

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Florida Postsecondary Academic  
3           Library Network; amending ss. 257.02 and 295.22, F.S.;  
4           conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
5           amending s. 1004.013, F.S.; revising provisions  
6           relating to the awareness of certain postsecondary  
7           education programs and initiatives; amending s.  
8           1006.73, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to the  
9           Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative;  
10          providing responsibilities for the Florida  
11          Postsecondary Academic Library Network; providing that  
12          the Board of Governors and the Department of Education  
13          will oversee a host entity chosen to deliver certain  
14          services; providing the services to be provided by the  
15          host entity; transferring responsibility for the  
16          statewide Internet-based catalog of distance learning  
17          courses to the host entity; providing requirements for  
18          such catalog; transferring responsibility for certain  
19          statewide online student advising services to the host  
20          entity; providing requirements for such services;  
21          requiring the host entity to submit a certain report  
22          by a specified date, annually; providing requirements  
23          for such report; requiring the Chancellors of the  
24          State University System and the Florida College System  
25          to provide a certain report; providing that specified

26 entities have responsibility for the governance and  
27 administration of the provided services; requiring  
28 specified entities to issue a recommendation and  
29 report on expanding organizations who may access the  
30 provided services; repealing s. 1006.735, F.S.,  
31 relating to the Complete Florida Plus Program;  
32 amending 1007.01, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference;  
33 amending 1007.27, F.S.; conforming a provision to  
34 changes made by the act; amending ss. 1009.23 and  
35 1009.24, F.S.; revising a requirement to include a  
36 certain graphic on specified websites; providing an  
37 effective date.

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

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

43 257.02 State Library Council.—

44 (1) There shall be a State Library Council to advise and  
45 assist the division with planning, policy, and priorities  
46 related to the development of statewide information services.  
47 The council shall consist of nine members who shall be appointed  
48 by the Secretary of State. Of the nine members, three members  
49 must represent Florida public libraries, two members must  
50 represent the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network

51 ~~Services Cooperative~~, one member must represent a multitype  
52 library cooperative, one member must represent a school library  
53 media center, one member must represent the Independent Colleges  
54 and Universities of Florida, and one member must represent a  
55 Florida library professional association. Members shall be  
56 appointed for 4-year terms. A vacancy on the council shall be  
57 filled for the period of the unexpired term. A person may not be  
58 appointed to serve more than two consecutive terms as a member  
59 of the council. The secretary may remove from office any council  
60 member for malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty,  
61 incompetence, permanent inability to perform official duties, or  
62 pleading guilty or nolo contendere to, or being found guilty of,  
63 a felony.

64 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
65 295.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

66 295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.—

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

70 (b) Assist veterans who reside in or relocate to this  
71 state and who are seeking employment. The corporation shall  
72 offer skills assessments to veterans and assist them in  
73 establishing employment goals and applying for and achieving  
74 gainful employment.

75 1. Assessment may include skill match information, skill

76 gap analysis, resume creation, translation of military skills  
77 into civilian workforce skills, and translation of military  
78 achievements and experience into generally understood civilian  
79 workforce skills.

80 2. Assistance may include providing the veteran with  
81 information on current workforce demand by industry or  
82 geographic region, creating employment goals, and aiding or  
83 teaching general knowledge related to completing applications.  
84 The corporation may provide information related to industry  
85 certifications approved by the Department of Education under s.  
86 1008.44 as well as information related to earning academic  
87 college credit at public postsecondary educational institutions  
88 for college-level training and education acquired in the  
89 military under s. 1004.096.

90 3. The corporation shall encourage veterans to register  
91 with the state's job bank system and may refer veterans to local  
92 one-stop career centers for further services. The corporation  
93 shall provide each veteran with information about state  
94 workforce programs and shall consolidate information about all  
95 available resources on one website that, if possible, includes a  
96 hyperlink to each resource's website and contact information, if  
97 available. ~~If appropriate, a veteran shall be encouraged to~~  
98 ~~participate in the Complete Florida Degree Program established~~  
99 ~~under s. 1006.735.~~

100 4. Assessment and assistance may be in person or by

101 | electronic means, as determined by the corporation to be most  
 102 | efficient and best meet the needs of veterans.

103 |       Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
 104 | 1004.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

105 |       1004.013 SAIL to 60 Initiative.—

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

108 |       (a) Increase the awareness and use of:

109 |       1. The student advising system established under s.  
 110 | 1006.73 ~~s. 1006.735(4)(b)~~.

111 |       ~~2. The Complete Florida Degree Initiative established~~  
 112 | ~~under s. 1006.735(2) that facilitates degree completion for the~~  
 113 | ~~state's adult learners. The Chancellor of the State University~~  
 114 | ~~System and the Chancellor of the Florida College System shall~~  
 115 | ~~consult with the Complete Florida Degree Initiative to identify~~  
 116 | ~~barriers to program expansion and develop recommendations to~~  
 117 | ~~increase the number of participating institutions and students~~  
 118 | ~~served by the program. The recommendations must consider, at a~~  
 119 | ~~minimum, methods for increasing outreach efforts to help~~  
 120 | ~~students complete the "last mile" by providing financial~~  
 121 | ~~assistance to students who are within 12 credit hours of~~  
 122 | ~~completing their first associate or baccalaureate degree, but~~  
 123 | ~~have separated from their institution of enrollment for more~~  
 124 | ~~than one semester. Recommendations must be submitted to the~~  
 125 | ~~Board of Governors, the State Board of Education, and the~~

126 ~~Governor no later than October 1, 2019.~~

127 ~~2.3-~~ Summer bridge programs at state universities and  
 128 Florida College System institutions that help students  
 129 transition to postsecondary education.

130 Section 4. Section 1006.73, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 131 to read:

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

134 1006.73 Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network.-

135 (1) PURPOSE.-The Board of Governors and the Department of  
 136 Education will jointly oversee the host entity in accordance  
 137 with subsection (5) that will deliver the following services to  
 138 public postsecondary education institutions in this state,  
 139 which, for the purposes of this section, means all Florida  
 140 College System and State University System institutions:

141 (a) Provide information regarding and access to distance  
 142 learning courses and degree programs offered by public  
 143 postsecondary education institutions within the state.

144 (b) Coordinate with the Florida College System and the  
 145 State University System to identify and provide online academic  
 146 support services and resources when the multi-institutional  
 147 provision of such services and resources is more cost effective  
 148 or operationally effective.

149 (c) Administer a single library automation system and  
 150 associated resources and services that all public postsecondary

151 institutions shall use to support learning, teaching, and  
152 research needs and develop automated library management tools  
153 that shall include, but are not limited to, the following  
154 services and functions:

155 1. A shared Internet-based catalog and discovery tool that  
156 allows a user to search and, if authorized, access the aggregate  
157 library holdings of the state's public postsecondary education  
158 institutions. The catalog and discovery tool shall allow a user  
159 to search the library holdings of one institution, selected  
160 institutions, or all institutions and, to the extent feasible,  
161 shall include an interlibrary loan function that ensures an  
162 authorized user can access the required library holding.

163 2. An Internet-based searchable collection of electronic  
164 resources which shall include, but not be limited to, full-text  
165 journals, articles, databases, and electronic books licensed  
166 pursuant to paragraph (d).

167 3. An integrated library management system and its  
168 associated services that all public postsecondary education  
169 institution academic libraries shall use for purposes of  
170 acquiring, cataloging, circulating, and tracking library  
171 material.

172 4. A statewide searchable database that includes an  
173 inventory of digital archives and collections held by public  
174 postsecondary education institutions.

175 (d) In collaboration with library staff from Florida

176 College System institutions and state universities, coordinate  
177 the negotiation of statewide licensing of electronic library  
178 resources and preferred pricing agreements, issue purchase  
179 orders, and enter into contracts for the acquisition of library  
180 support services, electronic resources, and other goods and  
181 services necessary to carry out its duties under this section.

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

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

187 (2) STATEWIDE INTERNET-BASED CATALOG OF DISTANCE LEARNING  
188 COURSES.—There is established a statewide Internet-based catalog  
189 of distance learning courses, degree programs, and resources  
190 offered by public postsecondary education institutions which is  
191 intended to assist in the coordination and collaboration of  
192 articulation and access pursuant to parts II and III of chapter  
193 1007. The host entity is responsible for developing and  
194 disseminating operational procedures and technical guidelines  
195 for the catalog, to be followed by all participating  
196 institutions. Operating procedures and technical guidelines will  
197 address the following:

198 (a) Specific information concerning the distance learning  
199 course or degree program, including, but not limited to, course  
200 number, classification of instructional programs number, and



201 information on the availability of the course or degree program;  
202 any prerequisite course or technology competency or skill; the  
203 availability of academic support services and financial aid  
204 resources; and course costs, fees, and payment policies.

205 (b) Define and describe the catalog's search and retrieval  
206 options that, at a minimum, will allow users to search by  
207 academic term or course start date; institution, multiple  
208 institutions, or all institutions; and course or program  
209 delivery methods, course type, course availability, subject or  
210 discipline, and course number or classification of instructional  
211 programs number.

212 (c) An Internet-based analytic tool that allows for the  
213 collection and analysis of data as to usage of resources  
214 accessed or interaction with constituent institutions whose  
215 courses and programs are listed in the catalog.

216 (d) Frequent review and updates to institution catalogs to  
217 ensure that distance learning courses and degree programs comply  
218 with operational procedures.

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

222 (a) A streamlined online admissions application process,  
223 which shall be used by all public postsecondary institutions,  
224 for undergraduate transient students currently enrolled and  
225 pursuing a degree at a public postsecondary education

226 institution who enroll in a course offered by a public  
227 postsecondary education institution that is not the student's  
228 degree-granting institution, which shall:

229 1. Use the transient student admissions application  
230 available through the statewide computer-assisted student  
231 advising system established pursuant to paragraph (b). This  
232 admissions application is the only application required for  
233 enrollment of a transient student as described in this  
234 paragraph.

235 2. Implement the financial aid procedures required by the  
236 transient student admissions application process.

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

239 4. Provide an interface between the institutional advising  
240 system and the statewide computer-assisted student advising  
241 system established pursuant to paragraph (b) in order to  
242 electronically send, receive, and process the transient student  
243 admissions application.

244 (b) A statewide computer-assisted student advising system  
245 which shall support the process of advising, registering, and  
246 capturing student progression toward a degree and career and  
247 which shall include a degree audit and an articulation  
248 component. Florida College System institutions and state  
249 universities shall interface institutional advising systems with  
250 the statewide computer-assisted student advising system. At a

251 minimum, the statewide computer-assisted student advising system  
252 shall:

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

254 2. Allow a student to search public postsecondary  
255 education institutions and identify course options that will  
256 meet the requirements of a selected path toward a degree.

257 3. Audit transcripts of students enrolled in a public  
258 postsecondary education institution to assess current academic  
259 standing, the requirements for a student to transfer to another  
260 institution, and all requirements necessary for graduation.

261 4. Serve as the official statewide repository for the  
262 common prerequisite manual, admissions information for  
263 transferring programs, foreign language requirements, residency  
264 requirements, and statewide articulation agreements.

265 5. Provide information relating to career descriptions and  
266 corresponding educational requirements, admissions requirements,  
267 and available sources of student financial assistance.

268 6. Provide the admissions application for transient  
269 students pursuant to paragraph (a) which must include the  
270 electronic transfer and receipt of information and records for:

271 a. Admissions and readmissions.

272 b. Financial aid.

273 c. Transfer of credit awarded by the institution offering  
274 the course to the transient student's degree-granting  
275 institution using the Florida Automated System for Transferring

276 Educational Records (the "FASTER System").

277 (c) A method for identifying and evaluating new  
278 technologies and instructional methods for improving distance  
279 learning instruction and development for faculty, student  
280 learning outcomes, student access, the efficient delivery of  
281 student support services, and the overall quality of  
282 postsecondary distance learning courses and degree programs.

283 (d) Negotiation of statewide licensing resources and  
284 preferred pricing agreements, issuing purchase orders, and  
285 entering into contracts for the acquisition of distance learning  
286 resources, student and support services, electronic resources,  
287 and other goods and services necessary to carry out duties under  
288 this section.

289 (4) REPORTING.—Beginning December 31, 2021, and each year  
290 thereafter, the host entity shall submit a report to the  
291 Chancellors of the State University System and the Florida  
292 College System regarding the implementation and operation of all  
293 components described in this section, including, but not limited  
294 to, usage information collected under paragraph (2)(c),  
295 information and associated costs relating to the services and  
296 functions of the program, and the implementation and operation  
297 of the automated library services. The Chancellors will provide  
298 an annual report on the performance of the host entity in  
299 delivering the services and any recommendations for changes  
300 needed to this section to the Governor, the President of the

301 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Board  
302 of Governors, and the State Board of Education.

303 (5) GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.—The Office of the Board  
304 of Governors and the Department of Education shall have joint  
305 responsibility for determining the host entity for the services  
306 described in this section and shall share in the receipt and  
307 administration of an associated appropriation as described in  
308 the General Appropriations Act. The Chancellors of the Florida  
309 College System and the Board of Governors shall provide  
310 oversight for successful delivery by the host entity of the  
311 services described in this section.

312 (6) RECOMMENDATION ON OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO BE  
313 INCLUDED WITHIN THE FLORIDA POSTSECONDARY ACADEMIC LIBRARY  
314 NETWORK.—By June 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Education and the  
315 Chancellor of the Board of Governors shall provide a joint  
316 recommendation for a process by which school district career  
317 centers operated under s. 1001.44 and charter technical career  
318 centers under s. 1002.34 would access appropriate postsecondary  
319 distance learning, student support services and library assets  
320 described in this section. The recommendation must include an  
321 analysis of the resources necessary to expand access and assets  
322 to centers and their students.

323 Section 5. Section 1006.735, Florida Statutes, is  
324 repealed.

325 Section 6. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section

326 | 1007.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

327 |       1007.01 Articulation; legislative intent; purpose; role of  
328 | the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors;  
329 | Articulation Coordinating Committee.—

330 |       (3) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with  
331 | the Chancellor of the State University System, shall establish  
332 | the Articulation Coordinating Committee, which shall make  
333 | recommendations related to statewide articulation policies and  
334 | issues regarding access, quality, and reporting of data  
335 | maintained by the K-20 data warehouse, established pursuant to  
336 | ss. 1001.10 and 1008.31, to the Higher Education Coordination  
337 | Council, the State Board of Education, and the Board of  
338 | Governors. The committee shall consist of two members each  
339 | representing the State University System, the Florida College  
340 | System, public career and technical education, K-12 education,  
341 | and nonpublic postsecondary education and one member  
342 | representing students. The chair shall be elected from the  
343 | membership. The Office of K-20 Articulation shall provide  
344 | administrative support for the committee. The committee shall:

345 |       (h) Recommend roles and responsibilities of public  
346 | education entities in interfacing with the single, statewide  
347 | computer-assisted student advising system established pursuant  
348 | to s. 1006.73 ~~s. 1006.735~~.

349 |       Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 1007.27, Florida  
350 | Statutes, is amended to read:

351           1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.—  
 352           (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that a variety of  
 353 articulated acceleration mechanisms be available for secondary  
 354 and postsecondary students attending public educational  
 355 institutions. It is intended that articulated acceleration serve  
 356 to shorten the time necessary for a student to complete the  
 357 requirements associated with the conference of a high school  
 358 diploma and a postsecondary degree, broaden the scope of  
 359 curricular options available to students, or increase the depth  
 360 of study available for a particular subject. Articulated  
 361 acceleration mechanisms shall include, but are not limited to,  
 362 dual enrollment and early admission as provided for in s.  
 363 1007.271, advanced placement, credit by examination, the  
 364 International Baccalaureate Program, and the Advanced  
 365 International Certificate of Education Program. Credit earned  
 366 through the Florida Virtual School shall provide additional  
 367 opportunities for early graduation and acceleration. Students of  
 368 Florida public secondary schools enrolled pursuant to this  
 369 subsection shall be deemed authorized users of the state-funded  
 370 electronic library resources that are licensed for Florida  
 371 College System institutions and state universities by the  
 372 Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network Services  
 373 ~~Cooperative~~. Verification of eligibility shall be in accordance  
 374 with rules established by the State Board of Education and  
 375 regulations established by the Board of Governors and processes

376 implemented by Florida College System institutions and state  
 377 universities.

378 Section 8. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (16) and  
 379 subsection (17) of section 1009.23, Florida Statutes, are  
 380 amended to read:

381 1009.23 Florida College System institution student fees.—

382 (16) (a) Each Florida College System institution may assess  
 383 a student who enrolls in a course listed in the distance  
 384 learning catalog, established pursuant to s. 1006.73 ~~s.~~  
 385 ~~1006.735~~, a per-credit-hour distance learning course user fee.  
 386 For purposes of assessing this fee, a distance learning course  
 387 is a course in which at least 80 percent of the direct  
 388 instruction of the course is delivered using some form of  
 389 technology when the student and instructor are separated by time  
 390 or space, or both.

391 (c) If an institution assesses the distance learning fee,  
 392 the institution must provide a link to the catalog within the  
 393 advising and distance learning sections of the institution's  
 394 website, ~~using a graphic and description provided by the~~  
 395 ~~Complete Florida Plus Program, to inform students of the~~  
 396 ~~catalog.~~

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



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401 Section 9. Paragraph (t) of subsection (14) and paragraphs  
402 (a) and (c) of subsection (17) of section 1009.24, Florida  
403 Statutes, are amended to read:

404 1009.24 State university student fees.—

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

408 (t) A transient student fee that may not exceed \$5 per  
409 course for accepting a transient student and processing the  
410 transient student admissions application pursuant to s. 1006.73  
411 ~~s. 1006.735~~.

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413 With the exception of housing rental rates and except as  
414 otherwise provided, fees assessed pursuant to paragraphs (h)-(s)  
415 shall be based on reasonable costs of services. The Board of  
416 Governors shall adopt regulations and timetables necessary to  
417 implement the fees and fines authorized under this subsection.  
418 The fees assessed under this subsection may be used for debt  
419 only as authorized under s. 1010.62.

420 (17)(a) A state university may assess a student who  
421 enrolls in a course listed in the distance learning catalog,  
422 established pursuant to s. 1006.73 ~~s. 1006.735~~, a per-credit-  
423 hour distance learning course fee. For purposes of assessing  
424 this fee, a distance learning course is a course in which at  
425 least 80 percent of the direct instruction of the course is

426 | delivered using some form of technology when the student and  
427 | instructor are separated by time or space, or both.

428 |       (c) If an institution assesses the distance learning fee,  
429 | the institution must provide a link to the catalog within the  
430 | advising and distance learning sections of the institution's  
431 | website, ~~using a graphic and description provided by the~~  
432 | ~~Complete Florida Plus Program, informing students of the~~  
433 | ~~catalog.~~

434 |       Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.