By the Committee on Fiscal Policy; the Appropriations Committee on Higher Education; and Senator Calatayud

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to higher education; amending s.
3	11.51, F.S.; authorizing the Office of Program Policy
4	Analysis and Government Accountability to develop
5	contracts or agreements with institutions in the State
6	University System for a specified purpose; amending s.
7	251.001, F.S.; providing tuition assistance to active
8	members of the Florida State Guard; amending s.
9	288.036, F.S.; revising the duties of the Office of
10	Ocean Economy; amending s. 381.853, F.S.; specifying
11	that the President of the University of Florida
12	appoints the members of the scientific advisory
13	council within the Florida Center for Brain Tumor
14	Research; amending s. 413.407, F.S.; revising the
15	qualifications for members of the Assistive Technology
16	Advisory Council; increasing the maximum term length
17	for such members; amending s. 446.032, F.S.; revising
18	the date by which the Department of Education is
19	required to publish an annual report on apprenticeship
20	and preapprenticeship programs; amending s. 446.041,
21	F.S.; requiring the department to take into account
22	underrepresented groups in administering the
23	apprenticeship training program, rather than minority
24	and gender diversity; amending s. 1000.05, F.S.;
25	renaming the Florida Educational Equity Act as the
26	"Florida Educational Equality Act"; changing the term
27	"gender" to "sex"; requiring public schools and
28	Florida College System institutions to develop and
29	implement methods and strategies to increase

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30	participation of underrepresented students, rather
31	than students with certain characteristics, in certain
32	programs and courses; requiring the Commissioner of
33	Education and the State Board of Education to utilize
34	their authority to enforce compliance; amending s.
35	1000.21, F.S.; renaming Hillsborough Community College
36	as "Hillsborough College"; creating s. 1001.68, F.S.;
37	authorizing Florida College System institutions with a
38	certain number of full-time equivalent students to
39	enter into cooperative agreements to form a state
40	college regional consortium service organization;
41	requiring such organizations to provide at least a
42	specified number of certain services; requiring that
43	regional consortium service organizations be governed
44	by a board of directors consisting of specified
45	members; amending s. 1001.706, F.S.; deleting a
46	requirement that state universities provide student
47	access to certain information; amending s. 1001.7065,
48	F.S.; revising academic standards for the preeminent
49	state research university program to include a
50	specified average Classic Learning Test score;
51	amending s. 1004.0971, F.S.; revising the definition
52	of the term "emergency opioid antagonist"; amending s.
53	1004.933, F.S.; authorizing an institution to enter
54	into an agreement with an online provider for the
55	adult education or career instruction portion of the
56	Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE)
57	Program; removing the age limit for enrollment in the
58	program; clarifying that students are not required to

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59	enroll in adult secondary and career education
60	coursework simultaneously; amending s. 1005.06, F.S.;
61	authorizing certain institutions to operate without
62	licensure; specifying affirmations required as a part
63	of an affidavit; requiring submission of requested
64	documentation in a specified timeframe; requiring the
65	Commission for Independent Education to review such
66	affidavit in a public meeting; specifying commission
67	actions for noncompliance; authorizing the commission
68	to adopt rules; amending s. 1006.73, F.S.; revising
69	reporting requirements relating to the Florida
70	Postsecondary Academic Library Network; amending s.
71	1007.34, F.S.; expanding the scope of the college
72	reach-out program to all low-income educationally
73	disadvantaged and underrepresented students regardless
74	of minority status; amending s. 1007.35, F.S.;
75	revising legislative findings; renaming the Florida
76	Partnership for Minority and Underrepresented Student
77	Achievement as the "Florida Partnership for
78	Underrepresented Student Achievement"; revising the
79	purposes and duties of the partnership to focus on all
80	underrepresented students regardless of minority
81	status; revising duties of the partnership; amending
82	s. 1009.23, F.S.; authorizing the Florida College
83	System to allocate a portion of financial aid fees to
84	assist underrepresented students, rather than students
85	who are members of a targeted gender or ethnic
86	minority population; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.;
87	revising the residency requirement for a grandparent

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88	for an out-of-state fee waiver; revising the residency
89	criteria for a grandparent in a specified attestation;
90	amending s. 1009.536, F.S.; clarifying the required
91	minimum cumulative weighted grade point average for
92	the Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award; authorizing
93	students to apply for a Florida Gold Seal CAPE
94	Scholars award within a specified timeframe before or
95	after completing the GATE Program; amending s.
96	1009.897, F.S.; requiring institutions receiving funds
97	through the Prepping Institutions, Programs,
98	Employers, and Learners through Incentives for Nursing
99	Education Fund to allocate funding to health care-
100	related programs; amending s. 1011.804, F.S.;
101	authorizing certain institutions to apply for and use
102	grant funds under the GATE Startup Grant Program for
103	specified purposes; amending s. 1013.30, F.S.;
104	revising the timeframe for updates to state university
105	campus master plans; amending s. 1013.46, F.S.;
106	deleting a provision relating to set asides for
107	construction contracts with minority business
108	enterprises; amending s. 1007.27, F.S.; conforming a
109	provision to changes made by the act; providing an
110	effective date.
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112	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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114	Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 11.51,
115	Florida Statutes, to read:
116	11.51 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
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117	Accountability
118	(5) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
119	Accountability may develop contracts or agreements with
120	institutions in the State University System to use the expertise
121	of state university faculty and research staff to provide
122	assistance in analysis and evaluative research.
123	Section 2. Subsection (9) of section 251.001, Florida
124	Statutes, is amended to read:
125	251.001 Florida State Guard Act
126	(9) REIMBURSEMENT, BENEFIT, AND COMPENSATION
127	(a) The division shall reimburse members of the Florida
128	State Guard for per diem and travel expenses incurred to attend
129	required training or in the course of active service as provided
130	in s. 112.061.
131	(b) Members of the Florida State Guard may be compensated
132	for time spent training or in the course of active service at
133	rates established by the director, subject to appropriation.
134	(c) A member of the Florida State Guard may not make any
135	purchase or enter into any contract or agreement for purchases
136	or services as a charge against the state without the authority
137	of the director.
138	(d) As a benefit to the active members of the Florida State
139	Guard, subject to approval by the director of the Division of
140	the State Guard, each state university and Florida College
141	System institution shall waive tuition and fees for active
142	members of the Florida State Guard to enroll for up to 6 credit
143	hours of courses per term on a space-available basis.
144	Section 3. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 288.036,
145	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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594-03195-25 20251624c2 146 288.036 Ocean economy development.-147 (3) The Office of Ocean Economy shall: (a) Develop and undertake activities and strategies with a 148 149 focus on research and development, technological innovation, 150 emerging industries, strategic business recruitment, public and 151 private funding opportunities, and workforce training and 152 education to promote and stimulate the ocean economy. 153 (b)1. Collaborate Foster relationships and coordinate with 154 state universities, private universities, career centers, and Florida College System institutions, including the College of 155 156 the Florida Keys, to periodically survey surveying the 157 development of academic research relating to the ocean economy 158 across all disciplines and facilitating the transfer of 159 innovative technology into marketable goods and services. The 160 office shall encourage collaboration between state universities 161 and Florida College System institutions that have overlapping 162 areas of academic research. 163 2. Include and update on the office's website information 164 related to: 165 a. An inventory of current research and current 166 collaborations, including contact information; and 167 b. Any available resources for research and technology 168 development, including financial opportunities. 169 (c) Collaborate with relevant industries to identify economic challenges that may be solved through innovation in the 170 171 ocean economy, including commercializing or otherwise 172 facilitating public access to academic research and resources, 173 removing governmental barriers, strengthening the workforce, and 174 maximizing access to financial or other opportunities for growth

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594-03195-25 20251624c2 175 and development. 176 (d) Develop and facilitate a pipeline for innovative ideas 177 and strategies to be created, developed, researched, 178 commercialized, and financed. This includes promotion and 179 coordination of industry collaboration, academic research, accelerator programs, training and technical assistance, and 180 181 startup or second-stage funding opportunities. 182 (e) Maintain and update on the office's website: 183 1. Reports and data on the number, growth, and average 184 wages of jobs included in the ocean economy; the impacts on the 185 number, growth, and development of businesses in the ocean 186 economy; and the collaboration, transition, or adoption of innovation and research into new, viable ideas employed in the 187 188 ocean economy. 189 2. A current inventory of programs related to the ocean 190 economy, an evaluation of additional opportunities to earn credentials, and the institutions or training providers where 191 192 such credentials may be earned. 193 (f) Educate other state and local entities on the interests 194 of the ocean economy and how such entities may positively 195 address environmental issues while simultaneously considering 196 the economic impact of their policies. 197 (g) Communicate the state's role as an integral component 198 of the ocean economy by promoting the state on national and 199 international platforms and other appropriate forums as the 200 premier destination for convening on pertinent subject matters. 201 (h) Collaborate with public and private educational and 202 industry organizations to make recommendations: 203 1. For strengthening employment opportunities in:

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204	a. Commercial fishing;
205	b. Fisheries and aquaculture, marine and freshwater;
206	c. Processing and preserving fish, crustaceans, and
207	mollusks;
208	d. Shipbuilding and repair; and
209	e. Shipping, water transport such as sea and coastal and
210	inland water transportation of both freight and passengers,
211	ports, and related services and support activities.
212	2. Regarding the expansion of existing maritime programs
213	and the addition of new programs and strategies for a public
214	awareness campaign.
215	3. To increase the availability of dual enrollment,
216	preapprenticeship and apprenticeship, and work-study programs at
217	both public and private institutions.
218	4. For aligning the regulatory framework for fishing and
219	boat operations with the demand for personnel through
220	consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
221	(4) By August 1, 2025, and each August 1 thereafter, the
222	office shall provide to the Board of Governors, the Governor,
223	the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
224	Representatives and post on its website a detailed report <u>on</u>
225	demonstrating the economic benefits of the office and the
226	development of emerging ocean economy industries. By August 1,
227	2026, the report must include the recommendations in paragraph
228	(3) (h) .
229	Section 4. Subsection (4) of section 381.853, Florida
230	Statutes, is amended to read:
231	381.853 Florida Center for Brain Tumor Research
232	(4) There is established within the center a scientific
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233	advisory council that includes biomedical researchers,
234	physicians, clinicians, and representatives from public and
235	private universities and hospitals. The council shall meet at
236	least annually.
237	(a) The council shall consist of <u>members appointed by the</u>
238	President of the University of Florida, in consultation with the
239	dean of the University of Florida College of Medicine:
240	1. Two members from the Florida Center for Brain Tumor
241	Research within the Evelyn F. and William L. McKnight Brain
242	Institute of the University of Florida appointed by the
243	Governor.
244	2. Two members from The Scripps Research Institute, one of
245	whom must have expertise in basic brain tumor research $_{m au}$
246	appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
247	3. Two members from other public and private universities
248	and institutions directly involved in brain tumor research
249	appointed by the President of the Senate.
250	4. One member from the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville who is
251	directly involved in the treatment of brain tumor patients or
252	who has expertise in basic brain tumor research appointed by the
253	State Surgeon General.
254	5. Two members from the Cleveland Clinic in Florida who are
255	directly involved in basic brain tumor research appointed by the
256	Governor.
257	6. One member from the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and
258	Research Institute who is directly involved in the treatment of
259	brain tumor patients or who has expertise in basic brain tumor
260	research appointed by the Speaker of the House of
261	Representatives.
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594-03195-25 20251624c2 262 7. One member from the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Orlando 263 who is directly involved in the treatment of brain tumor 264 patients or who has expertise in basic brain tumor research 265 appointed by the President of the Senate. 266 (b) Council members shall serve staggered 4-year terms. 267 (c) Council members shall serve without compensation, and 268 each organization represented shall cover all expenses of its 269 representative. 270 Section 5. Paragraphs (d) and (f) of subsection (1) of 271 section 413.407, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 272 413.407 Assistive Technology Advisory Council.-There is 273 created the Assistive Technology Advisory Council, responsible 274 for ensuring consumer involvement in the creation, application, 275 and distribution of technology-related assistance to and for persons who have disabilities. The council shall fulfill its 276 277 responsibilities through statewide policy development, state and 278 federal legislative initiatives, advocacy at the state and 279 federal levels, planning of statewide resource allocations, 280 policy-level management, and reviews of consumer responsiveness 281 and the adequacy of program service delivery and by performing 282 the functions listed in this section. 283 (1)

(d) Members of the council must be geographically
representative of the state and reflect the diversity of the
state's population with respect to race, ethnicity, gender, age,
type of disability, and type of disability-related services and
devices received.

289 (f)1. Each member of the council shall serve for a term of 290 not more than 5 + 3 years, except that a member appointed to fill

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594-03195-25 20251624c2 291 a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which 292 a predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder 293 of such term. 294 2. A member of the council may not serve more than two 295 consecutive terms; however, any appointment under subparagraph 296 1., if for less than 18 months, is not considered a term for the 297 purposes of this section. 298 3. A member who has served two consecutive terms and has 299 been retired from the council for at least 3 years may be 300 reappointed to the council on the same basis as a new member. 301 Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 446.032, Florida 302 Statutes, is amended to read: 303 446.032 General duties of the department for apprenticeship 304 training.-The department shall: 305 (2) By November 30 September 1 of each year, publish an 306 annual report on apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs. 307 The report must be published on the department's website and, at 308 a minimum, include all of the following: 309 (a) A list of registered apprenticeship and 310 preapprenticeship programs, sorted by local educational agency, 311 as defined in s. 1004.02(18), and apprenticeship sponsor, under s. 446.071. 312 (b) A detailed summary of each local educational agency's 313 314 expenditure of funds for apprenticeship and preapprenticeship 315 programs, including: 316 1. The total amount of funds received for apprenticeship 317 and preapprenticeship programs. 318 2. The total amount of funds allocated by training 319 provider, program, and occupation.

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594-03195-25 20251624c2 320 3. The total amount of funds expended for administrative 321 costs by training provider, program, and occupation. 322 4. The total amount of funds expended for instructional 323 costs by training provider, program, and occupation. 324 (c) The number of apprentices and preapprentices per trade 325 and occupation. 326 (d) The percentage of apprentices and preapprentices who 327 complete their respective programs in the appropriate timeframe. 328 Information and resources related to applications for (e) 329 new apprenticeship programs and technical assistance and 330 requirements for potential applicants. 331 (f) Documentation of activities conducted by the department 332 to promote apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs through 333 public engagement, community-based partnerships, and other 334 initiatives and the outcomes of such activities and their impact 335 on establishing or expanding apprenticeship and 336 preapprenticeship programs. 337 (g) Retention and completion rates of participants 338 disaggregated by training provider, program, and occupation. 339 (h) Wage progression of participants as demonstrated by 340 starting, exit, and postapprenticeship wages at 1 and 5 years 341 after participants exit the program. Section 7. Subsection (12) of section 446.041, Florida 342 343 Statutes, is amended to read: 446.041 Duties of the department.-The department shall: 344 345 (12) Ensure that underrepresented groups minority and 346 gender diversity are considered in administering this program. 347 Section 8. Subsection (1), paragraph (d) of subsection (2), paragraph (e) of subsection (3), subsection (5), and subsection 348

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594-03195-25 20251624c2 349 (7) of section 1000.05, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 350 1000.05 Discrimination against students and employees in 351 the Florida K-20 public education system prohibited; equality of 352 access required.-353 This section may be cited as the "Florida Educational (1)354 Equality Equity Act." 355 (2) 356 (d) Students may be separated by sex for a single-sex 357 single-gender program, for any portion of a class that deals 358 with human reproduction, or during participation in bodily 359 contact sports. For the purpose of this section, bodily contact 360 sports include wrestling, boxing, rugby, ice hockey, football, 361 basketball, and other sports in which the purpose or major 362 activity involves bodily contact. 363 (3)364 (e) A public school or Florida College System institution 365 may provide separate toilet, locker room, and shower facilities 366 on the basis of sex gender, but such facilities shall be 367 comparable to such facilities provided for students of the other 368 sex. 369 (5) Public schools and Florida College System institutions 370 shall develop and implement methods and strategies to increase 371 the participation of underrepresented students of a particular race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or marital status 372 373 in programs and courses in which students of that particular 374 race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or marital status 375 have been traditionally underrepresented, including, but not limited to, mathematics, science, computer technology, 376 377 electronics, communications technology, engineering, and career

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378 education.

379 (7) The functions of the Office of Equal Educational
380 Opportunity of the Department of Education shall include, but
381 are not limited to:

(a) Requiring all district school boards and Florida
College System institution boards of trustees to develop and
submit plans for the implementation of this section to the
Department of Education.

(b) Conducting periodic reviews of school districts and Florida College System institutions to determine compliance with this section and, after a finding that a school district or a Florida College System institution is not in compliance with this section, notifying the entity of the steps that it must take to attain compliance and performing followup monitoring.

(c) Providing technical assistance, including assisting school districts or Florida College System institutions in identifying unlawful discrimination and instructing them in remedies for correction and prevention of such discrimination and performing followup monitoring.

(d) Conducting studies of the effectiveness of methods and strategies designed to increase the participation of students in programs and courses in which students of a particular race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or marital status have been traditionally underrepresented and monitoring the success of students in such programs or courses, including performing followup monitoring.

404 (e) Requiring all district school boards and Florida
405 College System institution boards of trustees to submit data and
406 information necessary to determine compliance with this section.

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594-03195-25 20251624c2 407 The Commissioner of Education shall prescribe the format and the 408 date for submission of such data and any other educational 409 equity data. If any board does not submit the required 410 compliance data or other required educational equity data by the 411 prescribed date, the commissioner shall notify the board of this 412 fact and, if the board does not take appropriate action to 413 immediately submit the required report, the State Board of 414 Education shall impose monetary sanctions. 415 (f) Based upon rules of the State Board of Education, 416 developing and implementing enforcement mechanisms with 417 appropriate penalties to ensure that public K-12 schools and 418 Florida College System institutions comply with Title IX of the 419 Education Amendments of 1972 and subsection (3) of this section. 420 However, the State Board of Education may not force a public 421 school or Florida College System institution to conduct, nor 422 penalize such entity for not conducting, a program of athletic 423 activity or athletic scholarship for female athletes unless it 424 is an athletic activity approved for women by a recognized 425 association whose purpose is to promote athletics and a 426 conference or league exists to promote interscholastic or 427 intercollegiate competition for women in that athletic activity.

428 (g) Reporting to The Commissioner of Education any district 429 school board or Florida College System institution board of 430 trustees found to be out of compliance with rules of the State 431 Board of Education adopted as required by paragraph (f) or 432 paragraph (3) (d). To penalize the board, the State Board of 433 Education shall:

434 1. Declare the school district or Florida College System
435 institution ineligible for competitive state grants.

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436	2. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.192, direct the
437	Chief Financial Officer to withhold general revenue funds
438	sufficient to obtain compliance from the school district or
439	Florida College System institution.
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441	The school district or Florida College System institution shall
442	remain incligible and the funds shall not be paid until the
443	institution comes into compliance or the State Board of
444	Education approves a plan for compliance.
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446	The Commissioner of Education and the State Board of Education
447	shall use their authority under s. 1008.32 to enforce compliance
448	with this subsection.
449	Section 9. Paragraph (j) of subsection (5) of section
450	1000.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
451	1000.21 Systemwide definitions.—As used in the Florida
452	Early Learning-20 Education Code:
453	(5) "Florida College System institution" except as
454	otherwise specifically provided, includes all of the following
455	public postsecondary educational institutions in the Florida
456	College System and any branch campuses, centers, or other
457	affiliates of the institution:
458	(j) Hillsborough Community College, which serves
459	Hillsborough County.
460	Section 10. Section 1001.68, Florida Statutes, is created
461	to read:
462	1001.68 State college regional consortium service
463	organizationsIn order to create effectiveness and efficiency
464	of small institutions in the Florida College System which serve
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594-03195-25 20251624c2 465 rural communities: 466 (1) Colleges with 5,000 or fewer full-time equivalent 467 students may enter into cooperative agreements to form a 468 regional consortium service organization. Each regional 469 consortium service organization shall, at a minimum, provide 470 three of the following services: grant procurement; 471 institutional research and reporting; risk management; professional development for faculty and staff; leadership 472 473 support; information technology and cybersecurity training; 474 faculty and staff recruitment; workforce development programs; 475 cooperative purchasing; administrative services; or enrollment 476 management services. 477 (2) Each regional consortium service organization must be 478 governed by a board of directors composed of the presidents of 479 the respective member colleges. 480 Section 11. Paragraph (d) of subsection (5) of section 481 1001.706, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 482 1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.-483 (5) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO ACCOUNTABILITY.-484 (d) The Board of Governors shall annually require a state 485 university prior to registration to provide each enrolled 486 student electronic access to the economic security report of 487 employment and earning outcomes prepared by the Department of Commerce pursuant to s. 445.07. In addition, the Board of 488 489 Governors shall require a state university to provide each 490 student electronic access to the following information each year 491 prior to registration using the data described in s. 1008.39: 492 1. The top 25 percent of degrees reported by the university in terms of highest full-time job placement and highest average 493

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494	annualized earnings in the year after earning the degree.
495	2. The bottom 10 percent of degrees reported by the
496	university in terms of lowest full-time job placement and lowest
497	average annualized earnings in the year after earning the
498	degree.
499	Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
500	1001.7065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
501	1001.7065 Preeminent state research universities program
502	(2) ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXCELLENCE STANDARDSThe
503	following academic and research excellence standards are
504	established for the preeminent state research universities
505	program and shall be reported annually in the Board of Governors
506	Accountability Plan:
507	(a) An average weighted grade point average of 4.0 or
508	higher on a 4.0 scale and an average SAT score of 1200 or higher
509	on a 1600-point scale or an average ACT score of 25 or higher on
510	a 36 score scale, using the latest published national
511	concordance table developed jointly by the College Board and
512	ACT, Inc., or an average Classic Learning Test score of 83 or
513	higher on a 120 score scale, for fall semester incoming
514	freshmen, as reported annually.
515	Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
516	1004.0971, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
517	1004.0971 Emergency opioid antagonists in Florida College
518	System institution and state university housing
519	(1) As used in this section, the term:
520	(b) "Emergency opioid antagonist" means <u>a</u> naloxone
521	hydrochloride or any similarly acting drug that blocks the
522	effects of opioids administered from outside the body and that
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523	is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration
524	for the treatment of an opioid overdose.
525	Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) and paragraph
526	(b) of subsection (4) of section 1004.933, Florida Statutes, are
527	amended to read:
528	1004.933 Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education
529	(GATE) Program
530	(3) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
531	(b) "Institution" means <u>any</u> a school district career center
532	established under s. 1001.44, a charter technical career center
533	established under s. 1002.34, or a Florida College System
534	institution identified in s. 1000.21. Any such institution may
535	enter into an agreement with an online provider for the adult
536	education or career instruction portion of the program if such
537	provider offers instructional content and services that align
538	with the state career and adult education curriculum frameworks.
539	(4) PAYMENT WAIVER; ELIGIBILITY
540	(b) To be eligible for participation in the GATE Program, a
541	student must:
542	1. Not have earned a standard high school diploma pursuant
543	to s. 1003.4282 or a high school equivalency diploma pursuant to
544	s. 1003.435 before enrolling in the GATE Program;
545	2. Have been withdrawn from high school;
546	3. Be a resident of this state as defined in s. 1009.21(1);
547	4. Be <u>at least</u> 16 to 21 years of age at the time of initial
548	enrollment, provided that a student who is 16 or 17 years of age
549	has withdrawn from school enrollment pursuant to the
550	requirements and safeguards in s. 1003.21(1)(c);
551	5. Select the adult secondary education program and career
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594-03195-25 20251624c2 552 education program of his or her choice at the time of admission 553 to the GATE Program, provided that the career education program 554 is included on the Master Credentials List under s. 445.004(4). 555 The student is not required to enroll in adult secondary and 556 career education program coursework simultaneously. The student 557 may not change the requested pathway after enrollment, except 558 that, if necessary for the student, the student may enroll in an 559 adult basic education program prior to enrolling in the adult 560 secondary education program; 6. Maintain a 2.0 GPA for career and technical education 561 562 coursework; and 563 7. Notwithstanding s. 1003.435(4), complete the programs 564 under subparagraph 5. within 3 years after his or her initial enrollment unless the institution determines that an extension 565 566 is warranted due to extenuating circumstances. 567 Section 15. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 568 1005.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 569 1005.06 Institutions not under the jurisdiction or purview 570 of the commission.-571 (1) Except as otherwise provided in law, the following 572 institutions are not under the jurisdiction or purview of the 573 commission and are not required to obtain licensure: 574 (f)1. A nonpublic religious postsecondary educational 575 institution religious college may operate without licensure 576 governmental oversight if the institution college annually

577 verifies by sworn affidavit to the commission <u>each of the</u> 578 <u>following affirmations</u> that:

579 <u>a.1.</u> The name of the institution includes a religious 580 modifier or the name of a religious patriarch, saint, person, or

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581	symbol of the church.
582	b. An explanation of the religious modifier, religious
583	name, or religious symbol used in the institution's name.
584	c.2. The institution offers only educational programs that
585	prepare students for religious vocations as ministers,
586	professionals, or laypersons in the categories of ministry,
587	counseling, theology, education, administration, music, fine
588	arts, media communications, or social work.
589	d.3. The titles of degrees issued by the institution cannot
590	be confused with secular degree titles. For this purpose, each
591	degree title must include a religious modifier that immediately
592	precedes, or is included within, any of the following degrees:
593	Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Bachelor of Arts,
594	Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Doctor
595	of Philosophy, and Doctor of Education. The religious modifier
596	must be placed on the title line of the degree, on the
597	transcript, and whenever the title of the degree appears in
598	official school documents or publications.
599	e. The titles and majors of every degree program offered by
600	the institution as they appear on degrees and transcripts issued
601	by the institution.
602	<u>f.</u> 4. The duration of all degree programs offered by the
603	institution is consistent with the standards of the commission.
604	<u>g.</u> 5. The institution's consumer practices are consistent
605	with those required by s. 1005.04.
606	2. If requested by the commission, the institution must
607	submit documentation demonstrating compliance with the
608	requirements of this paragraph and with s. 1005.04. The
609	institution must submit such documentation within 30 days after

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610	the request.
611	3. The commission shall review for approval or denial, in a
612	public meeting, affidavits submitted pursuant to this paragraph.
613	The commission shall approve an affidavit unless the affidavit
614	is facially invalid, the affidavit is contradicted by the
615	institution's public advertisements or by other evidence, or the
616	institution has failed to comply with the requirements of
617	subparagraph 2. The commission may provide such a religious
618	institution a letter stating that the institution has met the
619	requirements of state law and is not subject to <u>licensure by the</u>
620	commission governmental oversight.
621	a. If a nonpublic religious postsecondary educational
622	institution that has been issued a written notice of exemption
623	from licensure by the commission subsequently fails to comply
624	with the requirements of this paragraph, the commission must
625	revoke its approval of the institution's affidavit in a public
626	meeting.
627	b. If an affidavit is denied by the commission, the
628	commission may take any of the actions specified in s. 1005.38
629	unless the institution applies for a license pursuant to s.
630	1005.31(1)(a), ceases operating in this state, or submits
631	documentation indicating compliance with this paragraph.
632	c. The commission may adopt rules to administer this
633	paragraph.
634	Section 16. Subsections (5) and (7) of section 1006.73,
635	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
636	1006.73 Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network
637	(5) REPORTING
638	(a) By December 31 each year, the host entity shall submit
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639	a report to the Chancellors of the State University System and
640	the Florida College System regarding the implementation and
641	operation of all components described in this section,
642	including, but not limited to, all of the following:
643	(a) 1. Usage information collected under paragraph (2)(c).
644	(b) $\frac{2}{2}$. Information and associated costs relating to the
645	services and functions of the program.
646	(c) 3. The implementation and operation of the automated
647	library services.
648	(d)4. The number and value of grants awarded under
649	paragraph (4)(d) and the distribution of those funds.
650	5. The number and types of courses placed in the Student
651	Open Access Resources Repository.
652	6.—Information on the utilization of the Student Open
653	Access Resources Repository and utilization of open educational
654	resources in course sections, by Florida College System
655	institution and state university.
656	(b) The Chancellors will provide an annual report on the
657	performance of the host entity in delivering the services and
658	any recommendations for changes needed to this section to the
659	Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
660	of Representatives, the Board of Governors, and the State Board
661	of Education. The Board of Governors and the Department of
662	Education shall include any necessary funding increases in their
663	annual legislative budget requests.
664	(7) RECOMMENDATION ON OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO BE
665	INCLUDED WITHIN THE FLORIDA POSTSECONDARY ACADEMIC LIBRARY
666	NETWORKBy June 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Education and the
667	Chancellor of the Board of Governors shall provide a joint

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668	recommendation for a process by which school district career
669	centers operated under s. 1001.44 and charter technical career
670	centers under s. 1002.34 would access appropriate postsecondary
671	distance learning, student support services and library assets
672	described in this section. The recommendation must include an
673	analysis of the resources necessary to expand access and assets
674	to centers and their students.
675	Section 17. Paragraph (d) of subsection (5) and paragraph
676	(c) of subsection (7) of section 1007.34, Florida Statutes, are
677	amended to read:
678	1007.34 College reach-out program
679	(5) In selecting proposals for approval, the State Board of
680	Education shall give preference to:
681	(d) A program that includes innovative approaches, provides
682	a great variety of activities, and includes a large percentage
683	of low-income educationally disadvantaged and underrepresented
684	minority students in the college reach-out program.
685	(7) A proposal must contain the following information:
686	(c) An identification of existing programs for enhancing
687	the academic performance of minority and low-income
688	educationally disadvantaged and underrepresented students for
689	enrollment in postsecondary education.
690	Section 18. Section 1007.35, Florida Statutes, is amended
691	to read:
692	1007.35 Florida Partnership for Minority and
693	Underrepresented Student Achievement
694	(1) This section may be referred to by the popular name the
695	"Florida Partnership for Minority and Underrepresented Student
696	Achievement Act."

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697	(2)(a) The Legislature recognizes the importance of not
698	only access to college but also success in college for all
699	students. It is the intent of the Legislature that every student
700	enrolled in a public secondary school has access to high-
701	quality, rigorous academics, with a particular focus on access
702	to advanced courses. The Legislature also recognizes the
703	importance of other career pathways, such as vocational and
704	trade schools, and the importance of incentivizing the
705	availability of high school programs to prepare students for
706	those career paths.
707	(b) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide
708	assistance to all public secondary schools, with a primary focus
709	on low-performing middle and high schools.
710	(c)—It is the intent of the Legislature that the
711	partnership created in this section accomplish its mission
712	primarily through strengthening the content knowledge of
713	teachers and providing instructional resources, including
714	materials and strategies, which enable teachers to provide
715	instruction to students who have diverse learning styles.
716	(3) There is created the Florida Partnership for Minority
717	and Underrepresented Student Achievement. The Department of
718	Education may contract for operation of the partnership.
719	(4) The mission of the partnership is to prepare, inspire,
720	and connect students to postsecondary success and opportunity $_{\overline{ au}}$
721	with a particular focus on minority students and students who
722	are underrepresented in postsecondary education.
723	(5) Each public high school, including, but not limited to,
724	schools and alternative sites and centers of the Department of
725	Juvenile Justice, shall provide for the administration of the

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594-03195-25 20251624c2 726 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test 727 (PSAT/NMSQT), or the PreACT to all enrolled 10th grade students. However, a written notice shall be provided to each parent which 728 729 must include the opportunity to exempt his or her child from 730 taking the PSAT/NMSQT or the PreACT. 731 (a) Test results will provide each high school with a 732 database of student assessment data which certified school 733 counselors will use to identify students who are prepared or who 734 need additional work to be prepared to enroll and be successful 735 in advanced high school courses. 736 (b) Funding for the PSAT/NMSQT or the PreACT for all 10th 737 grade students shall be contingent upon annual funding in the 738 General Appropriations Act. 739 (c) Public school districts must choose either the PSAT/NMSQT or the PreACT for districtwide administration. 740 741 (6) The partnership shall: 742 (a) Provide teacher training and professional learning to 743 enable teachers of advanced courses to have the necessary 744 content knowledge and instructional skills to prepare students 745 for success on assessments developed pursuant to s. 1007.27(2) 746 and mastery of postsecondary general education core courses. 747 (b) Provide to middle school teachers and administrators 748 professional learning that will enable them to educate middle 749 school students at the level necessary to prepare the students 750 to enter high school ready to participate in advanced courses. 751 (c) -- Provide teacher training and materials that are aligned 752 with the state standards and are consistent with best theory and practice regarding multiple learning styles and research on 753 754 learning, instructional strategies, instructional design, and

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594-03195-25 20251624c2 755 classroom assessment. Curriculum materials must be based on 756 current, accepted, and essential academic knowledge. 757 (d) Provide assessment of individual strengths and 758 weaknesses as related to potential success in advanced courses 759 and readiness for college. 760 (b) (e) Provide college entrance exam preparation through a 761 variety of means that may include, but are not limited to, 762 training teachers to provide courses at schools; training 763 community organizations to provide courses at community centers, 764 faith-based organizations, and businesses; and providing online 765 courses. 766 (f) Consider ways to incorporate Florida College System 767 institutions in the mission of preparing all students for 768 postsecondary success. 769 (c) (g) Provide a plan for communication and coordination of 770 efforts with the Florida Virtual School's provision of online 771 advanced courses. 772 (d) (h) Work with school districts to identify minority and 773 underrepresented students for participation in advanced courses. 774 (e) (i) Work with school districts to provide information to 775 students and parents that explains available opportunities for 776 students to take advanced courses and that explains enrollment 777 procedures that students must follow to enroll in such courses. 778 Such information must also explain the value of such courses as 779 they relate to:

780 1. Preparing the student for postsecondary level781 coursework.

782 2. Enabling the student to gain access to postsecondary783 education opportunities.

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594-03195-25 20251624c2 784 3. Qualifying for scholarships and other financial aid 785 opportunities. 786 (f) (j) Provide information to students, parents, teachers, 787 counselors, administrators, districts, Florida College System 788 institutions, and state universities regarding PSAT/NMSQT or the 789 PreACT administration, including, but not limited to: 790 1. Test administration dates and times. 791 2. That participation in the PSAT/NMSQT or the PreACT is 792 open to all 10th grade students. 793 3. The value of such tests in providing diagnostic feedback 794 on student skills. 795 4. The value of student scores in predicting the 796 probability of success on advanced course examinations. 797 (k) Cooperate with the department to provide information to 798 administrators, teachers, and counselors, whenever possible, 799 about partnership activities, opportunities, and priorities. 800 (g) (1) Partner with the Florida College System institutions 801 and state universities identified by the State Board of 802 Education and Board of Governors pursuant to s. 1007.25(3) to 803 develop advanced courses and provide teacher training. 804 (7) By May 31 of each year, the Department of Education 805 shall approve a plan of delivery of services for the subsequent 806 academic year. 807 (8) (a) By September 30 of each year, the partnership shall 808 submit to the department a report that contains an evaluation of 809 the effectiveness of the delivered services and activities. 810 Activities and services must be evaluated on their effectiveness 811 at raising student achievement and increasing the number of AP 812 or other advanced course examinations in low-performing middle

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594-03195-25 20251624c2 813 and high schools. Other indicators that must be addressed in the 814 evaluation report include the number of middle and high school 815 teachers trained; the effectiveness of the training; measures of 816 postsecondary readiness of the students affected by the program; 817 levels of participation in 10th grade PSAT/NMSQT or the PreACT 818 testing; and measures of student, parent, and teacher awareness 819 of and satisfaction with the services of the partnership. 820 (b) The department shall contribute to the evaluation process by providing access, consistent with s. 119.071(5)(a), 821 822 to student and teacher information necessary to match against 82.3 databases containing teacher professional learning data and 824 databases containing assessment data for the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, 825 ACT, PreACT, AP, and other appropriate measures. The department 826 shall also provide student-level data on student progress from 827 middle school through high school and into college and the 828 workforce, if available, in order to support longitudinal 829 studies. The partnership shall analyze and report student 830 performance data in a manner that protects the rights of 831 students and parents as required in 20 U.S.C. s. 1232g and s. 832 1002.22. 833 (9) (a) Funding for the partnership shall be contingent upon

annual funding in the General Appropriations Act.
(b) The participating partner, if one is chosen, is
required to match at least one-third of the allocation provided

837 to the partnership in the General Appropriations Act in838 materials and services to the program.

839 (10) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any 840 organization from partnering with the state to improve the 841 college readiness of students.

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594-03195-25 20251624c2 842 Section 19. Paragraph (c) of subsection (8) of section 843 1009.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 844 1009.23 Florida College System institution student fees.-845 (8) (c) Up to 25 percent or \$600,000, whichever is greater, 846 of the financial aid fees collected may be used to assist 847 students who demonstrate academic merit; who participate in 848 athletics, public service, cultural arts, and other 849 extracurricular programs as determined by the institution; or 850 who are identified as members of an underrepresented a targeted 851 gender or ethnic minority population. The financial aid fee 852 revenues allocated for athletic scholarships and any fee 853 exemptions provided to athletes pursuant to s. 1009.25(2) must 854 be distributed equitably as required by s. 1000.05(3)(d). A 855 minimum of 75 percent of the balance of these funds for new 856 awards shall be used to provide financial aid based on absolute 857 need, and the remainder of the funds shall be used for academic 858 merit purposes and other purposes approved by the boards of 859 trustees. Such other purposes shall include the payment of child 860 care fees for students with financial need. The State Board of 861 Education shall develop criteria for making financial aid 862 awards. Each college shall report annually to the Department of 863 Education on the revenue collected pursuant to this paragraph, the amount carried forward, the criteria used to make awards, 864 865 the amount and number of awards for each criterion, and a delineation of the distribution of such awards. The report shall 866 867 include an assessment by category of the financial need of every 868 student who receives an award, regardless of the purpose for 869 which the award is received. Awards that are based on financial 870 need shall be distributed in accordance with a nationally

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871	recognized system of need analysis approved by the State Board
872	of Education. An award for academic merit requires a minimum
873	overall grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the
874	equivalent for both initial receipt of the award and renewal of
875	the award.
876	Section 20. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (20) of
877	section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
878	1009.26 Fee waivers
879	(20)(a) Beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year, a state
880	university shall waive the out-of-state fee for a student who:
881	1. Has a grandparent who has established a domicile in this
882	state pursuant to s. 222.17 for at least 5 years preceding an
883	application for the fee waiver is a legal resident as defined in
884	s. 1009.21(1). For purposes of this subsection, the term
885	"grandparent" means a person who has a legal relationship to a
886	student's parent as the natural or adoptive parent or legal
887	guardian of the student's parent.
888	2. Earns a high school diploma comparable to a Florida
889	standard high school diploma, or its equivalent, or completes a
890	home education program.
891	3.a. Achieves an SAT combined score no lower than the 89th
892	national percentile on the SAT;
893	b. Achieves an ACT score concordant to the required SAT
894	score in sub-subparagraph a., using the latest published
895	national concordance table developed jointly by the College
896	Board and ACT, Inc.; or
897	c. If a state university accepts the Classic Learning Test

898 (CLT) for admission purposes, achieves a CLT score concordant to 899 the required SAT score specified in sub-subparagraph a., using

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594-03195-25 20251624c2 900 the latest published scoring comparison developed by Classic 901 Learning Initiatives. 902 4. Beginning with students who initially enroll in the 2022 903 fall academic term and thereafter, enrolls as a full-time 904 undergraduate student at a state university in the fall academic 905 term immediately following high school graduation. 906 (c) Before waiving the out-of-state fee, the state 907 university shall require the student or the student's parent, if 908 the student is a dependent child, to provide a written 909 declaration pursuant to s. 92.525(2) attesting to the student's familial relationship to a grandparent who meets the residency 910 911 requirement of subparagraph (a)1. is a legal resident and any 912 other corroborating documentation required by regulation of the 913 Board of Governors. A state university is not required to 914 independently verify the statements contained in each 915 declaration if the signatory declares it to be true under the 916 penalties of perjury as required by s. 92.525(2). However, the 917 state university may refer any signed declaration suspected of 918 containing fraudulent representations to law enforcement. 919 Section 21. Subsection (2) of section 1009.536, Florida

920 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (6) is added to that 921 section, to read:

922 1009.536 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars and Florida 923 Gold Seal CAPE Scholars awards.—The Florida Gold Seal Vocational 924 Scholars award and the Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award are 925 created within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to 926 recognize and reward academic achievement and career preparation 927 by high school students who wish to continue their education. 928 (2) A student is eligible for a Florida Gold Seal CAPE

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594-03195-25 20251624c2 929 Scholars award if he or she meets the general eligibility 930 requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, 931 and the student: 932 (a) Earns a minimum of $3 \div$ postsecondary credit hours 933 through CAPE industry certifications approved pursuant to s. 934 1008.44 which articulate for college credit; and 935 (b) Earns a minimum cumulative weighted grade point average of 2.5, as calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, on all subjects 936 937 required for a standard high school diploma, excluding elective 938 courses; and (c) Completes at least 30 hours of volunteer service or, 939 940 beginning with a high school student graduating in the 2022-2023 941 academic year and thereafter, 100 hours of paid work, approved 942 by the district school board, the administrators of a nonpublic 943 school, or the Department of Education for home education 944 program students, or 100 hours of a combination of both. 945 Eligible paid work completed on or after June 27, 2022, shall be 946 included in a student's total required paid work hours. The 947 student may identify a social or civic issue or a professional 948 area that interests him or her and develop a plan for his or her 949 personal involvement in addressing the issue or learning about 950 the area. The student must, through papers or other 951 presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her experience. 952 Such volunteer service or paid work may include, but is not 953 limited to, a business or governmental internship, work for a 954 nonprofit community service organization, or activities on 955 behalf of a candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer 956 service or paid work must be documented in writing, and the 957 document must be signed by the student, the student's parent or

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958	guardian, and a representative of the organization for which the
959	student performed the volunteer service or paid work.
960	(6) Before or within 3 months after completion of the GATE
961	Program as provided in s. 1004.933, a student may apply for the
962	Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award.
963	Section 22. Present subsection (4) of section 1009.897,
964	Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (5), and a new
965	subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:
966	1009.897 Prepping Institutions, Programs, Employers, and
967	Learners through Incentives for Nursing Education (PIPELINE)
968	Fund
969	(4) Each institution that receives funds through the
970	PIPELINE Fund shall allocate the funds to its health care
971	industry-related programs.
972	Section 23. Subsections (3) and (6) of section 1011.804,
973	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
974	1011.804 GATE Startup Grant Program
975	(3) The department may solicit proposals from institutions
976	without programs that meet the requirements of s. 1004.933(2).
977	Such institutions must be located in or serve a rural area of
978	opportunity as designated by the Governor. Additionally,
979	institutions that meet program requirements and are located in
980	or serve a rural area of opportunity may apply for grant funds
981	specifically for marketing and outreach efforts to expand
982	student participation in the GATE Program.
983	(6) Grant funds may be used for planning activities and
984	other expenses associated with the creation of the GATE Program,
985	such as expenses related to program instruction, instructional
986	equipment, supplies, instructional personnel, and student

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594-03195-25 20251624c2 987 services, and outreach and marketing efforts to recruit and 988 enroll eligible students. Institutions with existing programs 989 that meet the requirements of s. 1004.933(2) and that are 990 located in or serve a rural area of opportunity may apply for 991 grant funds exclusively for marketing and outreach purposes to 992 expand student participation in the GATE Program. Grant funds 993 may not be used for indirect costs. Grant recipients must submit 994 an annual report in a format prescribed by the department. The 995 department shall consolidate such annual reports and include the 996 reports in the report required by s. 1004.933(5). 997 Section 24. Subsection (3) of section 1013.30, Florida 998 Statutes, is amended to read: 999 1013.30 University campus master plans and campus 1000 development agreements.-

1001 (3) Each university board of trustees shall prepare and 1002 adopt a campus master plan for the university and maintain a 1003 copy of the plan on the university's website. The master plan 1004 must identify general land uses and address the need for and 1005 plans for provision of roads, parking, public transportation, 1006 solid waste, drainage, sewer, potable water, and recreation and 1007 open space during the coming 10 to 20 years. The plans must 1008 contain elements relating to future land use, intergovernmental 1009 coordination, capital improvements, recreation and open space, 1010 general infrastructure, housing, and conservation. Each element 1011 must address compatibility with the surrounding community. The 1012 master plan must identify specific land uses, general location 1013 of structures, densities and intensities of use, and contain 1014 standards for onsite development, site design, environmental management, and the preservation of historic and archaeological 1015

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1016	resources. The transportation element must address reasonable
1017	transportation demand management techniques to minimize offsite
1018	impacts where possible. Data and analyses on which the elements
1019	are based must include, at a minimum: the characteristics of
1020	vacant lands; projected impacts of development on onsite and
1021	offsite infrastructure, public services, and natural resources;
1022	student enrollment projections; student housing needs; and the
1023	need for academic and support facilities. Master plans must be
1024	updated at least every $10 - 5$ years.
1025	Section 25. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
1026	1013.46, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1027	1013.46 Advertising and awarding contracts;
1028	prequalification of contractor
1029	(1)
1030	(c) As an option, any county, municipality, or board may
1031	set aside up to 10 percent of the total amount of funds
1032	allocated for the purpose of entering into construction capital
1033	project contracts with minority business enterprises, as defined
1034	in s. 287.094. Such contracts shall be competitively bid only
1035	among minority business enterprises. The set-aside shall be used
1036	to redress present effects of past discriminatory practices and
1037	shall be subject to periodic reassessment to account for
1038	changing needs and circumstances.
1039	Section 26. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
1040	1007.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1041	1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms
1042	(1)
1043	(b) The State Board of Education and the Board of Governors
1044	shall identify Florida College System institutions and state

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1045	universities to develop courses that align with s. 1007.25 for
1046	students in secondary education and provide the training
1047	required under s. 1007.35(6).
1048	Section 27. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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