

Florida State College at Jacksonville | Legislative Update IV – 2019

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Week 7

Countdown to sine die: 14 days. Budget conference is anticipated to start early next week.

FSCJ SGA Leaders Visit Florida Capital

This spring, SGA leaders from FSCJ visited Tallahassee to participate in the Florida College System Student Government Association (FCSSGA) Advocacy Conference and Rally.

In addition to connecting with SGA leaders from other colleges, the students visited with legislative members and their staff from our Duval delegation to discuss legislative priorities of FCSSGA and FSCJ. Before their trip was over, they got a personal tour of the Capitol including a trip to the 22nd floor to see 360 degree views of Tallahassee and a stop outside of the Historic Capitol for a selfie photo-op.




Although none of the students had interest in a career in politics prior to the trip, after their day at the Capitol, several students showed interest in interning in the process or maybe running for office one day!



Bill Tracking

HB 839	Requires employees or officers of a FCS institution be included in Department of Management Services' website; Requires BOG and SBE to report on intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity at each SUS and FCS institution; Requires the Commissioner of Education to submit recommendations to the SBE and the Legislature for the most efficient process to achieve a complete performance-based model. <i>Adopted amendments would make FCS salaries more transparent; now requires FCS institutions to participate in viewpoint diversity survey; may have impact on performance funding metrics in the future.</i>	Temporarily Postponed on 2 nd Reading
HB 189	Provides certain reporting requirements for certain postsecondary institutions; revises provisions relating to dual enrollment programs; requiring private school articulation agreements to prohibit certain costs from being passed along to private schools; renames Collegiate high school programs as early college acceleration programs. <i>Would have fiscal impact by requiring FSCJ to absorb costs of private school dual enrollment, would increase private school dual enrollment; lower GPA requirement would increase dual enrollment across the board.</i>	Placed on Calendar, 2 nd Reading
HB 7071	Revises provisions relating to apprenticeships and preapprenticeships, State Apprenticeship Advisory Council, statewide articulation agreement, career centers, Florida College System institutions, and workforce program funding; establishes SAIL to 60 Initiative; renames Higher Education Coordinating Council as Florida Talent Development Council and revises duties; creates FLAG program. <i>Promotes apprenticeship programs.</i>	Placed on Calendar, on 2 nd reading
HB 7055	Revises provisions related to career education and district school board duties, high school graduation requirements and diploma designations, school grade calculations, career center requirements, and CAPE Industry Certification Funding List. <i>Promotes CAPE Industry Certification programs to meet workforce demands.</i>	Now in Education Committee
SB 194	Florida College System institutions and state universities to execute agreements to establish 2+2 targeted pathway programs; requiring district school boards to notify students about credit-by-examination and dual enrollment equivalency lists, etc. <i>Promotes pathways for students in 2+2 programs and may impact articulation agreements.</i>	Now on Appropriations
HB 217	Provides process for award of postsecondary credit for military experience and credentials; requires specified postsecondary institutions to waive transcript fee for active duty members of Armed Forces of United States, certain veterans, and their spouses and dependents. <i>May have small fiscal impact but will support veterans.</i>	Placed on Calendar, on 2 nd reading
HB 1197	Authorizes state universities and Florida College System institutions to sponsor charter schools; revises reporting and accountability requirements; provides for funding; authorizes career and professional academy to be offered by charter school. <i>Would allow FSCJ to create a charter school, which is not a priority for FSCJ at this time.</i>	Committee Substitute Text Filed 4/18/19
SB 1316	Revising the requirements for a standard high school diploma to include a specified course; establishing the Florida Seal of Civic Engagement Program; providing that earning the Seal of Civic Engagement demonstrates competency in civic literacy for specified purposes, etc. <i>Adds an option to demonstrate competency in civic literacy.</i>	Now in Approps Subcommittee on Education

If you have any questions or comments about bills being tracked or other matters not included in the update, please feel free to contact Virginia Haworth, Director of Government Relations.

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