

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2016 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Higher Education

SB 576 — Public Educational Facilities

by Senator Flores

The bill (Chapter 2016-32, L.O.F.) authorizes the construction of dormitories for up to 300 beds on a Florida College System institution campus located within a municipality designated as an area of critical state concern and having a comprehensive plan and land development regulations containing a building permit allocation system that limits annual growth.

However, the bill prohibits the use of state funds and tuition and fee revenues for construction, debt service payments, maintenance, or operation of the dormitories. Furthermore, the bill prohibits additional dormitory beds constructed after July 1, 2016, from being financed through the issuance of a bond.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect July 1, 2016.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 114-0