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The Florida College System - Summary Budget Side-by-Side

March 5, 2024 – Before Governor’s Action

	2023-24	2024-25
Funding Category	Current Year Budget	House 5001 Conference Report March 5, 2024
Program Fund	1,606,206,848	1,610,294,595
Non-Program Fund Appropriations	105,478,169	102,028,169
Performance-Based Incentives	20,000,000	20,000,000
Commission on Community Service	983,182	1,483,749
Total State Funds	1,732,668,199	1,733,806,513
\$ Increase Over Prior Year		1,138,314
% Increase Over Prior Year		0.1%
Tuition Increase	0%	0%
State Group Insurance - Inclusion of the Florida College System	0	80,000,000

Florida College System Funding (HB 5001)

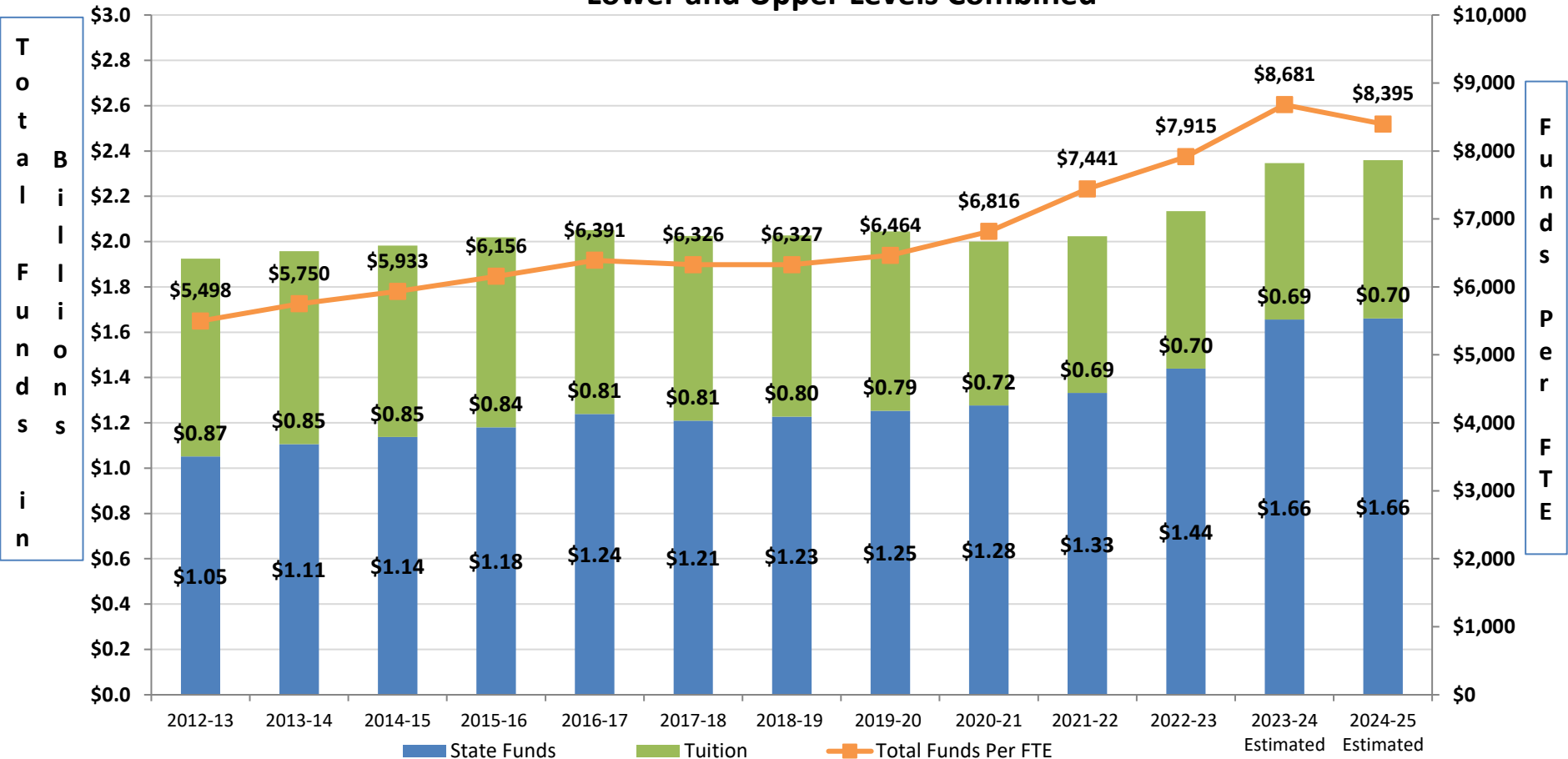
Florida College System - Total funds of \$1.73 billion (+0.05%)

- FCS Program Fund
 - \$31.5 million for Projects and Operational Support
- \$30 million for Student Success Incentive Funds
 - \$13 million for Work Florida Incentive Funds
 - \$17 million for 2+2 Student Incentive Funds
- \$11.1 million for Postsecondary Academic Library Network
- \$2 million for Facility Repairs, Maintenance & Construction
- \$20 million for Performance-Based Incentive funds for Industry Certifications
- \$59 million for the PIPELINE and LINE
- \$80 million for the State Group Insurance

Operating Funds by Source and FTE

The Florida College System

Program Fund Appropriations by Source and Per FTE Student
Lower and Upper Levels Combined

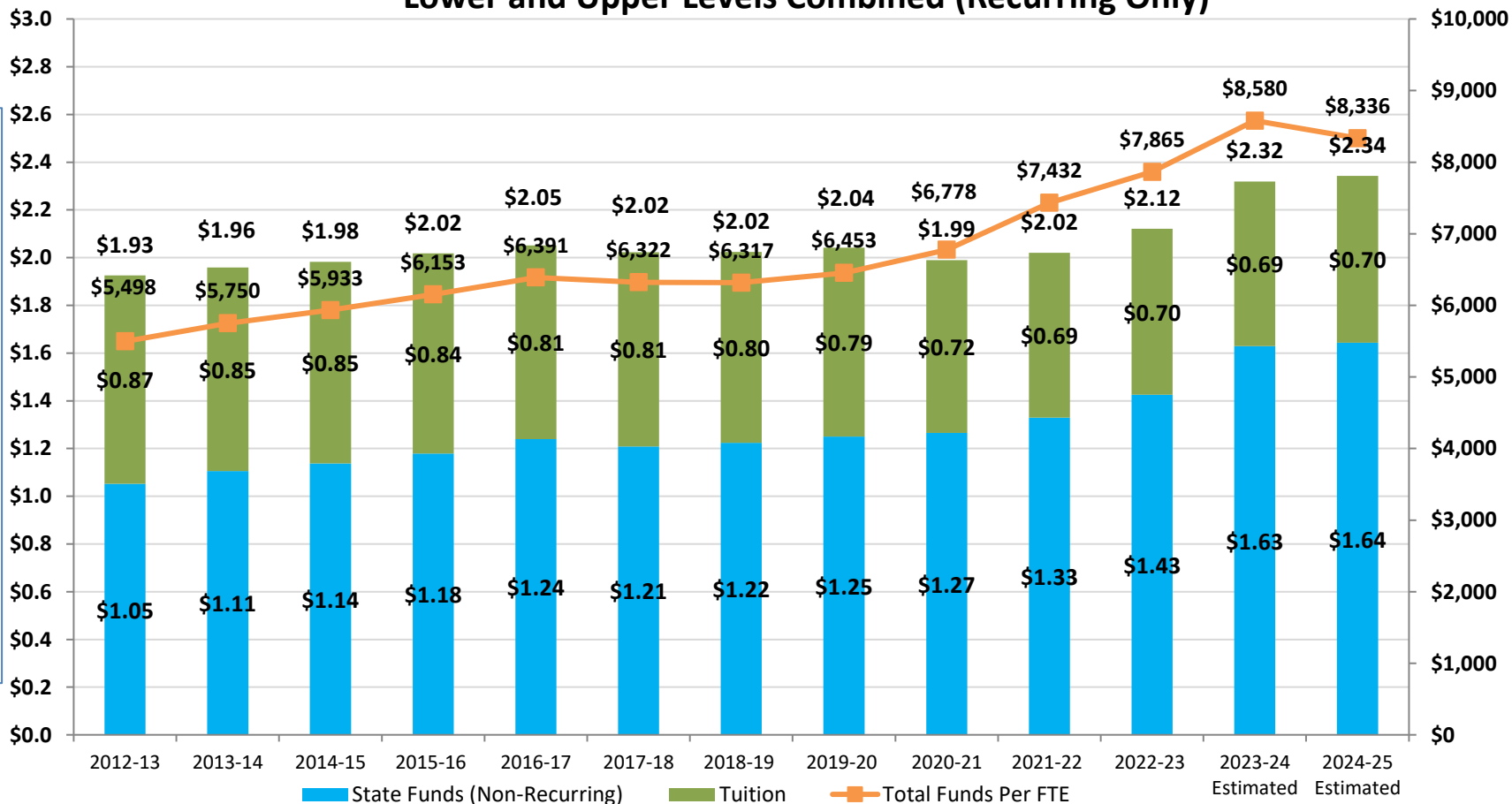


Note: Amounts reflect appropriations for Community College Program Fund/Florida College System Program Fund (CCPF/FCSPF) and Performance-Based Incentives from 2012-13 through 2024-25. State funds include General Revenue (Recurring and Non-Recurring) and Educational Enhancement Trust Fund. Tuition includes out-of-state fee and technology fees. Tuition amounts 2023-24 and 2024-25 are estimated based on 2023-24 FTE-1A. Totals may not add due to rounding.

Operating Funds by Source and FTE

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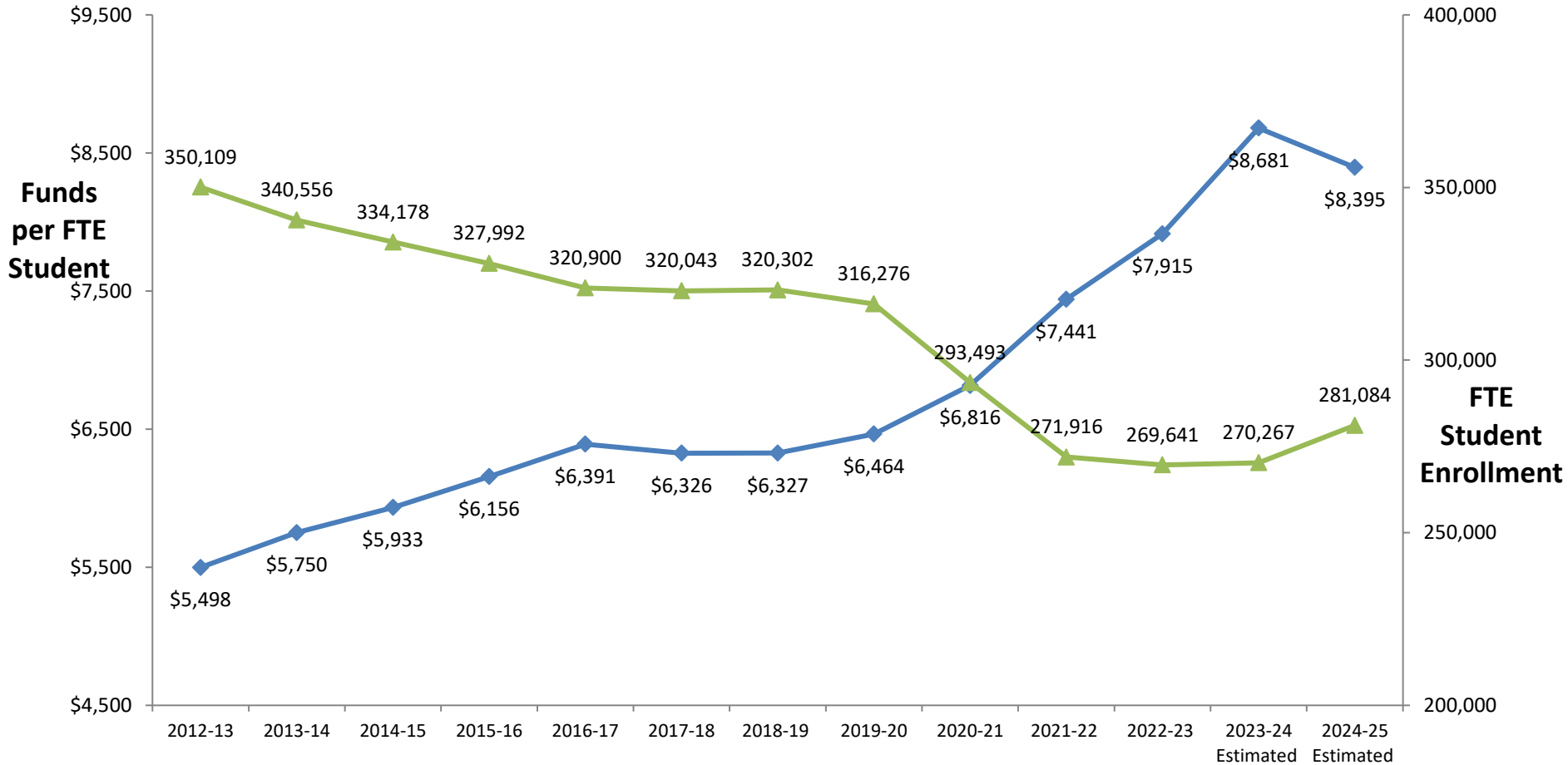
Program Fund Appropriations by Source and Per FTE Student Lower and Upper Levels Combined (Recurring Only)



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FTE Compared to State Funds per FTE

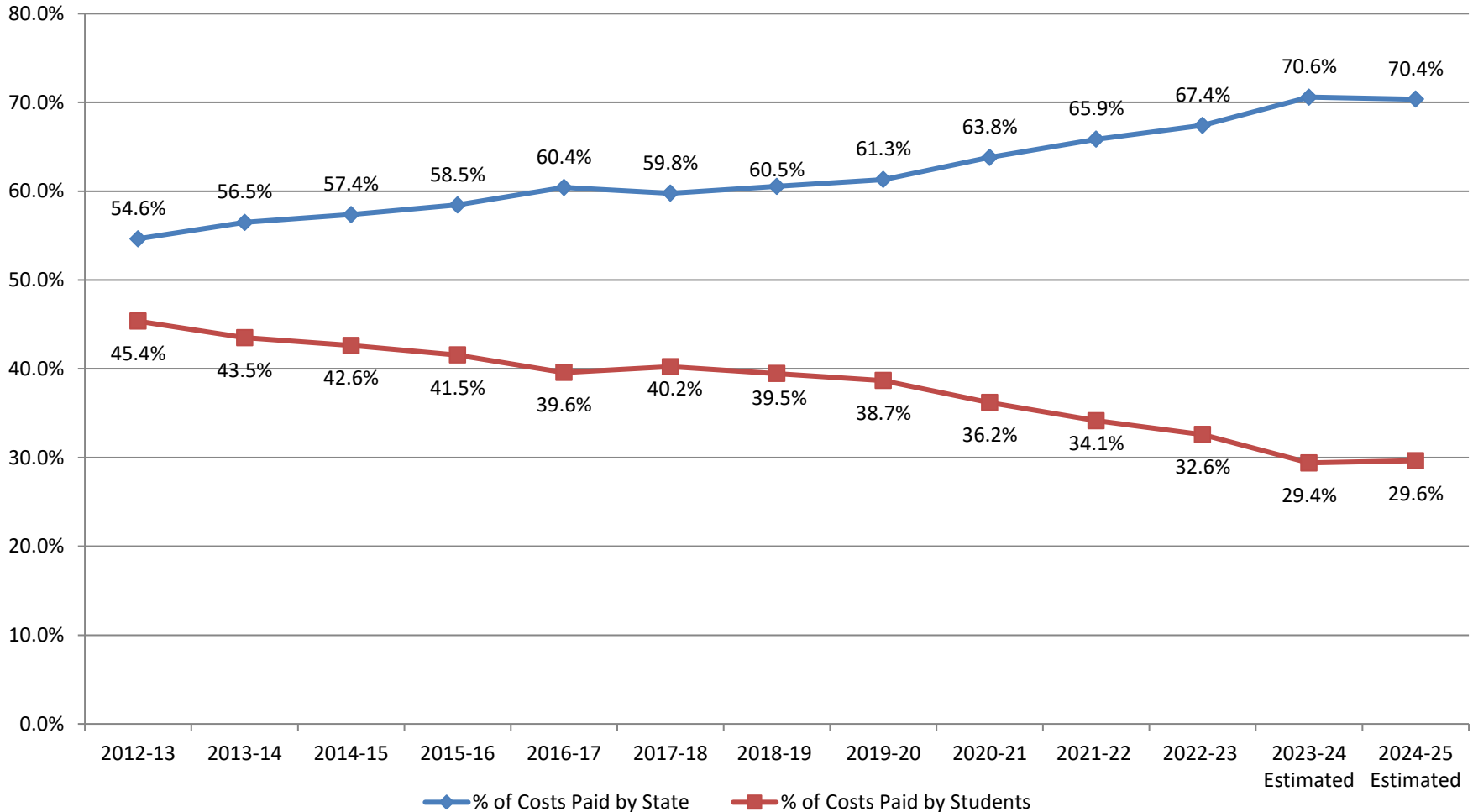
The Florida College System Comparison of FTE Students to Total Program Fund Appropriations per FTE, Lower and Upper Levels Combined



Note: All years reflect actual FTE and appropriations, except 2023-24 through 2024-25, which reflects estimated tuition based on 2023-24 FTE.-1A. Total program funds

State/Student Share of Operating Funds

The Florida College System State/Student Share of Operating Budgets



Note: All years reflect actual FTE students and appropriations, except 2023-24 and 2024-25, which reflects estimates based on 2023-24 FTE-1A. Total program funds include GR

Proviso Requirements

Performance-Based Incentives

- Funds are provided to colleges for students who earn industry certifications in the following occupational areas: public safety, health sciences, automotive service technology, auto collision repair and refinishing, marine engine repair, cyber security, cloud virtualization, network support services, computer programming, advanced manufacturing, electrician, welding, Federal Aviation Administration airframe mechanics, power plant mechanics, unmanned aircraft systems, pharmacy technicians, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning technicians.
- Updates for FY 2024-25: “Priority in the distribution of funds must be given to certifications earned in the highest tier, based upon the anticipated average wages of all occupations to which each certification is linked on the Master Credentials List, as reported annually to the Legislature pursuant to section 1011.81, Florida Statutes.”

Audits

- **11 Operational Audits received as of May 30, 2024**
- **30 total findings**
- **Background Screenings**
 - 2 colleges
 - Required background screenings were not always conducted for college employees and were not always timely performed and documented.
- **Laboratory Fees**
 - 2 colleges
 - College records did not always demonstrate compliance with state law and college procedures by limiting laboratory fees to the cost of services provided.
- **Extra Compensation and/or Bonus Awards**
 - 2 colleges
 - College records did not demonstrate compliance with state law by extra compensation payments to employees after services have been rendered.

Audits (continued)

- **Tangible Personal Property**

- 3 colleges
- The college did not provide appropriate accountability over tangible personal property. In most cases, a complete physical inventory of the property has not been conducted for years which increases the risk of loss or theft without timely detection and investigation.

- **Information Technology User Access Privileges**

- 2 colleges
- The college has some unnecessary information technology user access privileges that continue to exist, increasing the risk for unauthorized disclosure of sensitive student information to occur.

- **Student Accounts Receivable**

- 3 colleges
- College personnel controls over delinquent student receivables could be enhanced and were not always timely reported to collection agencies.

Annual Financial Reports

<u>Report</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
College Operating Budget Report	Sunday, June 30, 2024
Foreign Gifts & Donations Report	Wednesday, July 31, 2024
Certified "Minority Business Expenditures Report" (CMBE) (Section 287.09451(4)(o)1., F.S.)	Thursday, August 1, 2024
Annual Financial Report (AFR)	Friday, August 16, 2024

Available on the FCS Finance website:

<https://www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/about-us/finance/>



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Fixed Capital Outlay

Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO) for FCS

Conference 2024-25 House HB 5001 (before Governor's action)

**Twenty-six (26) projects for \$135.6 million in
Section 2 in Special Appropriation 17 & 131A**

College Name	Project	Amount
College of Central Florida	Health Science Technology Education Center - Ocala, Building 19 EMS Renovation	720,000
Daytona State College	Airframe/Power Plant, Daytona Beach (SF 2382)	6,128,448
Daytona State College	Deland Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Training Center Remodel (SF 2398)	3,324,315
Daytona State College	Generator Replacement for Critical Infrastructure (HF 1367) (SF 2419)	1,300,000
Eastern Florida State College	Advanced Technologies Center (ATC) (HF 2706) (SF 1384)	10,000,000
Florida Gateway College	Site 1 Building 19 Welding Renovation (HF 3415) (SF 1565)	952,147
Florida Gateway College	Waterproofing Exterior Walls - Buildings 7, 8, 15, 16, 17	1,000,000
Florida SouthWestern State College	Charlotte Campus – Bldg E Health Professions (Nursing) Remodel (SF 3610)	2,400,000

Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO) for FCS cont.

Conference 2024-25 House HB 5001 (before Governor's action)

College Name	Project	Amount
Florida SouthWestern State College	Lee Campus – Bldg V, Campus Police Headquarters Remodel (HF 3080) (SF 3498)	5,942,642
Florida State College at Jacksonville	Nursing Program Facilities (HF 1518) (SF 1093)	2,800,000
Gulf Coast State College	Construct Multi-Purpose Classroom and Community Emergency Shelter Space (HF 1651) (SF 3033)	5,897,637
Indian River State College	Ren. Facility No. 34, Main Campus (HF 2019) (SF 1667)	7,426,795
North Florida College	Warehouse Remodel and Expansion into Industrial Workforce Education (HF 1328) (SF 2308)	3,103,866
Northwest Florida State College	Northwest FL College - Remodel Building 510-First Responder & Public Safety Training Center-Niceville (HF 2514)	8,570,517
Palm Beach State College	REM LL 113 Student Library/Media Technology Center, LW (HF 2239) (SF 1855)	9,762,824
Pensacola State College	Training Center-Pensacola (HF 1233) (SF 1193)	13,444,915
Pensacola State College	WSRE Antenna Removal in Escambia County (HF 2801) (SF1200)	250,000

Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO) for FCS cont.

Conference 2024-25 House HB 5001 (before Governor's action)

College Name	Project	Amount
Polk State College	Northeast Ridge Phase I (HF 1745) (SF 1851)	8,100,000
Polk State College	Renovate Building 1-Lakeland (HF 2618) (SF 1852)	1,500,000
Santa Fe College	Property Acquisition (HF 3598)	6,500,000
Seminole State College	Workforce Building B (HF 1998) (SF 1116)	2,500,000
St. Johns River State College	Renovation, Classroom Building and Workforce Training Center Addition (HF 3616) (SF 2455)	10,000,000
St. Petersburg College	Manufacturing Lab (HF 2032) (SF 2162)	1,000,000
State College of Florida, Manatee –Sarasota	Parrish Center Phase I (HF 3221) (SF 1008)	18,000,000
Valencia College	Lake Nona Building 2 (HF 1072) (SF 1664)	3,000,000
Lake-Sumter State College	Technology Innovation Center (HF 1093) (SF 1352)	2,000,000

FCO Budget Timeline

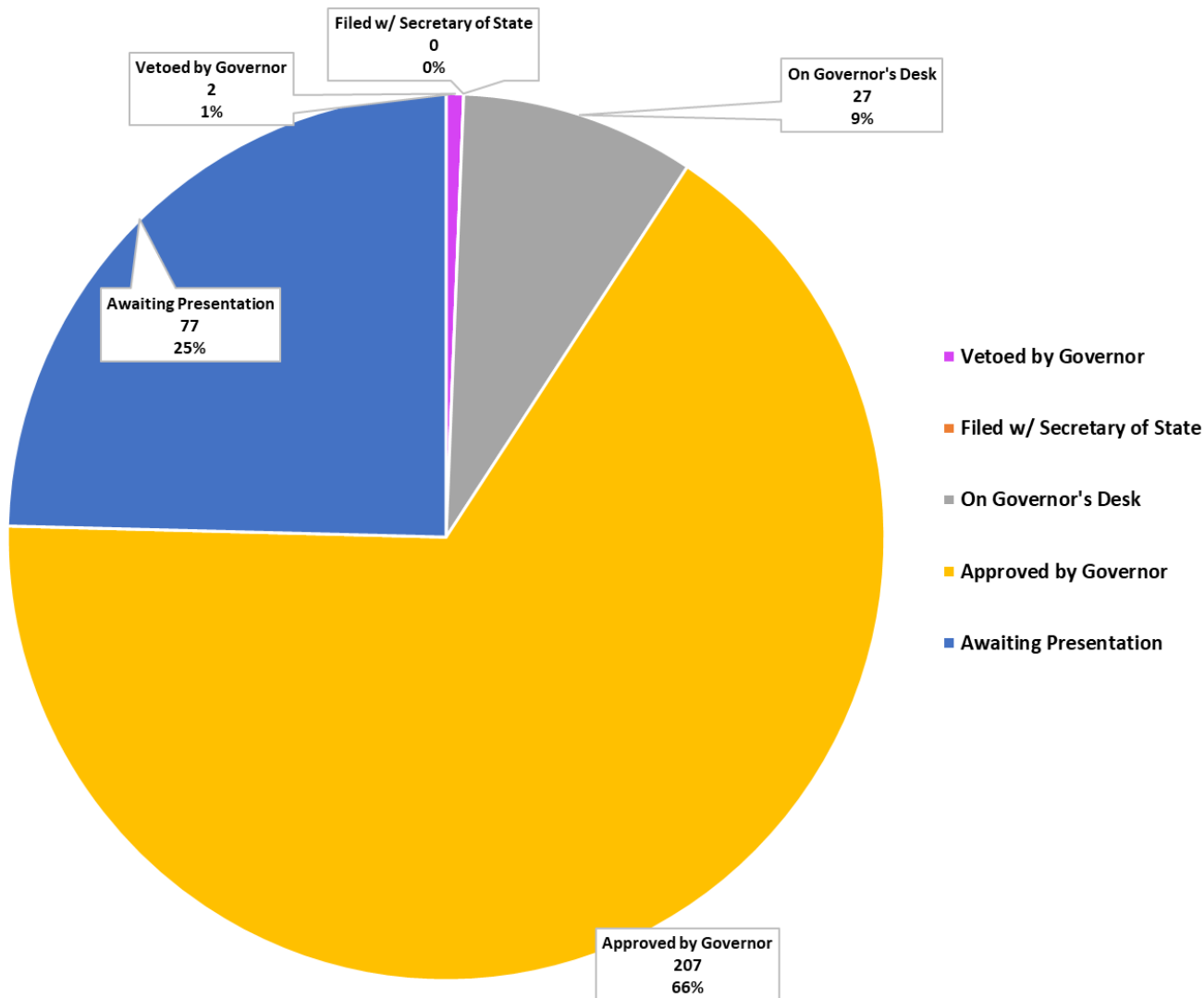
- Colleges submit Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to DFC by **Monday, July 1, 2024. (MUST BE BOARD APPROVED)**
- FDOE develops priority list, to be included in the agency's LBR.
- FDOE's LBR is submitted to Governor's office, House and Senate by October 15 each year.
- Back-of-bill items updated in November/December.
- 2025 Session is scheduled to start March 4 and end May 1.



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2024 Legislative Session

Status of 2024 Enrolled Bills – as of May 24, 2024



HB 5101 Education

After Conference and Before Governor's Actions

- Section 1. Amends Section (s.) 110.123, Florida Statutes (F.S.), State group insurance program, to include Florida College System (FCS) institutions in the State Group Health Insurance Program.

The initial enrollment period is required to begin as soon as practicable, with coverage beginning in the 2025 plan year no later than July 31, 2025.

HB 5101 Education cont.

After Conference and Before Governor's Actions

- Section 4. Amends s. 1002.33, F.S., Charter schools, to modify the methodology to calculate state funds and capital outlay funds for charter schools sponsored by an FCS institution or a state university and designates that the FCS institution or university is the fiscal agent for sponsored charter schools.
- Section 23. Amends s. 1011.62, F.S., Funds for operation of schools, to authorize charter schools sponsored by an FCS institution or state university to receive the state-funded discretionary contribution that funds the nonvoted discretionary millage for operations.

HB 5101 Education cont.

After Conference and Before Governor's Actions

- Section 26. Amends s. 1013.62, F.S., Charter schools capital outlay funding, to specify that a charter school sponsored by an FCS institution or a state university that receives state funding for capital improvement purposes per s. 1002.33(17)(b)2., F.S., is not eligible to receive capital outlay funds.

HB 149 Continuing Contracts

After Conference and Before Governor's Actions

Section	Present	Proposed
1	<p>Florida Statute s. 255.103, F.S., Construction management or program management entities.</p> <p>(4) A governmental entity's authority ... includes entering into a continuing contract for construction projects, pursuant to the process provided in s. 287.055, F.S., in which the estimated construction cost of each individual project under the contract does not exceed \$4 million.</p>	<p>... in which the estimated construction cost ... does not exceed <u>\$7.5 million. Beginning July 1, 2025, and each July 1 thereafter, the DMS shall adjust the maximum amount allowed on the preceding June 30 for each individual project in a continuing contract by using the change in the June-to-June Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the US Dept. of Labor. The DMS shall publish the adjusted amount on its website....</u></p>

HB 149 Continuing Contracts cont.

After Conference and Before Governor's Actions

Section	Present	Proposed
2	<p>Section 287.055, F.S., Acquisition of professional architectural, engineering, landscape architectural, or surveying and mapping services; definitions; procedures; contingent fees prohibited; penalties.</p> <p>(2) (g) A “continuing contract” is a contract ... in which the estimated construction cost of each individual project under the contract does not exceed \$4 million, for study activity if the fee ... does not exceed \$500,000 Firms providing professional services under continuing contracts shall not be required to bid against one another.</p>	<p>Modifies the definition of a “continuing contract” to include:</p> <p>Professional services ... in which the estimated construction cost of each individual project under the contract does not exceed <u>\$7.5 million. Beginning July 1, 2025, and each July 1 thereafter, the DMS shall adjust the max amount allowed on the preceding June 30 for each individual project in a continuing contract by using the change in the June-to-June CPI for All Urban Consumers issued by the BLS of the US DOL.....</u></p> <p>The maximum for study activity remains \$500,000 for each individual study under a contract.</p> <p>Firms providing professional services under continuing contracts <u>may</u> not be required to bid against one another.</p>
3		<p>This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.</p>

HB 151 Florida Retirement System (FRS)

Chapter No. 2024-92, Laws of Florida

- Section 1. Authorizes an FRS retiree to be re-employed with an FRS employer and receive both compensation and retirement benefits after the six (6) calendar months immediately following the date of retirement. (s. 121.091, F.S.). Effective July 1, 2024.
- Section 2. Effective July 1, 2026, the FRS Preservation of Benefits Plan is closed to new members (s. 121.1001, F.S.).
- Section 3. Establishes the contribution rates paid by FRS employers beginning July 1, 2024. The rate for Regular Class increases from 4.78% to 4.84%. Special Risk Class increases from 11.95% to 12.07%. The 3% employee contribution remains unchanged. (S. 121.71, F.S.)

SB 674 U.S.-produced Iron and Steel in Public Works Projects

After Conference and Before Governor's Actions

- Creates ss. 255.0993, F.S., Public works projects; United States-produced iron and steel products.
- Requires a governmental entity (including higher education institutions) that contracts for a public works project to include a requirement in certain contracts that certain iron or steel products be produced in the U.S.

SB 674 U.S.-produced Iron and Steel in Public Works Projects

After Conference and Before Governor's Actions

- Authorizes the minimal use of foreign steel and iron materials in certain circumstances.
- Exempts specified products from the requirement.
- DMS to develop guidelines and procedures by rule to implement. Effective July 1, 2024.

SB 818 Military Leave

Chapter No. 2024-19, Laws of Florida

- Amends ss. 115.09 and 115.14, F.S., to require a public employer to provide an employee or official who is a servicemember a full paid leave of absence for the first 30 days of active military service when activated under federal military service that is equal or greater than 90 consecutive days. Effective July 1, 2024.

HB 917 Career and Technical Education

- Adds to the duties of the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help (REACH) to study the status of career and technical education (CTE) in each school district within the state, and report findings by March 1, 2025. The REACH Office must also coordinate an annual statewide report on the supply and demand of nursing occupations (s. 14.36, F.S.).
- Repeals the Florida Talent Development Council (s. 1004.015, F.S.).

HB 917 Career and Technical Education cont.

- Provides a uniform standard for counties and municipalities to issue a license to a journeyworker (s. 446.021, F.S.).
- Allows minors aged 16 or 17 to work in residential construction if certain requirements are met (s. 450.061, F.S.).
- Exempts a student who possesses a high school diploma from career education program basic skills if they graduated from a compliant private school or completed a home education program or a personalized education program (s. 1004.91, F.S.).

HB 1083 Permanency for Children

- Section 6. Revises s. 39.6225(9), F.S., Guardian Assistance Program.
- Section 14. Revises s. 409.1451, F.S., The Road-to-Independence program.
- Section 15. Revises s. 409.166(4), F.S., Adoption Assistance.
- Reduces the age requirements for receiving postsecondary education services and support, and adoption assistance from age 16 to age 14.

SB 1264 History of Communism

Chapter No. 2024-102, Laws of Florida

- Requires instruction on the history of communism in public schools (s. 1003.42 (2)(v)1., F.S.). (Amend rule 6A-1.09441.)
- Creates the Institute for Freedom in the Americas at Miami Dade College to promote economic and individual freedoms with an emphasis on Latin America and the Caribbean (s. 1004.89, F.S.).
- Renames the Adam Smith Center for ~~the Study of~~ Economic Freedom at Florida International University (s. 1004.64991, F.S.).
- Department of State and FDOE to collaborate and recommend the creation of a museum of the history of communism on or before December 1, 2024.
- Effective date: July 1, 2024.

HB 1285 Education

Chapter No. 2024-101, Laws of Florida

- Creates s. 288.036, F.S., Ocean economy development. Creating the Office of Ocean Economy to be housed at Florida Atlantic University, to foster relationships and coordination between state universities, private universities, and Florida College System institutions, in turning innovative technology into marketable goods and services.
- Clarifies s. 1001.61 (3), F.S., that members of an FCS institution board of trustees are subject to Florida ethics laws for public officers with respect to business dealings with any institution under their purview while they are a member.

HB 1285 Education cont.

Chapter No. 2024-101, Laws of Florida

- Creates s. 1004.051, F.S., Regulation of working students. Specifies a public postsecondary institution may not prohibit an applicant or student from being employed, subject to certain exceptions.
- Amends s. 1006.38, F.S., to require that publishers make electronic versions of student editions of instructional materials available to teacher preparation programs and educator preparation institutes at a discount below publisher cost.
- Amends s. 1007.25 (9), F.S., to create a new associate in arts specialized transfer degree for students who need additional credit above the 60 hours in preparation for transfer to a baccalaureate degree program. (Amend rules 6A-14.030, 6A-14.0303, 6A-10.024 and 6A-10.02413.)

HB 1285 Education cont.

Chapter No. 2024-101, Laws of Florida

- Amends s. 1007.271, F.S., Dual enrollment programs, to require district school boards to make reasonable efforts to enter into dual enrollment articulation agreements with FCS institutions that offer online dual enrollment courses.
- Revises s. 1009.21, F.S., Determination of resident status for tuition purposes, to allow documentation of homestead exemption as a single piece of evidence proving residency for tuition purposes. (Amend rule 6A-10.044.)
- Adds paragraph (22) to s. 1009.23, F.S., FCS institution student fees, authorizing Miami Dade College, Polk State College and Tallahassee State College to charge an amount not to exceed \$290 per credit hour for nonresident tuition and fees for specified distance learning programs.

HB 1285 Education cont.

Chapter No. 2024-101, Laws of Florida

- Repeals s. 1012.86, F.S., FCS institution employment equity accountability program, and revises s. 1001.64 (19), F.S., FCS institution boards of trustees; powers and duties, and s. 1001.65 (22), F.S., FCS institution presidents; powers and duties accordingly.

HB 1291 Educator Preparation Programs Chapter No. 2024-141, Laws of Florida

- Modifies statutory requirements for courses and instruction in initial teacher preparation programs (s. 1004.04, F.S.), education preparation institutes (s. 1004.85, F.S.), professional learning certification programs (s. 1012.56, F.S.), and school leader preparation programs (s. 1012.562, F.S.) to specify such programs:
 - May not distort significant historical events, teach identity politics, violate Florida law regarding discrimination, or base coursework or instruction on specified theories regarding social, political, and economic inequities.
 - Must afford teacher candidates the opportunity to think critically, achieve mastery of academic content, learn instructional strategies, and demonstrate competence; and afford school leader candidates the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of program content, including instructional leadership strategies, coaching development, and continuous improvement efforts. Effective July 1, 2024.

HB 1473 School Safety

Section	Present	Proposed
4	<p>Section 985.04, F.S., Oaths; records; confidential information. Paragraph (4)(a) currently reads: Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, when a child of any age is taken into custody by a law enforcement officer for an offense that would have been a felony if committed by an adult, or a crime of violence, the law enforcement agency must notify the superintendent of schools that the child is alleged to have committed the delinquent act.</p>	<p>Adds: If the student is a dual enrolled student at a postsecondary institution, the superintendent of schools, or his or her designee, must notify the chief of police or the public safety director of the postsecondary institution at which the student is dual enrolled within 1 business day after receiving the initial notification.</p>
9		<p>Effective date: July 1, 2024.</p>

HB 1645 Energy Resources

- Section 2. Revises s. 286.29, F.S., Climate-friendly public business to energy guidelines for public business. It deletes the requirements related to the Florida Climate-Friendly Preferred Products List, Green Lodging Program, and state vehicle fuel efficiency. Effective date July 1, 2024.

SB 7002 Education

Section	Present	Proposed
32	<p>Section 1013.16, Florida Statutes (F.S.), Construction of facilities on leased property; conditions. A board may construct or place educational facilities and ancillary facilities on land that is owned by any person after the board has acquired from the owner ... a long-term lease for the use of this land for a period of not less than 40 years or the life expectancy of the permanent facilities constructed thereon, whichever is longer.</p>	<p>A board may construct or place educational facilities and ancillary facilities on land ... for a period of not less than the life expectancy of the permanent facilities constructed thereon.</p>
35	<p>Section 1013.31, F.S., Educational Plant Survey. At least every 5 years, each board shall arrange for an educational plant survey</p>	<p>At least every 5 years, each <u>Florida College System institution and state university board</u> shall arrange for an educational plant survey (School districts no longer required to do a survey every five years – only required if they are requesting a special facility or a joint-use facility.)</p>

Senate Bill 7002 Education cont.

Section	Present	Proposed
37	Section 1013.45, F.S., Educational facilities contracting and construction techniques for school districts and FCS institutions. (1)(e) Day-labor contracts not exceeding \$280,000 for construction, renovation, remodeling, or maintenance of existing facilities....	... not exceeding <u>\$600,000</u>
45		This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

SB 7004 Education (Deregulation)

- Section 1. Removes the requirement for the State Board of Education to establish the tuition and out-of-state fees for developmental education and associate degree credit (s. 1001.02, F.S.).
- Section 2. Removes the requirements for the State Board of Education to identify performance metrics for the FCS and develop a plan that specifies goals and objectives for each FCS institution (s. 1001.03, F.S.) that are separate from the State Board's Strategic Plan.
- Section 17. Repeals s. 1004.925, F.S., Automotive service technology education programs; certification.

SB 7004 Education (Deregulation) cont.

- Section 21. Removes obsolete language regarding baccalaureate degree approval at St. Petersburg College (s. 1007.33, F.S.).
- Section 28. Removes obsolete language regarding the State Board of Education annually evaluating the performance of the executive director (s. 1008.45, F.S.).

HB 7007 Campus Emergency Response Chapter No. 2024-41, Laws of Florida

- Amends s. 1004.0962(4), F.S., to state: "That portion of a public meeting which would reveal information related to a campus emergency response is exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution."
- Deletes paragraphs (5) and (6).
- Effective October 1, 2024.

SB 7016 Health Care

Chapter No. 2024-15, Laws of Florida

- Section 1. Amends s. 381.4019, F.S., Dental Student Loan Repayment Program to add dental hygienists and a volunteer program to support the state Medicaid program and promote access to dental care by supporting those who treat medically underserved populations in dental health professional shortage areas.
- Section 2. Transfers s. 1009.65, F.S., Medical Education Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program and renumbered it to s. 381.402, F.S., as the Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education Program. Adds advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, mental health professionals, licensed practical nurses and registered nurses as eligible participants.

SB 7016 Health Care cont.

Chapter No. 2024-15, Laws of Florida

Section 46. Revises s. 1009.8962, F.S., Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund, to:

- Add an independent school, college, or university with an accredited program as defined in s. 464.003, F.S., which is in this state and licensed by the Commission for Independent Education.
- Increase the first-time passage rate on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination from at least 70 percent for the prior year to 75 percent, based on a minimum of 10 testing participants. (Amend rule 6A-10.0352.)

SB 7016 Health Care cont.

Chapter No. 2024-15, Laws of Florida

- Section 79. Effective July 1, 2024, appropriates \$5 million in General Revenue recurring funds to the Department of Education for the purpose of implementing the LINE Fund.

SB 7032 Education

- Section 1. Creates s. 1004.933, F.S., Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Program, as an alternative pathway to education and workforce opportunities for students aged 16 to 21, who dropped out of high school.

SB 7032 Education cont.

- Section 5. Creates s. 1009.711, F.S., GATE Scholarship Program, to reimburse eligible institutions for costs related to students enrolled in the GATE program. Creates reporting requirements. State Board of Education may adopt rules to implement this section.
- Section 6. Revises s. 1009.895, F.S., Open Door Grant Program, to add students enrolled in adult secondary education programs as eligible participants.

SB 7032 Education cont.

- Section 8. Creates s. 1011.804, F.S., GATE Startup Grant Program, to fund and support the startup and implementation of the GATE Program. The department shall administer the grants, determine eligibility, and distribute grant awards. Eligible institutions include school district career centers, charter technical career centers, or FCS institutions which offer the GATE program. The department shall prioritize grant proposals that combine adult basic education, adult secondary education, and career education programs at one location or allow students to complete programs through distance learning.

SB 7032 Education cont.

- Section 9. Creates s. 1011.8041, F.S., GATE Program Performance Fund, to reward institutions for documented success of students participating in the GATE Program. Subject to legislative appropriation, each participating institution must receive \$1,000 per student who completes the GATE Program with a high school diploma or equivalent and a credential on the Master Credentials List within 3 years. If funds are insufficient to fully fund the calculated total award, the funds will be prorated. The State Board of Education may adopt rules to implement this section.

HB 217 College Campus Facilities in Areas of Critical State Concern Chapter No. 2024-50, Laws of Florida

- Section 1. Amends s. 1009.23, F.S., Florida College System institution student fees. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (11) to read: (f) Capital improvement fee revenues may be used for the purposes authorized in s. 1013.40 (4).
- Section 2. Amends subsection (4)(a) of s. 1013.40, F.S., to increase the number of additional beds from 25 to 50 for employees, educators, first responders, and adds health care workers to the list of eligible occupants. Clarifies subsection (4)(b): State operating funds, state performance funds, and revenues collected from the tuition, out-of-state fee, activity and service fee, financial aid fee, technology fee, and distance learning fee may not be used for construction, debt service payments, maintenance, or operation of such dormitories. Adds subsection (4)(c): Grants and donations for capital outlay and revenues from the capital improvement fee may be used for construction, debt service payments, maintenance, or operation of such dormitories.

HB 217 College Campus Facilities in Areas of Critical State Concern cont. Chapter No. 2024-50, Laws of Florida

- Section 2 continued. Amends subsection (4)(d) of section 1013.40, F.S., to state: Additional dormitory beds constructed after July 1, 2016, may not be financed through the issuance of bonds by the FCS institution; however, bonds may be issued by nonpublic entities as part of a public-private partnership between the college and a nonpublic entity. Before the issuance of any such bonds, the Division of Bond Finance shall analyze the financing and any issues raised by such analysis must be appropriately considered by the college.
- Section 3. Effective date July 1, 2024.

HB 357 Special Observances

Chapter No. 2024-65, Laws of Florida

- Amends s. 683.1475, F.S., to designate the month of November as “Veterans Appreciation Month” and encouraging everyone to observe the occasion by creating special programs and events to show appreciation for the veterans who have served the United States. (Effective July 1, 2024.)

SB 522 Tallahassee Community College Chapter No. 2024-43, Laws of Florida

- Renames the college which serves Gadsden, Leon and Wakulla Counties as Tallahassee State College. (s. 1000.21 (5)(aa), F.S.)
- Signed by the Governor March 27, 2024.
- Effective date July 1, 2024.



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