant to paragraph (a), which must include the  
331 electronic transfer and receipt of information and records for:

332 a. Admissions and readmissions.

333 b. Financial aid.

334 c. Transfer of credit awarded by the institution offering  
335 the course to the transient student's degree-granting  
336 institution using the Florida Automated System for Transferring  
337 Educational Records.

338 (c) A method for identifying and evaluating new  
339 technologies and instructional methods for improving distance  
340 learning instruction and development for faculty, student  
341 learning outcomes, student access, the efficient delivery of  
342 student support services, and the overall quality of  
343 postsecondary distance learning courses and degree programs.

344 (d) Negotiation of statewide licensing resources and  
345 preferred pricing agreements, issuing purchase orders, and  
346 entering into contracts for the acquisition of distance learning  
347 resources, student and support services, electronic resources,  
348 and other goods and services necessary to carry out duties under  
349 this section.

350 (4) REPORTING.—Beginning December 31, 2021, and each year

351 thereafter, the host entity shall submit a report to the  
352 Chancellor of the State University System and the Chancellor of  
353 the Florida College System regarding the implementation and  
354 operation of all components described in this section,  
355 including, but not limited to, usage information collected under  
356 paragraph (2) (c), information and associated costs relating to  
357 the services and functions of the Florida Postsecondary Academic  
358 Library Network, and the implementation and operation of the  
359 automated library services. The chancellors shall submit an  
360 annual report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the  
361 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Board of Governors,  
362 and the State Board of Education regarding the performance of  
363 the host entity in delivering the services and including any  
364 recommendations for the implementation of this section.

365 (5) GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.—The Office of the Board  
366 of Governors and the Department of Education have joint  
367 responsibility for determining the host entity for the services  
368 described in this section and shall share in the receipt and  
369 administration of an associated appropriation as described in  
370 the General Appropriations Act. The Chancellor of the State  
371 University System and the Chancellor of the Florida College  
372 System shall provide oversight for successful delivery by the  
373 host entity of the services described in this section.

374 (6) RECOMMENDATION ON OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO BE  
375 INCLUDED WITHIN THE FLORIDA POSTSECONDARY ACADEMIC LIBRARY

376 NETWORK.—By June 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Education and the  
377 Chancellor of the State University System shall provide a joint  
378 recommendation for a process by which school district career  
379 centers operated under s. 1001.44 and charter technical career  
380 centers under s. 1002.34 would access appropriate postsecondary  
381 distance learning, student support services, and library assets  
382 described in this section. The recommendation must include an  
383 analysis of the resources necessary to expand access and assets  
384 to school district career centers, charter technical career  
385 centers, and their students.

386 Section 8. Section 1006.735, Florida Statutes, is  
387 repealed.

388 Section 9. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section  
389 1007.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

390 1007.01 Articulation; legislative intent; purpose; role of  
391 the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors;  
392 Articulation Coordinating Committee.—

393 (3) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with  
394 the Chancellor of the State University System, shall establish  
395 the Articulation Coordinating Committee, which shall make  
396 recommendations related to statewide articulation policies and  
397 issues regarding access, quality, and reporting of data  
398 maintained by the K-20 data warehouse, established pursuant to  
399 ss. 1001.10 and 1008.31, to the Higher Education Coordination  
400 Council, the State Board of Education, and the Board of



401 Governors. The committee shall consist of two members each  
402 representing the State University System, the Florida College  
403 System, public career and technical education, K-12 education,  
404 and nonpublic postsecondary education and one member  
405 representing students. The chair shall be elected from the  
406 membership. The Office of K-20 Articulation shall provide  
407 administrative support for the committee. The committee shall:

408 (h) Recommend roles and responsibilities of public  
409 education entities in interfacing with the single, statewide  
410 computer-assisted student advising system established pursuant  
411 to s. 1006.73 ~~s. 1006.735~~.

412 Section 10. Subsection (1) of section 1007.27, Florida  
413 Statutes, is amended to read:

414 1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.—

415 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that a variety of  
416 articulated acceleration mechanisms be available for secondary  
417 and postsecondary students attending public educational  
418 institutions. It is intended that articulated acceleration serve  
419 to shorten the time necessary for a student to complete the  
420 requirements associated with the conference of a high school  
421 diploma and a postsecondary degree, broaden the scope of  
422 curricular options available to students, or increase the depth  
423 of study available for a particular subject. Articulated  
424 acceleration mechanisms shall include, but are not limited to,  
425 dual enrollment and early admission as provided for in s.

426 | 1007.271, advanced placement, credit by examination, the  
 427 | International Baccalaureate Program, and the Advanced  
 428 | International Certificate of Education Program. Credit earned  
 429 | through the Florida Virtual School shall provide additional  
 430 | opportunities for early graduation and acceleration. Students of  
 431 | Florida public secondary schools enrolled pursuant to this  
 432 | subsection shall be deemed authorized users of the state-funded  
 433 | electronic library resources that are licensed for Florida  
 434 | College System institutions and state universities by the  
 435 | Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network ~~Services~~  
 436 | ~~Cooperative~~. Verification of eligibility shall be in accordance  
 437 | with rules established by the State Board of Education and  
 438 | regulations established by the Board of Governors and processes  
 439 | implemented by Florida College System institutions and state  
 440 | universities.

441 | Section 11. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (16) and  
 442 | subsection (17) of section 1009.23, Florida Statutes, are  
 443 | amended to read:

444 | 1009.23 Florida College System institution student fees.—

445 | (16) (a) Each Florida College System institution may assess  
 446 | a student who enrolls in a course listed in the distance  
 447 | learning catalog, established pursuant to s. 1006.73 ~~s.~~  
 448 | ~~1006.735~~, a per-credit-hour distance learning course user fee.  
 449 | For purposes of assessing this fee, a distance learning course  
 450 | is a course in which at least 80 percent of the direct

451 instruction of the course is delivered using some form of  
452 technology when the student and instructor are separated by time  
453 or space, or both.

454 (c) If an institution assesses the distance learning fee,  
455 the institution must provide a link to the catalog within the  
456 advising and distance learning sections of the institution's  
457 website, ~~using a graphic and description provided by the~~  
458 ~~Complete Florida Plus Program, to inform students of the~~  
459 ~~catalog.~~

460 (17) Each Florida College System institution that accepts  
461 transient students, pursuant to s. 1006.73 ~~s. 1006.735~~, may  
462 establish a transient student fee not to exceed \$5 per course  
463 for processing the transient student admissions application.

464 Section 12. Paragraph (t) of subsection (14) and  
465 paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (17) of section 1009.24,  
466 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

467 1009.24 State university student fees.—

468 (14) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (15), each  
469 university board of trustees is authorized to establish the  
470 following fees:

471 (t) A transient student fee that may not exceed \$5 per  
472 course for accepting a transient student and processing the  
473 transient student admissions application pursuant to s. 1006.73  
474 ~~s. 1006.735~~.

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476 With the exception of housing rental rates and except as  
477 otherwise provided, fees assessed pursuant to paragraphs (h)-(s)  
478 shall be based on reasonable costs of services. The Board of  
479 Governors shall adopt regulations and timetables necessary to  
480 implement the fees and fines authorized under this subsection.  
481 The fees assessed under this subsection may be used for debt  
482 only as authorized under s. 1010.62.

483 (17) (a) A state university may assess a student who  
484 enrolls in a course listed in the distance learning catalog,  
485 established pursuant to s. 1006.73 ~~s. 1006.735~~, a per-credit-  
486 hour distance learning course fee. For purposes of assessing  
487 this fee, a distance learning course is a course in which at  
488 least 80 percent of the direct instruction of the course is  
489 delivered using some form of technology when the student and  
490 instructor are separated by time or space, or both.

491 (c) If an institution assesses the distance learning fee,  
492 the institution must provide a link to the catalog within the  
493 advising and distance learning sections of the institution's  
494 website, ~~using a graphic and description provided by the~~  
495 ~~Complete Florida Plus Program, informing students of the~~  
496 ~~catalog.~~

497 Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
498 1009.40, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

499 1009.40 General requirements for student eligibility for  
500 state financial aid awards and tuition assistance grants.-

501 (1) (a) The general requirements for eligibility of  
502 students for state financial aid awards and tuition assistance  
503 grants consist of the following:

504 1. Achievement of the academic requirements of and  
505 acceptance at a state university or Florida College System  
506 institution; a nursing diploma school approved by the Florida  
507 Board of Nursing; a Florida college or university which is  
508 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State  
509 Board of Education; a Florida institution the credits of which  
510 are acceptable for transfer to state universities; a career  
511 center; or a private career institution accredited by an  
512 accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of Education.

513 2. Residency in this state for no less than 1 year  
514 preceding the award of aid or a tuition assistance grant for a  
515 program established pursuant to s. 1009.50, s. 1009.505, s.  
516 1009.51, s. 1009.52, s. 1009.53, s. 1009.60, s. 1009.62, s.  
517 1009.72, s. 1009.73, s. 1009.77, or s. 1009.89, ~~or s. 1009.891~~.  
518 Residency in this state must be for purposes other than to  
519 obtain an education. Resident status for purposes of receiving  
520 state financial aid awards shall be determined in the same  
521 manner as resident status for tuition purposes pursuant to s.  
522 1009.21.

523 3. Submission of certification attesting to the accuracy,  
524 completeness, and correctness of information provided to  
525 demonstrate a student's eligibility to receive state financial

526 aid awards or tuition assistance grants. Falsification of such  
527 information shall result in the denial of a pending application  
528 and revocation of an award or grant currently held to the extent  
529 that no further payments shall be made. Additionally, students  
530 who knowingly make false statements in order to receive state  
531 financial aid awards or tuition assistance grants commit a  
532 misdemeanor of the second degree subject to the provisions of s.  
533 837.06 and shall be required to return all state financial aid  
534 awards or tuition assistance grants wrongfully obtained.

535 Section 14. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 1009.89,  
536 Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (c) is added to  
537 subsection (5), to read:

538 1009.89 The William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to  
539 Student Education grants.—

540 (3) The department shall issue through the program a  
541 William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education grant  
542 to any full-time degree-seeking undergraduate student registered  
543 at an independent nonprofit college or university which is  
544 located in and chartered by the state; which is accredited by  
545 the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of  
546 Colleges and Schools; which grants baccalaureate degrees; which  
547 is not a state university or Florida College System institution;  
548 and which has a secular purpose, so long as the receipt of state  
549 aid by students at the institution would not have the primary  
550 effect of advancing or impeding religion or result in an

551 excessive entanglement between the state and any religious sect.  
552 ~~Any independent college or university that was eligible to~~  
553 ~~receive tuition vouchers on January 1, 1989, and which continues~~  
554 ~~to meet the criteria under which its eligibility was~~  
555 ~~established, shall remain eligible to receive William L. Boyd,~~  
556 ~~IV, Effective Access to Student Education grant payments.~~

557 (a) By September 1 of each year, recipient institutions  
558 must submit an Effective Access to Student Education Grant  
559 Program Accountability report to the Department of Education  
560 detailing the following metrics for Florida resident students  
561 reflecting the prior academic year statistics:

562 1. Entrance requirements for the year.

563 2. Percentage of students receiving federal Pell Grant  
564 funds, Florida Bright Futures Scholarship awards, and other  
565 academic aid.

566 3. Graduation rates; retention rates; job placement rates;  
567 and job placement rates in-field up to 120 days after  
568 graduation.

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570 The report must also include information for each institution on  
571 the total federal loan amounts disbursed and the total number of  
572 students who received federal loans.

573 (b) To remain eligible, institutions must meet three or  
574 more of the following performance benchmarks as provided in the  
575 Effective Access to Student Education Grant Program

576 Accountability report:

577 1. A student placement rate, defined as the rate of  
578 graduates with a baccalaureate degree who were working full-time  
579 more than 120 days after graduation of at least 77 percent as  
580 reported for academic year 2020-2021, 78 percent as reported for  
581 academic year 2021-2022, and 79 percent as reported for academic  
582 year 2022-2023 and thereafter;

583 2. An on-time graduation rate, defined as the rate of  
584 full-time, first-time-in-college (FTIC) students graduating in 6  
585 years, of at least 48 percent as reported for academic year  
586 2020-2021, 49 percent as reported for academic year 2021-2022,  
587 and 50 percent as reported for academic year 2022-2023 and  
588 thereafter;

589 3. An academic retention rate, defined as the percentage  
590 of students enrolled who have not graduated and who return for  
591 the following fall semester, of at least 71 percent as reported  
592 for academic year 2020-2021, 72 percent as reported for academic  
593 year 2021-2022, and 73 percent as reported for academic year  
594 2022-2023 and thereafter;

595 4. A student access rate, defined as the rate of full-time  
596 FTIC students who are eligible for federal Pell Grant funds, of  
597 at least 45 percent as reported for academic year 2020-2021, 46  
598 percent as reported for academic year 2021-2022, and 47 percent  
599 as reported for academic year 2022-2023 and thereafter; or

600 5. A student affordability level, defined as total



601 disbursed federal loans per undergraduate recipient, of no more  
602 than \$7,320 as reported for academic year 2020-2021, \$7,289 as  
603 reported for academic year 2021-2022, and \$7,258 as reported for  
604 academic year 2022-2023 and thereafter.

605 (4) A person is eligible to receive such William L. Boyd,  
606 IV, Effective Access to Student Education grant if:

607 (a) He or she meets the general requirements, including  
608 residency, for student eligibility as provided in s. 1009.40,  
609 except as otherwise provided in this section. ~~;~~ ~~and~~

610 (b)1. He or she is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate  
611 student at an eligible college or university in a program of  
612 study leading to a baccalaureate degree. ~~;~~

613 2. He or she is not enrolled in a program of study leading  
614 to a degree in theology or divinity. ~~;~~ ~~and~~

615 3. He or she is making satisfactory academic progress as  
616 defined by the State Board of Education ~~college or university in~~  
617 ~~which he or she is enrolled.~~

618 4. He or she has not completed more than 110 percent of  
619 the degree program in which he or she is enrolled.

620 (5)

621 (c) Each recipient institution shall report to the  
622 department by September 1 of each year the students eligible for  
623 the program for each academic term. Each institution shall also  
624 report to the department the necessary demographic and  
625 eligibility data for such students.

626 Section 15. Section 1009.891, Florida Statutes, is  
 627 repealed.

628 Section 16. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
 629 1009.94, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

630 1009.94 Student financial assistance database.—

631 (2) For purposes of this section, financial assistance  
 632 includes:

633 (c) Any financial assistance provided under s. 1009.50, s.  
 634 1009.505, s. 1009.51, s. 1009.52, s. 1009.53, s. 1009.55, s.  
 635 1009.60, s. 1009.62, s. 1009.70, s. 1009.701, s. 1009.72, s.  
 636 1009.73, s. 1009.74, s. 1009.77, or s. 1009.89, ~~or s. 1009.891.~~

637 Section 17. Section 1012.976, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 638 to read:

639 1012.976 Remuneration of state university ~~administrative~~  
 640 employees; limitations.—

641 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

642 (a) "Appropriated state funds" means funds appropriated  
 643 from the General Revenue Fund or funds appropriated from state  
 644 trust funds.

645 (b) "Cash-equivalent compensation" means any benefit that  
 646 may be assigned an equivalent cash value.

647 (c) "Remuneration" means salary, bonuses, and cash-  
 648 equivalent compensation paid to a state university  
 649 ~~administrative~~ employee by his or her employer for work  
 650 performed, excluding health insurance benefits and retirement

651 benefits.

652 (2) LIMITATION ON COMPENSATION.—Notwithstanding any other  
653 law, resolution, or rule to the contrary, a state university  
654 ~~administrative~~ employee may not receive more than \$200,000 in  
655 remuneration annually from appropriated state funds. Only  
656 compensation, as such term is defined in s. 121.021(22),  
657 provided to a state university ~~administrative~~ employee may be  
658 used in calculating benefits under chapter 121.

659 (3) EXCEPTIONS.—This section does not prohibit any party  
660 from providing cash or cash-equivalent compensation from funds  
661 that are not appropriated state funds to a state university  
662 ~~administrative~~ employee in excess of the limit in subsection  
663 (2). If a party is unable or unwilling to fulfill an obligation  
664 to provide cash or cash-equivalent compensation to a state  
665 university ~~administrative~~ employee as permitted under this  
666 subsection, appropriated state funds may not be used to fulfill  
667 such obligation. This section does not apply to university  
668 teaching faculty in instructional programs classified as:  
669 Computer Information Sciences and Support Services; Engineering;  
670 Engineering Technologies and Engineering-Related Fields; Florida  
671 Mental Health Institute; Health Professions and Related  
672 Programs; Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and  
673 Related Fields; Mathematics; Nursing; Physical Sciences; or  
674 medical school faculty or staff.

675 Section 18. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.