

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Action Item**  
January 17, 2024

**SUBJECT:** New Bachelor Degree Program in the Florida College System

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1007.33, Florida Statutes

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

St. Johns River State College (SJRSC) submitted a notice of intent followed by a proposal to the Department of Education to offer a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Applied Intelligence Studies. Appropriate notification of intent was provided to the Board of Governors, Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida and the Commission for Independent Education, as required in section 1007.33, Florida Statutes.

The degree program will prepare students for employment throughout the criminal justice system at all levels of government (local, state, and federal) and related private-sector fields. Graduates of the program will be eligible for employment as information security analysts, forensic science technicians, first line supervisors, correctional officers, detectives and criminal investigators, police and sheriff's patrol officers, and private detectives and investigators.

Labor market projections indicate a projected demand of 144 annual job openings in SJRSC's service area. There are no State University System institutions in SJRSC's service area, nor are there any non-public institutions in the service area that offer a similar degree.

Letters of support were provided from the Green Cove Springs and Orange Park Police Departments, CareerSource Northeast Florida, Clay, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties Sheriffs' Offices, Flagler College, Florida State College at Jacksonville. There were no letters of objection or alternative proposals for the proposed degree-program. However, the University of North Florida did post a comment in the APPRiSe system, and St. Johns River State College addressed the comment in the proposal.

An extensive review of criteria was conducted for the proposal submitted, and written comments and recommendations were provided to the college. The final proposal is being submitted to the State Board of Education for consideration.

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**Documentation Included:** St. Johns River State College Proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Applied Intelligence Studies (under separate cover)

**Facilitators/Presenters:** Chancellor Kathy Hebda, Florida College System, President Joe Pickens, St. Johns River State College, and guests