

Florida State College at Jacksonville | Legislative Update V – 2019

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Week 8

Countdown to sine die: 7 days. Budget conference started this week, and the higher education budget is still being negotiated between the House and the Senate.

Budget Conference Highlights:

- Budget conferencing is the process by which the House and the Senate come together with their individual budgets to negotiate and create one final budget to pass.
- This year's Budget Conference Committee on Higher Education was led by Chair Kelli Stargel (Senate) and Vice Chair Randy Fine (House).
- In a series of offers, the House and Senate went back and forth until they agreed on a number of items. Today, April 26, only \$29 million out of \$4.54 billion in higher education differences remained between the House and Senate and all unresolved issues were bumped to Budget Chairs to resolve.
- Some small adjustments to the College System Program Fund still need to be made. Highlights of key decisions closed out by the Budget Conference Committee on Higher Education:
 - \$4 million in additional Career and Professional Education (CAPE) incentive funds for the system over previous year
 - Institutes two new incentive funds to replace previously appropriated Performance Funding program:
 - 2+2 Student Success Incentive, \$20 million
 - Work Florida Incentive Fund, \$10 million



Did you know? The term "sine die" comes from the Latin phrase "without day." It marks the end of the legislative session. The Florida Legislature's sine die is rich with tradition, including a ceremonial handkerchief drop with the Sergeant-at-Arms from the House and Senate to signify adjournment.

Bill Tracking

HB 839	Higher Education: Revises provisions relating to FCS employees & officers, BOG, SBE, OIG duties, preeminent state research universities program, SUS performance-based incentives, text books & instructional materials, transfer of funds by university board of trustees, J. Hillis Miller Health Center, specified pilot project, budget requests, & statewide articulation agreement; & requires Commissioner of Education to provide recommendations. Would require FCS salaries to be reported in searchable database; require FCS and SUS institutions to administer viewpoint diversity surveys; impact textbook pricing techniques.	Placed on 3 rd 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. 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.	Placed on Special Order Calendar 4/26/19
SB 190	Requiring the Auditor General to verify the accuracy of unexpended amounts in specified funds certified by university and Florida College System institution chief financial officers; prohibiting a Florida College System institution direct-support organization from giving, directly or indirectly, any gift to a political committee; requiring, by a specified academic year, Florida College System institutions and state universities to execute agreements to establish "2+2" targeted pathway programs, etc. Expands grant programs, requiring reverse transfer agreement.	In Messages
HB 7071	Revises provisions relating to preapprenticeship & apprenticeship programs, secondary & postsecondary workforce education, high school graduation requirements, & postsecondary education provisions, & school grades; creates SAIL to 60 Initiative; renames Higher Education Coordinating Council as Florida Talent Development Council & revises councils membership & duties; & creates FLAG program. Promotes workforce development initiatives.	Senate Received; referred to committees
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. Promotes CAPE Industry Certification programs to meet workforce demands.	Placed on Calendar, 2 nd reading
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. May have small fiscal impact but will support veterans.	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. Would allow FSCJ to create a charter school, which is not a priority for FSCJ at this time.	Senate Received; referred to committees
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. Adds an option to demonstrate competency in civic literacy.	Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

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