

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 low cost, no cost, or open-access textbooks
184 and education resources and innovative pricing techniques that
185 comply with all applicable laws, in regards to copyrighted
186 material and statewide accessibility measures, as a method for
187 reducing costs.

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

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

201 (a) Specific information concerning the distance learning
202 course or degree program, including, but not limited to, course
203 number, classification of instructional programs number, and
204 information on the availability of the course or degree program;
205 any prerequisite course or technology competency or skill; the
206 availability of academic support services and financial aid
207 resources; and course costs, fees, and payment policies.

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

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

219 (d) Frequent review and updates to institution catalogs to
220 ensure that distance learning courses and degree programs comply
221 with operational procedures.

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

225 (a) A streamlined online admissions application process,

226 which shall be used by all public postsecondary institutions,
227 for undergraduate transient students currently enrolled and
228 pursuing a degree at a public postsecondary education
229 institution who enroll in a course offered by a public
230 postsecondary education institution that is not the student's
231 degree-granting institution, which shall:

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

238 2. Implement the financial aid procedures required by the
239 transient student admissions application process.

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

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

247 (b) A statewide computer-assisted student advising system
248 which shall support the process of advising, registering, and
249 capturing student progression toward a degree and career and
250 which shall include a degree audit and an articulation

251 component. Florida College System institutions and state
252 universities shall interface institutional advising systems with
253 the statewide computer-assisted student advising system. At a
254 minimum, the statewide computer-assisted student advising system
255 shall:

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

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

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

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

268 5. Provide information relating to career descriptions and
269 corresponding educational requirements, admissions requirements,
270 and available sources of student financial assistance.

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

274 a. Admissions and readmissions.

275 b. Financial aid.

276 c. Transfer of credit awarded by the institution offering
277 the course to the transient student's degree-granting
278 institution using the Florida Automated System for Transferring
279 Educational Records (the "FASTER System").

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

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

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

301 an annual report on the performance of the host entity in
302 delivering the services and any recommendations for changes
303 needed to this section to the Governor, the President of the
304 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Board
305 of Governors, and the State Board of Education.

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

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

326 Section 5. Section 1006.735, Florida Statutes, is
 327 repealed.

328 Section 6. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section
 329 1007.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

330 1007.01 Articulation; legislative intent; purpose; role of
 331 the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors;
 332 Articulation Coordinating Committee.—

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

348 (h) Recommend roles and responsibilities of public
 349 education entities in interfacing with the single, statewide
 350 computer-assisted student advising system established pursuant

351 to s. 1006.73 ~~s. 1006.735~~.

352 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 1007.27, Florida
353 Statutes, is amended to read:

354 1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.—

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

376 ~~Cooperative~~. Verification of eligibility shall be in accordance
 377 with rules established by the State Board of Education and
 378 regulations established by the Board of Governors and processes
 379 implemented by Florida College System institutions and state
 380 universities.

381 Section 8. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (16) and
 382 subsection (17) of section 1009.23, Florida Statutes, are
 383 amended to read:

384 1009.23 Florida College System institution student fees.—

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

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

400 (17) Each Florida College System institution that accepts

401 transient students, pursuant to s. 1006.73 ~~s. 1006.735~~, may
 402 establish a transient student fee not to exceed \$5 per course
 403 for processing the transient student admissions application.

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

407 1009.24 State university student fees.—

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

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

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

423 (17) (a) A state university may assess a student who
 424 enrolls in a course listed in the distance learning catalog,
 425 established pursuant to s. 1006.73 ~~s. 1006.735~~, a per-credit-

426 | hour distance learning course fee. For purposes of assessing
427 | this fee, a distance learning course is a course in which at
428 | least 80 percent of the direct instruction of the course is
429 | delivered using some form of technology when the student and
430 | instructor are separated by time or space, or both.

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

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