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**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

Senator Harrell, Chair  
 Senator Bradley, Vice Chair

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, February 4, 2026

**TIME:** 3:45—6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** *Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building*

**MEMBERS:** Senator Harrell, Chair; Senator Bradley, Vice Chair; Senators Bracy Davis, Burgess, Calatayud, Davis, and Leek

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Review and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Issues Relating to: Department of Education Board of Governors		Not Considered
2	<b>SB 720</b> Osgood	Resident Status for Tuition Purposes; Providing that a person may not lose his or her resident status for tuition purposes due to incarceration, etc.  HE 01/13/2026 Favorable AHE 02/04/2026 Temporarily Postponed RC	Temporarily Postponed
3	<b>SB 1246</b> Davis (Similar CS/H 1325)	Health Science Workforce Shortages; Revising legislative intent to address workforce needs in health science education programs, in addition to nursing education programs; revising the definition of the term "student"; authorizing the Linking Industry to Nursing Education Fund to be used to match certain contributions, etc.  HE 01/21/2026 Favorable AHE 02/04/2026 Fav/CS FP	Fav/CS Yea 7 Nay 0
TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
<p><b>Senate Confirmation Hearing:</b> A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointment to the office indicated.</p> <p><b>Board of Trustees of Chipola College</b></p>			
4	Campbell, Christopher (Bristol)	05/31/2027	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nay 0
5	Shuler, Joseph (Hosford)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nay 0
6	Ryals, Daniel E. III (Altha)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nay 0
7	Reiff, Robert A. (Marianna)	05/31/2027	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nay 0
8	Paul, Joel F., Jr. (Ponce De Leon)	05/31/2027	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nay 0

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Appropriations Committee on Higher Education  
Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 3:45—6:00 p.m.

TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
<b>Board of Trustees of Palm Beach State College</b>			
9	Epstein, Daniel (Boca Raton)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nays 0
10	Plean, Stacy L. (Boynton Beach)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees of Pasco-Hernando State College</b>			
11	Pearson-Adams, Marilyn (Brooksville)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nays 0
12	Zetzsche, Toni ()	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees of Pensacola State College</b>			
13	Tippett, Troy (Pensacola)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College</b>			
14	Franz, Richard B. III (Clearwater)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees of Tallahassee State College</b>			
15	Moore, Karen B. (Tallahassee)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nays 0

Other Related Meeting Documents

*Materials for this item  
to be presented at the  
time of the meeting.*

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Committee on Higher Education

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BILL: SB 720

INTRODUCER: Senator Osgood

SUBJECT: Resident Status for Tuition Purposes

DATE: February 3, 2026      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1. Bouck	Bouck	HE	<b>Favorable</b>
2. Gray	Elwell	AHE	<b>Pre-meeting</b>
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## **I. Summary:**

SB 720 provides that an individual may not lose his or her resident status for tuition purposes due to incarceration in a state or federal correctional facility in this state.

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact. **See Section V., Fiscal Impact Statement.**

The bill is effective July 1, 2026.

## **II. Present Situation:**

### **Residency Status for Tuition Purposes**

Students must be classified as residents or nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in postsecondary educational programs offered by charter technical career centers, career centers operated by school districts, Florida College System (FCS) institutions, and state universities. Students pay differing tuition rates based on their status as a resident or nonresident of Florida.<sup>1</sup> A “resident for tuition purposes” means an admitted or currently enrolled student who meets the residency requirements in statute and rule or regulation, and is therefore eligible to pay the resident tuition and fee rate.<sup>2</sup>

Specifically, to qualify as a resident for tuition purposes:

- A person, or if that person is a dependent child, his or her parent or parents must have established legal residence in Florida and must have maintained legal residence for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to his or her initial enrollment in an institution of higher education.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 1009.21, F.S.

<sup>2</sup> Rule 6A-10.044, F.A.C. and Board of Governors Regulation 7.005.

- Every applicant for admission to an institution of higher education must make a statement as to his or her length of residence and establish that his or her presence or, if the applicant is a dependent child, the presence of his or her parent or parents in Florida currently is, and during the requisite 12-month qualifying period was, for the purpose of maintaining a bona fide domicile.<sup>3</sup>

A person must show certain proof that he or she should be classified as a resident for tuition purposes and may not receive the in-state tuition rate until clear and convincing evidence related to legal residence and its duration has been provided. Each institution of higher education must make a residency determination that is documented by the submission of written or electronic verification that includes two or more specified documents that:

- Must include at least one of the following (“Tier 1”):
  - A Florida voter’s registration card.
  - A Florida driver license.
  - A State of Florida identification card.
  - A Florida vehicle registration.
  - Proof of a permanent home in Florida which is occupied as a primary residence by the individual or by the individual’s parent if the individual is a dependent child.
  - Proof of a homestead exemption in Florida.
  - Transcripts from a Florida high school for multiple years if the Florida high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma was earned within the last 12 months.
  - Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for at least 30 hours per week for a 12-month period.
- May include one or more of the following (“Tier 2”):
  - A declaration of domicile in Florida.
  - A Florida professional or occupational license.
  - Florida incorporation.
  - A document evidencing family ties in Florida.
  - Proof of membership in a Florida-based charitable or professional organization.
  - Any other documentation that supports the student’s request for resident status, including, but not limited to, utility bills and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; a lease agreement and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; or an official state, federal, or court document evidencing legal ties to Florida.<sup>4</sup>

### **Florida Residency for Incarcerated Individuals**

Each FCS institution and state university must develop regulations, policies, and procedures for determining each admitted student’s Florida residency status for tuition purposes.<sup>5</sup> Therefore, each institution of higher education must establish policies regarding incarcerated individuals. For example, Tallahassee State College and St. Petersburg College both require an incarcerated individual to provide documentation that he or she lived in Florida for 12 months before incarceration and requires Tier 1 and Tier 2 documentation to prove his or her physical presence

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<sup>3</sup> Section 1009.21(2), F.S.

<sup>4</sup> Section 1009.21(3), F.S.

<sup>5</sup> Rule 6A-10.044(3), F.A.C. and Board of Governors Regulation 7.005(5).

in Florida for 12 months before being incarcerated. If the individual has been released for a year or longer, he or she must provide documentation for the most recent 12 months.<sup>6</sup>

### Tuition and Out-of-State Fees

Florida law defines “tuition” as the basic fee charged to a student for instruction provided by a public postsecondary educational institution in the state. A student who is classified as a “resident for tuition purposes” qualifies for the in-state tuition rate. An “out-of-state fee” is the additional fee for instruction provided by a public postsecondary education institution in the state, and is charged to a student who does not qualify for the in-state tuition rate.<sup>7</sup>

Residents for tuition purposes are charged in-state rates for tuition while non-residents pay out-of-state fees in addition to tuition, unless these costs are exempted or waived.<sup>8</sup> The resident undergraduate tuition rate for the State University System (SUS) is currently set in statute at \$105.07 per credit hour.<sup>9</sup> The SUS average cost of resident and nonresident tuition and fees per credit hour is shown below:<sup>10</sup>

State University System Tuition & Fees				
Undergraduate Baccalaureate	Standard Tuition (Per Credit Hour)	Average Tuition & Fees (Per Credit Hour)	Standard Tuition (Per 30 Credit Hours)	Average Tuition & Fees (Per 30 Credit Hours)
<b>Resident</b>	\$105.07	\$200.08	\$3,152.10	\$6,002.41
<b>Non-Resident</b>	\$105.07	\$690.99	\$3,152.10	\$20,729.69
<b>Difference</b>	-	\$490.91	-	\$14,727.28

Within the FCS, for college credit courses in advanced and professional, postsecondary vocational, developmental education, and educator preparation institute programs, the standard tuition is \$71.98 per credit hour for residents and nonresidents, and the out-of-state fee is \$215.94 per credit hour. Baccalaureate degree program tuition is \$91.79 per credit hour for students who are residents for tuition purposes. The sum of the tuition and the out-of-state fee per credit hour for students who are nonresidents for tuition purposes can be no more than 85 percent of the sum of the tuition and the out-of-state fee at the state university nearest the FCS institution.<sup>11</sup>

### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill modifies s. 1009.21, F.S., by providing that an individual who has met the requirements to be classified as a resident for tuition purposes may not lose his or her resident status for tuition purposes solely because of incarceration in a state or federal correctional facility in Florida.

<sup>6</sup> Tallahassee Community College, Residency FAQs, <https://www.tsc.fl.edu/media/divisions/admissions-and-recruiting/forms/Residency-FAQs.pdf> and St. Petersburg College, Residency FAQs, <https://www.spcollege.edu/future-students/admissions/residency/residency-faqs> (last visited Jan. 26, 2026).

<sup>7</sup> Section. 1009.01, F.S.

<sup>8</sup> Section. 1009.24(2), F.S.

<sup>9</sup> Section. 1009.24(4)(a), F.S.

<sup>10</sup> Florida Board of Governors, State University System of Florida, *Tuition and Required Fees, 2025-2026*, available at, <https://www.flbog.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/2025-2026-SUS-Tuition-and-Fees-Report.pdf> (last visited Jan. 26, 2026).

<sup>11</sup> Section 1009.23(3), F.S.

The bill is effective July 1, 2026.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state revenues or expenditures. However, the bill would pose a fiscal impact to the institution if an institution of higher education's policies regarding incarcerated individuals does not currently allow such individuals to submit proof to qualify for the in-state tuition rate.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends section 1009.21 of the Florida Statutes.

**IX. Additional Information:****A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

**B. Amendments:**

None.

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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**By** Senator Osgood

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to resident status for tuition purposes; amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; providing that a person may not lose his or her resident status for tuition purposes due to incarceration; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Present subsections (4) through (13) of section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5) through (14), respectively, and a new subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition purposes.—Students shall be classified as residents or nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in postsecondary educational programs offered by charter technical career centers or career centers operated by school districts, in Florida College System institutions, and in state universities.

(4) An individual may not lose his or her resident status for tuition purposes solely by reason of incarceration in a state or federal correctional facility in this state.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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GENERAL BILL by Osgood;

Resident Status for Tuition Purposes. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2026.

01/13/26 S Introduced

01/14/26 S Now in Appropriations Committee on Higher Education

01/30/26 S On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Committee on Higher Education, 02/04/26, 3:45 pm, 110 Senate Building --Temporarily Postponed

The Florida Senate

## BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Committee on Higher Education

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BILL: CS/SB 1246

INTRODUCER: Appropriations Committee on Higher Education and Senator Davis

SUBJECT: Health Science Workforce Shortages

DATE: February 4, 2026

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1. Jahnke	Bouck	HE	<b>Favorable</b>
2. Gray	Elwell	AHE	<b>Fav/CS</b>
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**Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:**

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

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### I. Summary:

CS/SB 1246 expands the scope of the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund to address workforce shortages in health science education programs, in addition to nursing education programs. The bill revises eligibility, matching contribution authority, allowable uses of funds, grant evaluation criteria, and reporting requirements to support the expansion of health science education programs aligned with the State Board of Education's Career and Technical Education Health Science curriculum framework.

Additionally, the bill establishes a standardized process for identifying health science programs eligible for participation in the LINE Fund by designating the Department of Education as the lead entity, limiting eligibility to Career and Technical Education-aligned programs, and using workforce demand data to inform funding priorities.

This bill does not have a fiscal impact on state revenues and expenditures. **See Section V., Fiscal Impact Statement.**

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

## II. Present Situation:

### Linking Industry to Nursing Education Fund

The Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund was established in 2022<sup>1</sup> as a competitive grant opportunity, and provides matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis to participating institutions that partner with health care providers<sup>2</sup> incentivizing collaboration to meet local, regional, and statewide demand for nurses.<sup>3</sup>

For purposes of the LINE Fund, a “student” is a resident for tuition purposes<sup>4</sup> who is enrolled in a nursing education program at an institution.<sup>5</sup>

The LINE Funds are available to:

- District career centers;<sup>6</sup>
- Charter technical career centers;<sup>7</sup>
- Florida College System (FCS) institutions;
- State Universities;
- Independent nonprofit colleges or universities located and chartered in the state accredited by a United States Department of Education recognized accrediting agency or association to grant baccalaureate degrees; and
- Independent school, college, or university with an accredited program as defined in s. 464.003 which is located in this state and licensed by the Commission for Independent Education pursuant to s. 1005.31, which has a nursing education program that meets or exceeds the following:
  - For a certified nursing assistant program, a completion rate of at least 70 percent for the prior year.
  - For a licensed practical nurse, associate of science in nursing, and bachelor of science in nursing program, a first-time passage rate on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination of at least 75 percent for the prior year based on a minimum of 10 testing participants.<sup>8</sup>

The funds are to be administered by the Board of Governors (BOG) for state universities and by the Florida Department of Education (DOE) for all other institutions.<sup>9</sup> The funds may be used for student scholarships, recruitment of additional faculty, equipment, and simulation centers to advance high-quality nursing education programs throughout the state. Funds may not be used for the construction of new buildings.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Chapter 2022-154, s. 50, Laws of Fla.

<sup>2</sup> Sections 1009.8962 and 768.38, F.S.

<sup>3</sup> Florida Board of Governors, *All Universities with Nursing Programs Receive LINE Funding*, available at <https://www.flbog.edu/2024/10/31/all-universities-with-nursing-programs-receive-line-funding/> (last visited Jan. 26, 2026).

<sup>4</sup> Section 1009.21, F.S.

<sup>5</sup> Section 1009.8962(3)(c), F.S.

<sup>6</sup> Section 1001.44, F.S.

<sup>7</sup> Section 1002.34, F.S.

<sup>8</sup> Section 1009.8962(3), F.S.

<sup>9</sup> Section 1009.8962(4), F.S.

<sup>10</sup> Section 1009.8962(6), F.S.

Each institution must submit a proposal to the BOG or DOE. The proposal must identify the health care partner located and licensed in the state. The BOG or DOE must review and evaluate each proposal according to the following minimum criteria:

- Whether funds committed by the health care partner will contribute to an eligible purpose.
- How the institution plans to use the funds, including how such funds will be utilized to increase student enrollment and program completion.
- How the health care partner will onboard and retain graduates.
- How the funds will expand the institution's nursing education programs to meet local, regional, or state workforce demands. If applicable, it should include advanced education nursing programs and how the funds will increase the number of faculty and clinical preceptors and planned efforts to utilize the clinical placement process.<sup>11</sup>

For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, \$24,000,000 was provided to school district postsecondary technical career centers, charter technical career centers, FCS institutions, independent non-profit colleges or universities, and independent schools, colleges, or universities for participation in the LINE Fund program.<sup>12</sup> In the same year, \$6,000,000 was provided to state universities for participation in the LINE Fund program.<sup>13</sup>

### **Career and Technical Education Health Science Curriculum Framework**

The Department of Education (DOE) is responsible for developing and maintaining Career and Technical Education (CTE) curriculum frameworks for middle school, secondary, and postsecondary CTE programs. These programs are organized into 17 career clusters<sup>14</sup> and are designed to serve middle school, high school, district technical college, and FCS students statewide. The CTE curriculum frameworks establish standards and competencies developed in collaboration with business, industry, and education partners and are intended to prepare students for occupations important to Florida's economic development.<sup>15</sup> The CTE curriculum frameworks are adopted annually by the State Board of Education.<sup>16</sup> All CTE curriculum frameworks, including the Health Science framework, are available on the DOE CTE webpage and through CPALMS-CTE.<sup>17</sup>

The Health Science curriculum framework identifies courses, competencies, and instructional sequences that support health science career pathways from introductory through advanced levels across educational settings. Programs aligned with the Health Science curriculum

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<sup>11</sup> Section 1009.8962(7)-(8), F.S.

<sup>12</sup> Specific Appropriation 131, Ch. 2025-198, L.O.F.

<sup>13</sup> Specific Appropriation 146, Ch. 2025-198, L.O.F.

<sup>14</sup> The Florida Department of Education, Career & Technical Education, *2025-26 CTE Curriculum Frameworks*, <https://www.fl DOE.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-tech-edu/curriculum-frameworks/2025-26-frameworks/> (last visited Jan. 26, 2026).

<sup>15</sup> The Florida Department of Education, Career & Technical Education, *CTE Curriculum Frameworks*, <https://www.fl DOE.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-tech-edu/curriculum-frameworks/> (last visited Jan. 26, 2026).

<sup>16</sup> Rule 6A-60571, F.A.C.

<sup>17</sup> CPALMS, *Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs*, <https://www.cpalms.org/PreviewCourseProgram/CTE?frameurl=%2Fsearch> (last visited Jan. 26, 2026).

framework include certificate and degree pathways that prepare students for health care-related occupations, such as nursing support, allied health, and clinical services.<sup>18</sup>

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill amends s. 1009.8962, F.S., to expand the scope of the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund to address workforce shortages in health science education programs in addition to nursing education programs. The legislative intent is revised to reflect a broader focus on health science workforce needs and to include programs aligned with the State Board of Education's (SBE) Career and Technical Education (CTE) Health Science curriculum framework.

The bill revises the definition of “student” to include a resident for tuition purposes who is enrolled in a nursing education program institution or health science education degree or certificate program at an institution that is part of the SBE’s CTE Health Science curriculum framework.

The bill authorizes the LINE Fund to provide a dollar-for-dollar match for contributions made by individuals or entities that are not health care partners, provided the contribution supports an eligible purpose of the fund. Contributions from health care partners must be given priority when awarding matching funds to institutions.

The bill revises allowable uses of LINE Fund monies for nursing and health science education programs by authorizing expenditures for student recruitment and facility renovation or remodeling.

The bill revises grant proposal evaluation criteria to include how funds will expand health science education programs to meet workforce demand. The bill revises annual reporting requirements for grant recipients to include enrollment data for applicable health science education programs, in addition to nursing programs.

Additionally, the bill designates the Department of Education (DOE) as the lead entity responsible for identifying and maintaining health science programs eligible for participation in the LINE Fund and requires the DOE to apply the SBE’s CTE Health Science curriculum framework as the basis for determining program eligibility.

The bill requires the DOE to compile and publish an initial list of LINE-eligible health science programs by October 1, 2026. In developing and administering the list of LINE-eligible health science programs, the bill requires the DOE to:

- Compile the current CTE Health Science pathways and programs;
- Identify CTE-aligned health science programs offered through district technical colleges, career centers, and Florida College System institutions;

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<sup>18</sup> The Florida Department of Education, 2025-26 CTE Curriculum Frameworks, *Health Science*, <https://www.fl DOE.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-tech-edu/curriculum-frameworks/2025-26-frameworks/health-science.shtml> (last visited Jan. 26, 2026).

- Establish and apply alignment criteria, including credential type and applicable licensure or certification outcomes, for purposes of determining program eligibility; and
- Maintain an approved list of LINE-eligible health science programs for use in administering the LINE Fund.

The bill requires the DOE to annually publish and update the list of eligible health science programs to reflect changes to the CTE Health Science framework and program offerings.

The bill authorizes the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help (REACH) to provide workforce and labor market demand data to support prioritization of LINE Funding, but prohibits the office from determining program eligibility.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

#### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

##### **A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

##### **B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

##### **C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

##### **D. State Tax or Fee Increases:**

None.

##### **E. Other Constitutional Issues:**

None.

#### **V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

##### **A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

##### **B. Private Sector Impact:**

None.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

This bill does not have a fiscal impact on state revenues or expenditures, as the dollar-to-dollar match is subject to available funds.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends section 1009.8962 of the Florida Statutes.

**IX. Additional Information:****A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

**CS by Appropriations Committee on Higher Education on February 4, 2026:**

The committee substitute maintains the provisions of the original bill but adds the following:

- Clarifies the definition of “student” to include a person enrolled in a nursing education program at an institution or in a health science education degree or certificate program at an institution that is part of the State Board of Education’s (SBE) Career and Technical Education (CTE) Health Science curriculum framework.
- Designates the Department of Education (DOE) to serve as the lead entity for identifying and maintaining health science programs eligible for participation in the LINE Fund and requires program eligibility to be based on the SBE’s CTE Health Science curriculum framework.
- Limits eligibility to CTE-aligned health science programs offered by district technical colleges, career centers, and Florida College System institutions.
- Requires the DOE to establish and apply eligibility criteria including credential type and applicable licensure or certification outcomes.
- Requires the DOE to compile and publish an initial list of LINE-eligible health science programs by October 1, 2026, and to annually review and update the list thereafter.
- Authorizes the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help (REACH) to provide workforce and labor market demand data to inform prioritization of LINE funding, but prohibits the office from determining program eligibility.

**B. Amendments:**

None

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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The Appropriations Committee on Higher Education (Davis) recommended the following:

1                   **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

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3                   Delete everything after the enacting clause  
4 and insert:

5                   Section 1. Present paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (3)  
6 and subsection (10) of section 1009.8962, Florida Statutes, are  
7 redesignated as paragraphs (c) and (d) and subsection (11),  
8 respectively, a new paragraph (b) is added to subsection (3) of  
9 that section, a new subsection (10) is added to that section,  
10 and subsection (2), present paragraph (c) of subsection (3),



11 subsection (5), paragraph (a) of subsection (6), paragraph (d)  
12 of subsection (8), and paragraph (b) of subsection (9) of  
13 section 1009.8962, Florida Statutes, are amended, to read:

14 1009.8962 Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE)  
15 Fund.—

16 (2) Recognizing that the state has a persistent and growing  
17 nursing shortage and shortages in other related health science  
18 professions, it is the intent of the Legislature to address this  
19 critical workforce need by incentivizing collaboration between  
20 nursing and health science education programs and health care  
21 partners through the establishment of the LINE Fund. This fund  
22 is intended to meet local, regional, and state workforce demand  
23 by recruiting faculty and clinical preceptors, increasing the  
24 capacity of high-quality nursing and health science education  
25 programs as outlined in the State Board of Education's Career  
26 and Technical Education Health Science curriculum framework, and  
27 increasing the number of nursing and health science education  
28 program graduates who are prepared to enter the workforce.

29 (3) As used in this section, the term:

30 (b) "Health science" means a program that prepares  
31 graduates to provide direct patient care or diagnostic services  
32 that advance patient care in a health care setting as defined in  
33 s. 408.802, that are outlined in the State Board of Education's  
34 Career and Technical Education Health Science curriculum  
35 framework, and that is identified by the Department of Education  
36 pursuant to subsection (10).

37 (d) ~~e~~ "Student" means a person who is a resident for  
38 tuition purposes pursuant to s. 1009.21 and enrolled in a  
39 nursing education program at an institution or in a health



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40 science education degree or certificate program at an  
41 institution that is part of the State Board of Education's  
42 Career and Technical Education Health Science curriculum  
43 framework.

44 (5) Subject to available funds, for every dollar  
45 contributed to an institution by a health care partner, the fund  
46 shall provide a dollar-to-dollar match to the participating  
47 institution. Subject to available funds, the fund may also  
48 provide a dollar-to-dollar match to the participating  
49 institution for every dollar contributed to an institution or  
50 its direct-support organization by an individual or entity that  
51 does not meet the definition of a health care partner, provided  
52 the contribution supports an eligible purpose of the LINE Fund.  
53 Contributions from health care partners shall receive priority  
54 when awarding matching funds to institutions.

55 (6)(a) Funds may be used for student scholarships,  
56 recruitment of additional faculty and students, equipment,  
57 facility renovation or remodeling, and simulation centers to  
58 advance high-quality nursing and health science education  
59 programs throughout the state.

60 (8) The Board of Governors or Department of Education, as  
61 applicable, must review and evaluate each completed and timely  
62 submitted proposal according to the following minimum criteria:

63 (d) How the funds will expand the institution's nursing and  
64 health science education programs to meet local, regional, or  
65 state workforce demands. If applicable, this shall include  
66 advanced education nursing programs and how the funds will  
67 increase the number of faculty and clinical preceptors and  
68 planned efforts to utilize the clinical placement process



69 established in s. 14.36.

70 (9)

71 (b) Annually, by February 1, each institution awarded grant  
72 funds in the previous fiscal year shall submit a report to the  
73 Board of Governors or Department of Education, as applicable,  
74 that demonstrates the expansion as outlined in the proposal and  
75 the use of funds. At minimum, the report must include, by  
76 program level, the number of additional nursing and other  
77 applicable health science education students enrolled; if  
78 scholarships were awarded using grant funds, the number of  
79 students who received scholarships and the average award amount;  
80 and the outcomes of students as reported by the Office of  
81 Reimagining Education and Career Help pursuant to s.  
82 14.36(3)(1).

83 (10) (a) The Department of Education shall serve as the lead  
84 entity for identifying and maintaining health science education  
85 programs eligible for participation in the LINE Fund.

86 (b) In carrying out this subsection, the department shall  
87 apply the State Board of Education's Career and Technical  
88 Education Health Science curriculum framework as the basis for  
89 determining program eligibility.

90 (c) No later than October 1, 2026, the department shall  
91 compile and publish an initial list of LINE-eligible health  
92 science programs. In developing the list, the department shall:

93 1. Compile the current Career and Technical Education  
94 Health Science pathways and programs;

95 2. Identify aligned health science programs offered  
96 through:

97 a. District technical colleges and career centers; and



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98        b. Florida College System institutions offering career and  
99 technical education-aligned health science certificates and  
100 degrees;

101           3. Establish and apply alignment criteria, including  
102       credential type and applicable licensure or certification  
103       outcomes; and

104 4. Publish and maintain an approved list of LINE-eligible  
105 health science programs for use in administering the LINE Fund.

106 (d) The department shall review and update the list  
107 annually to reflect updates to the Career and Technical  
108 Education Health Science curriculum framework and changes to  
109 eligible program offerings.

117 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

119 | ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

120 And the title is amended as follows:

121           Delete everything before the enacting clause  
122 and insert:

123 A bill to be entitled

124 An act relating to the Linking Industry to Nursing  
125 Education Fund; amending s. 1009.8962, F.S.; providing  
126 that the Linking Industry to Nursing Education Fund



127       was established for shortages in health science  
128       professions in addition to nursing; defining the term  
129       "health science"; revising the definition of the term  
130       "student"; authorizing the fund to match certain  
131       contributions if funds are available; revising how  
132       funds may be used; designating the Department of  
133       Education as the lead entity for identifying programs  
134       eligible for LINE funding; requiring the department to  
135       use the State Board of Education's Career and  
136       Technical Education Health Science curriculum  
137       framework to determine eligibility; requiring the  
138       department to compile and publish a list of eligible  
139       programs by a specified date; requiring the department  
140       to review and update the list annually; requiring the  
141       Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help to  
142       provide specified data to the department; prohibiting  
143       the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help  
144       from determining eligibility; providing an effective  
145       date.

**By Senator Davis**

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to health science workforce shortages; amending s. 1009.8962, F.S.; revising legislative intent to address workforce needs in health science education programs, in addition to nursing education programs; revising the definition of the term "student"; authorizing the Linking Industry to Nursing Education Fund to be used to match certain contributions; revising how certain funds may be expended; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (2), paragraph (c) of subsection (3), subsection (5), paragraph (a) of subsection (6), paragraph (d) of subsection (8), and paragraph (b) of subsection (9) of section 1009.8962, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1009.8962 Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE)  
Fund.—

(2) Recognizing that the state has a persistent and growing nursing shortage and shortages in other related health science professions, it is the intent of the Legislature to address this critical workforce need by incentivizing collaboration between nursing and health science education programs and health care partners through the establishment of the LINE Fund. This fund is intended to meet local, regional, and state workforce demand by recruiting faculty and clinical preceptors, increasing the capacity of high-quality nursing and health science education

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30 programs as outlined in the State Board of Education's Career  
31 and Technical Education Health Science curriculum framework, and  
32 increasing the number of nursing and health science education  
33 program graduates who are prepared to enter the workforce.

34 (3) As used in this section, the term:

35 (c) "Student" means a person who is a resident for tuition  
36 purposes pursuant to s. 1009.21 and enrolled in a nursing  
37 education or health science education degree or certificate  
38 program at an institution that is part of the State Board of  
39 Education's Career and Technical Education Health Science  
40 curriculum framework.

41 (5) Subject to available funds, for every dollar  
42 contributed to an institution by a health care partner, the fund  
43 shall provide a dollar-to-dollar match to the participating  
44 institution. Subject to available funds, the fund may also  
45 provide a dollar-to-dollar match to the participating  
46 institution for every dollar contributed to an institution or  
47 its direct support organization by an individual or entity that  
48 does not meet the definition of a health care partner, provided  
49 the contribution supports an eligible purpose of the fund.

50 Contributions from health care partners shall receive priority  
51 when awarding matching funds to institutions.

52 (6) (a) Funds may be used for student scholarships,  
53 recruitment of additional faculty and students, equipment,  
54 facility renovation or remodeling, and simulation centers to  
55 advance high-quality nursing and health science education  
56 programs throughout the state.

57 (8) The Board of Governors or Department of Education, as  
58 applicable, must review and evaluate each completed and timely

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59 submitted proposal according to the following minimum criteria:

60 (d) How the funds will expand the institution's nursing and  
61 health science education programs to meet local, regional, or  
62 state workforce demands. If applicable, this shall include  
63 advanced education nursing programs and how the funds will  
64 increase the number of faculty and clinical preceptors and  
65 planned efforts to utilize the clinical placement process  
66 established in s. 14.36.

67 (9)

68 (b) Annually, by February 1, each institution awarded grant  
69 funds in the previous fiscal year shall submit a report to the  
70 Board of Governors or Department of Education, as applicable,  
71 that demonstrates the expansion as outlined in the proposal and  
72 the use of funds. At minimum, the report must include, by  
73 program level, the number of additional nursing and other  
74 applicable health science education students enrolled; if  
75 scholarships were awarded using grant funds, the number of  
76 students who received scholarships and the average award amount;  
77 and the outcomes of students as reported by the Office of  
78 Reimagining Education and Career Help pursuant to s.  
79 14.36(3)(1).

80 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

S01246

GENERAL BILL by Davis; (Compare CS/H 01325)

Health Science Workforce Shortages. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2026.

01/21/26 S Now in Appropriations Committee on Higher Education

01/30/26 S On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Committee on Higher Education, 02/04/26, 3:45 pm, 110 Senate Building

02/04/26 S CS by Appropriations Committee on Higher Education; YEAS 7 NAYS 0

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SB 1246

Meeting Date

Higher Ed Approp

Committee

Name

Tom GRIFFIN

Phone

561-591-7222

Address

215 S. Monroe

Street

FL 32301

City

State

Zip

Email

tom.griffin@flsenate.gov

Speaking:  For  Against  Information

**OR**

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against

### PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

I am appearing without compensation or sponsorship.

I am a registered lobbyist, representing:

College of Central Florida

I am not a lobbyist, but received something of value for my appearance (travel, meals, lodging, etc.), sponsored by:

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Meeting Date

HIGHER ED APPROP

Committee

Name TAYLOR MESIA ROBERTS

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Address 501 W STATE ST

Street

Email TAYLOR.MESIA@FSCJ.EDU

JACKSONVILLE

City

FL

State

32202

Zip

Speaking:  For  Against  Information

**OR**

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against

**PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

I am appearing without compensation or sponsorship.

I am a registered lobbyist, representing:

FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE  
AT JACKSONVILLE  
(FSCJ)

I am not a lobbyist, but received something of value for my appearance (travel, meals, lodging, etc.), sponsored by:

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Higher Ed Approps

Committee

Name DAVID MICA

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SB 1246

Bill Number or Topic

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Address

Street

Phone

Email

City

State

Zip

Speaking:  For  Against  Information

**OR**

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against

### PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

I am appearing without  
compensation or sponsorship.

I am a registered lobbyist,  
representing:

I am not a lobbyist, but received  
something of value for my appearance  
(travel, meals, lodging, etc.),  
sponsored by:

Florida Hospital Association

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Meeting Date

Higher Ed

Committee

Name

Carolyn Johnson

Phone

501-1200

Address

130 S Bronough St

Street

Tallahassee

City

State

Zip

Email

Cjohnson@flchamber.com

Speaking:  For  Against  Information

**OR**

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against

**PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

I am appearing without compensation or sponsorship.

I am a registered lobbyist, representing:

FL Chamber of Commerce

I am not a lobbyist, but received something of value for my appearance (travel, meals, lodging, etc.), sponsored by:

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Christopher Campbell*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
Chipola College**

for a term beginning on the Twelfth day of December, A.D., 2025, until the Thirty-First day of May, A.D., 2027 and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Sixteenth day of January, A.D., 2026.*


Secretary of State



RON DESANTIS  
GOVERNOR

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TALLAHASSEE, FL



December 12, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 1001.61, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Christopher Campbell  
14363 Northwest Hoecake Road  
Bristol, Florida 32321

as a member of the Chipola College District Board of Trustees, filling a vacant seat previously occupied by Darrin Wall, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective December 12, 2025, for a term ending May 31, 2027.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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**OATH OF OFFICE**

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STATE OF FLORIDA

County of LIBERTY

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

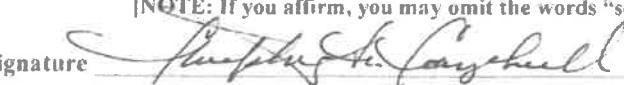
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(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

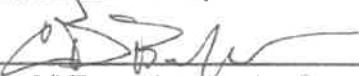
on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature



Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence  OR online notarization   
this 5 day of January, 2021



Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

(To be completed by officer administering oath, other than judges – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Affix Seal Below

Christopher D. Bufano  
Print Name

County Court Judge  
Title

Liberty County Court, FL  
Court

Personally Known  OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCEPTANCE**

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

10564 Florida SR 20

Street or Post Office Box

Bristol, FL 32321

City, State, Zip Code

Christopher A. Campbell

Print Name



*Chris Campbell*

Meeting Date

**APPEARANCE RECORD**

Bill Number or Topic

Committee

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name

Chris CampbellPhone 850-557-1090

Address

Appointment to CAPOLCA BoardEmail Chris.a.campbell22@gmail.com

Street

City

State

Zip

Speaking:  For  Against  Information**OR**Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against**PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:** I am appearing without compensation or sponsorship. I am a registered lobbyist, representing: I am not a lobbyist, but received something of value for my appearance (travel, meals, lodging, etc.), sponsored by:*Capolca Board Test*

While it is a tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this hearing. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard. If you have questions about registering to lobby please see Fla. Stat. §11.045 and Joint Rule 1, 2020-2022JointRules.pdf.flsenate.gov

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**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**  
**Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

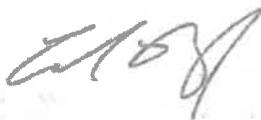
*Joseph Shuler*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,**  
**Chipola College**

for a term beginning on the Twelfth day of December, A.D., 2025, until the Thirty-First day of May, A.D., 2029 and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Sixteenth day of January, A.D., 2026.*



Secretary of State

**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

December 12, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 1001.61, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Joseph Shuler  
1538 Metropolitan Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

as a member of the Chipola College District Board of Trustees, succeeding Karla Worley, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective December 12, 2025, for a term ending May 31, 2029.

Sincerely,



Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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Hand Delivered

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

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STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Leon

NOTARIAL ACTS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

## Chipola College District Board of Trustees

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature

Joseph D. Shuler

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence  OR online notarization   
this 8 day of January, 2026.

Cher L. Toledo

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

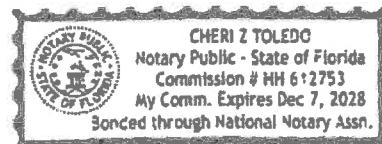
Print Name

Title

Court

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Affix Seal Below



Personally Known  OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

1538 Metropolitan Blvd.

Street or Post Office Box

Tallahassee, FL 32308

City, State, Zip Code

Joseph D. Shuler

Print Name

Joseph D. Shuler

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The Florida Senate

## APPEARANCE RECORD

Meeting Date

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Bill Number or Topic

Committee

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Joseph Shuler

Phone 850 508-6407

Address 18420 NE CR67A  
Street

Email josephcarrinc.com

City Hosford

State FL

Zip 32334

Speaking:  For  Against  Information

**OR**

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against

### PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

I am appearing without  
compensation or sponsorship.

I am a registered lobbyist,  
representing:

I am not a lobbyist, but received  
something of value for my appearance  
(travel, meals, lodging, etc.),  
sponsored by:

Chipola Board Appointment

*While it is a tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this hearing. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard. If you have questions about registering to lobby please see Fla. Stat. §11.045 and Joint Rule 1. [2020-2022JointRules.pdf](http://flsenate.gov/2020-2022JointRules.pdf) flsenate.gov*

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Daniel Eugene Ryals, III*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
Chipola College**

for a term beginning on the Twelfth day of December, A.D., 2025, until the Thirty-First day of May, A.D., 2029 and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Twenty-Second day of January, A.D., 2026.*



*clay*

Secretary of State



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL



December 12, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Brönough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 1001.61, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Daniel Ryals  
19300 State Road 20 West  
P.O. Box 100  
Blountstown, Florida 32424

as a member of the Chipola College District Board of Trustees, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective December 12, 2025, for a term ending May 31, 2029.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Ron DeSantis.

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

RD/dw

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

2020 JAN -9 PM 1:28

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Calhoun

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
FLORIDA SECRETARY OF STATE

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Chipola College Trustee

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature

Daniel Eugene Ryals III

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence  OR online notarization   
this 17th day of January, 2020.

Brenda Lee Smith

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Print Name

Title

Court

(To be completed by officer administering oath, other than judges – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

BRENDA LEE SMITH  
Notary Seal Below



Personally Known  OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced Florida Driver's License

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

P.O. Box 100

Daniel Eugene Ryals III

Street or Post Office Box

Blountstown FL 32424

Print Name

City, State, Zip Code

Signature

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Robert A. Reiff*

is duly appointed a member of the  
Board of Trustees,  
Chipola College

for a term beginning on the Twelfth day of December, A.D., 2025, until the Thirty-First day of May, A.D., 2027 and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Sixteenth day of January, A.D., 2026.*



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Secretary of State



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GOVERNOR

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TALLAHASSEE, FL



December 12, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 1001.61, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Robert Reiff  
3125 Watson Drive  
Marianna, Florida 32446

as a member of the Chipola College District Board of Trustees, filling a vacant seat previously occupied by Andrew Fleener, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective December 12, 2025, for a term ending May 31, 2027.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Ron DeSantis in black ink.

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Jackson

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

**Chipola College Board Of Trustees**

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature

R. A. Reiff

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence  OR online notarization   
this 7 day of Jan, 2026.

Jimmy Turner

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

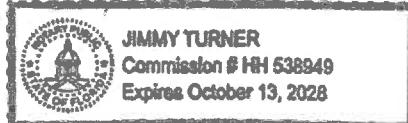
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Affix Seal Below



Personally Known  OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

3125 Watson Drive

Street or Post Office Box

Marianna, Florida 32446

City, State, Zip Code

Robert A. Reiff

Print Name

R. A. Reiff

2-4-26

Meeting Date

## APPEARANCE RECORD

Bill Number or Topic

Deliver both copies of this form to  
Senate professional staff conducting the meeting

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Committee

Name Robert ReiffPhone 850-573-4164Address 3125 Watson DriveEmail brown-reiff@embargmail.com

Street

MARIANNA FL 32446

City

State

Zip

Speaking:  For  Against  Information**OR**Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against

## PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

 I am appearing without compensation or sponsorship. I am a registered lobbyist, representing: I am not a lobbyist, but received something of value for my appearance (travel, meals, lodging, etc.), sponsored by:Chipola Board Trustee

While it is a tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this hearing. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard. If you have questions about registering to lobby please see Fla. Stat. §11.045 and Joint Rule 1. [2020-2022JointRules.pdf](https://www.flsenate.gov/2020-2022JointRules.pdf) flsenate.gov

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Joel Paul, Jr.*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
Chipola College**

for a term beginning on the Twelfth day of December, A.D., 2025, until the Thirty-First day of May, A.D., 2027 and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Sixteenth day of January, A.D., 2026.*



Secretary of State



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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2025 DEC 19 AM 10:09

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL



December 12, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 1001.61, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Joel Paul Jr.  
P.O. Box 1210  
Bonifay, Florida 32425

as a member of the Chipola College District Board of Trustees, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective December 12, 2025, for a term ending May 31, 2027.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Ron DeSantis.

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

RD/dw

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
14 AM 8:47

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Holmes

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

CHIPOLE COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD of TRUSTEES

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature Joel Paul Jr

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence  OR online notarization   
this 15 day of December, 2025.

Sharon S. Kent  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

(To be completed by officer administering oath, other than judges – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Affix Seal Below



Print Name

Title

Court

Personally Known  OR Produced Identification   
Type of Identification Produced Driver License

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

P.O. Box 1210

Street or Post Office Box

BONIFAY, FL. 32425

City, State, Zip Code

Print Name

Signature Joel Paul Jr

## APPEARANCE RECORD

Meeting Date

Bill Number or Topic

Committee

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name

JOEL PAUL JR.

Phone

Address

APPOINTMENT TO CHIPOLA COLLEGE

Email

Street

City

State

Zip

Speaking:  For  Against  Information**OR**Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against

## PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

 I am appearing without compensation or sponsorship. I am a registered lobbyist, representing: I am not a lobbyist, but received something of value for my appearance (travel, meals, lodging, etc.), sponsored by:

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

***Daniel Z. Epstein***

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
Palm Beach State College**

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Seventh day of June, A.D., 2025, until the Twenty-Seventh day of June, A.D., 2029 and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Twenty-Second day of January, A.D., 2026.*



Secretary of State



**RON DE SANTIS RECEIVED**  
GOVERNOR

2025 JUL - 1 AM 9:45

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

June 27, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 1001.61, Florida Statutes:

Dr. Daniel Epstein  
17297 Rainstream Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33496

as a member of the Palm Beach State College District Board of Trustees, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective June 27, 2025, for a term ending May 31, 2029.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

RD/dw

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

2026 JAN 20 AM 9:05

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Palm Beach

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

CHAIRMAN, PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE TRUSTEES

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature DCE

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence  OR online notarization   
this 26 day of January, 2026

GEETA BISSOON  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

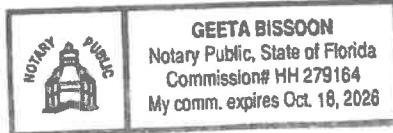
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Title \_\_\_\_\_

Court \_\_\_\_\_

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Affix Seal Below



Personally Known  OR Produced Identification   
Type of Identification Produced PLD

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

17297 Rainstream Rd

Street or Post Office Box

Boca Raton, FL 33496

City, State, Zip Code

Print Name Daniel Epstein

Signature D.E.

360

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Stacy L. Plean*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
Palm Beach State College**

for a term beginning on the Seventh day of January, A.D., 2026,  
until the Thirty-First day of May, A.D., 2026 and is subject to  
be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of  
the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Sixteenth day of January, A.D., 2026.*



Secretary of State

**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

2026.12.07.2026

January 7, 2026

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

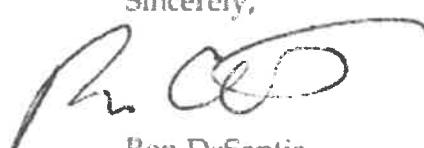
Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 1001.61, Florida Statutes:

Ms. Stacy Plean  
9304 Pearch Lane  
Boynton Beach, Florida 33437

as a member of the Palm Beach State College District Board of Trustees, filling a vacant seat previously occupied by Michael Barnett, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective January 7, 2026, for a term ending May 31, 2026.

Sincerely,



Ron DeSantis  
Governor

RD/kf

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

JAN 14 PM 1:19

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Palm Beach

TALLAHASSEE, FL

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

## Trustee for Palm Beach State College

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature

Stacy L Plean

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence  OR online notarization   
this 9th day of Jan 2026

Notary Seal

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

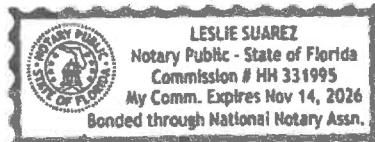
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Type of Identification Produced D.L.

# ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

9304 Pearch Lane

Stacy L Plean

Street or Post Office Box

Print Name

Boynton Beach, FL 33437

Stacy L Plean

City, State, Zip Code

Signature

365

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Marilyn J. Pearson-Adams*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
Pasco-Hernando State College**

for a term beginning on the Twelfth day of December, A.D., 2025, until the Thirty-First day of May, A.D., 2029 and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Sixteenth day of January, A.D., 2026*



Secretary of State

**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

2025-10-11 10:08

December 12, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 1001.61, Florida Statutes:

Mrs. Marilyn Pearson-Adams  
5381 Southern Valley Loop  
Brooksville, Florida 34601

as a member of the Pasco-Hernando State College District Board of Trustees, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective December 12, 2025, for a term ending May 31, 2029.

Sincerely,



Ron DeSantis  
Governor

RD/dw

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

20250 29 AM 11:44  
Hernando, FL

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Hernando

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Trustee of the District Board of Trustees for Pasco Hernando State College

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature

Cathleen McCoy

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence  OR online notarization   
this 23 day of December, 2025.

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

(To be completed by officer administering oath, other than judges – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Affix Seal Below

Print Name



CATHLEEN MCCOY  
Commission # HH 703011  
Expires July 28, 2029

Title

Personally Known  OR Produced Identification

Court

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

5381 Southern Valley Loop

Marilyn J Pearson-Adams

Street or Post Office Box

Print Name

Brooksville, FL 34601

Marilyn J Pearson-Adams  
Signature

City, State, Zip Code

365

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Toni Zetzsche*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
Pasco-Hernando State College**

for a term beginning on the Twelfth day of December, A.D., 2025, until the Thirty-First day of May, A.D., 2029 and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Sixteenth day of January, A.D., 2026.*



*E. Byrd*

Secretary of State



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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2025 DEC 19 AM 10:08

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL



December 12, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 1001.61, Florida Statutes:

Dr. Toni Zetzsche



as a member of the Pasco-Hernando State College District Board of Trustees, filling a vacant seat previously occupied by Ryan Brady, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective December 12, 2025, for a term ending May 31, 2029.

Sincerely,

The signature of Ron DeSantis, written in cursive ink.

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

RD/dw

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
**OATH OF OFFICE**

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes) 2026 JAN -9 PM 1:29

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Pasco

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
FLORIDA SECRETARY OF STATE

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

**Pasco Hernando State College Board of Trustees**

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature Toni Zetzsch

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence  OR online notarization   
this 7 day of January, 2026.

Kathleen Huntzinger

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Print Name

Title

Court

(To be completed by officer administering oath, other than judges – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Affix Seal Below



Personally Known  OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

Street or Post Office Box

City, State, Zip Code

Toni Zetzsch

Print Name

Toni Zetzsch

Signature

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

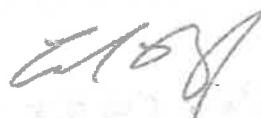
*Troy M. Tippett, II*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
Pensacola State College**

for a term beginning on the Eighth day of January, A.D., 2026,  
until the Thirty-First day of May, A.D., 2026 and is subject to  
be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of  
the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Twenty-Second day of January, A.D., 2026.*



Secretary of State

**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

12 PM 2:44

January 8, 2026

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

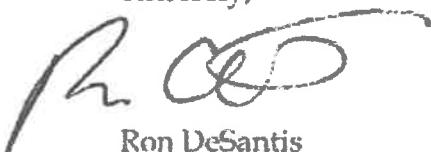
Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 1001.61, Florida Statutes:

Dr. Troy Tippett II  
2253 Banquos Court  
Pensacola, Florida 32503

as a member of the Pensacola State College District Board of Trustees, filling a vacant seat previously occupied by Kevin Lacz, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective January 8, 2026, for a term ending May 31, 2026.

Sincerely,



Ron DeSantis  
Governor

RD/kf

# OATH OF OFFICE

20 AM 9:03

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Escambia

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Pensacola State College District Board of Trustees  
(Name of Office)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Troy M. Tippett II  
Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of ✓ physical presence  
Or        online notarization this 12 day of January, 2026.

Haaleigh Williams

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Haaleigh Williams

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known  or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_



HAILEIGH WILLIAMS  
MY COMMISSION # HH 388355  
EXPIRES: April 19, 2027

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

2253 Baugus Ct.

Street or Post Office Box

Pensacola, Fl 32503

City, State, Zip Code

Troy M. Tippett II

Print Name

Troy M. Tippett II  
Signature

## FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

128724

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. Please type or print in blue or black ink.

1-12-26

**Date Completed**

1. Name: <u>Dr. Tippett II</u>	Troy	Marion	
Mr./Mrs./Ms. <u>Last</u>	First	Middle/Maiden	
2. Business Address: <u>not applicable</u>			
Street	Office #	City	
Post Office Box	State	Zip Code	Area Code/Phone Number
3. Residence Address: <u>2253 Banquos Court Pensacola</u>		<u>Escambia</u>	
Street	City	County	
<u>Florida</u>	<u>32503</u>	<u>(850) 418-1679</u>	
Post Office Box	State	Zip Code	Area Code/Phone Number
Specify the preferred mailing address:		Business <input type="checkbox"/>	Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Fax # (optional) <u>none</u>		Email Address: <u>tippett2@aol.com</u>	
5. Date of Birth: <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>		Place of Birth: <u>Cape Girardeau, Missouri</u>	
6. Social Security Number: <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>			
7. Driver License Number: <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>		Issuing State: <u>FL</u>	
8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If "Yes" explain: <span style="float: right;">7076-11-11</span>			
9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If "No" explain:			

If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: not applicable

10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1976

11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes  No  If "Yes" list:

**A. County of Registration:** Escambia      **B. Current Party Affiliation:** Republican

12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:

No

13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?

Yes  No

TAB 13

The Florida Senate

## APPEARANCE RECORD

2-4-26

Meeting Date

Appropriations Higher Ed  
Committee

Deliver both copies of this form to  
Senate professional staff conducting the meeting

Pensacola State College  
PSC appointment

Bill Number or Topic

Name

Troy Tippett

Phone

850-418-1679

Address

2253 Bangs Ct

Email

ttippett2@aol.com

Street

Pensacola, FL

State

32503

Zip

Speaking:  For

Against

Information

**OR**

Waive Speaking:  In Support

Against

### PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

I am appearing without  
compensation or sponsorship.

I am a registered lobbyist,  
representing:

I am not a lobbyist, but received  
something of value for my appearance  
(travel, meals, lodging, etc.),  
sponsored by:

While it is a tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this hearing. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard. If you have questions about registering to lobby please see Fla. Stat. §11.045 and Joint Rule 1. [2020-2022JointRules.pdf](http://2020-2022JointRules.pdf) [flsenate.gov](http://flsenate.gov)

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S-001 (08/10/2021)

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Richard B. Franz, III*

is duly appointed a member of the

Board of Trustees,  
Saint Petersburg College

for a term beginning on the Eighth day of January, A.D., 2026,  
until the Thirty-First day of May, A.D., 2026 and is subject to  
be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of  
the Legislature.

If photocopied or chemically altered, the word "VOID" will appear.

"State of Florida" appears in small letters across the face of this 8½ x 11" document.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Twenty-Second day of January, A.D., 2026.*



*E108*

Secretary of State

**RON DE SANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

1/8/26 12 PM 2:41

January 8, 2026

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

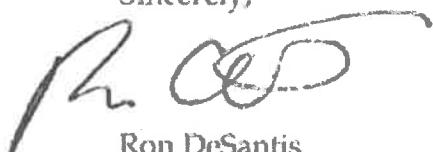
Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 1001.61, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Richard Franz III  
877 Executive Center Drive West  
Suite 100  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33702

as a member of the St. Petersburg College District Board of Trustees, filling a vacant seat previously occupied by Nathan Stonecipher, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective January 8, 2026, for a term ending May 31, 2026.

Sincerely,



Ron DeSantis  
Governor

RD/kf

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II. § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes) 2025 JAN 20 AM 9:15

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of PINELLAS

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

BOARD TRUSTEE - ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature Mel B. Conley

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence  OR online notarization   
this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

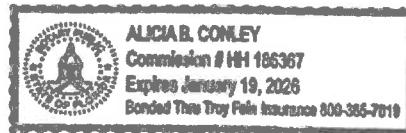
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Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath - see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

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## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

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CLEARWATER, FL 33759  
City, State, Zip Code

RICHARD B. FRANZ III  
Print Name

Mel B. Conley  
Signature

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Clarence S. Moore*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
University of North Florida**

for a term beginning on the Seventh day of January, A.D., 2026,  
until the Sixth day of January, A.D., 2031 and is subject to be  
confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the  
Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital this  
the Twenty-Third day of December, A.D. 2025*



Secretary of State



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chris Kimball

FROM: Shannon McDermott  
Director, University Trustee Relations

DATE: December 12, 2025

RE: Appointments to the University Boards of Trustees by the Florida Board of Governors

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This is to advise you that the Board of Governors made the following appointment to the University Boards of Trustees, on December 12, 2025.

**To the University of Central Florida Board of Trustees:**

- Mr. Mark Filburn was reappointed for a term that begins on January 7, 2026, and ends on January 6, 2031.
- Mr. Alan Florez was appointed to Tiffany Altizer's seat for a term that begins on January 7, 2026, and ends on January 6, 2031.

**To the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees:**

- Ms. Sandra "Sandy" Stilwell Youngquist was appointed to Joe Fogg's seat for a term that begins on January 7, 2026, and ends on January 6, 2031.
- Ms. Sarah Perry was appointed to Edward Morton's seat for a term that begins on December 12, 2025, and ends on January 6, 2030.
- Mr. Robert "Bob" Rommel was appointed to Leo Montgomery's seat for a term that begins on January 7, 2026, and ends on January 6, 2031.

**To the University of South Florida Board of Trustees:**

- Mr. Fedderick "Fred" Piccolo was appointed to Sandra Callahan's seat for a term that begins on December 12, 2025, and ends on January 6, 2030.
- Ms. Nancy Watkins was appointed to Melissa Sexias seat for a term that begins on January 7, 2026, and ends on January 6, 2031.
- Ms. Andrea Gonzmart Williams was appointed to Shilen Patel's seat for a term that begins on January 7, 2026, and ends on January 6, 2031.

**To the University of North Florida Board of Trustees:**

December 12, 2025  
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- Mr. Steve Moore was reappointed to Paul McElroy's seat for a term that begins on January 7, 2026, and ends on January 6, 2031. *Mr. Moore was a Gubernatorial appointee and is now a BOG appointee.*

To the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees:

- Mr. Victor Young was appointed to Kristin Harper's seat for a term that begins on January 7, 2026, and ends on January 6, 2031.
- Mr. Prerak Shah was appointed to Craig Reed's seat for a term that begins on January 7, 2026, and ends on January 6, 2031.

To the Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees:

- Mr. Rob Kincart was appointed to Lyn Stanfield's seat for a term that begins on December 12, 2025, and ends on July 15, 2030.

To the Florida International University Board of Trustees:

- Ms. Tila Falic Levi was appointed to Chanel Rowe's seat for a term that begins on January 7, 2026, and ends on January 6, 2031.

Attached are copies of the appointment letters sent to the new appointees from Chancellor Ray Rodrigues.

Thank you for your assistance in processing these appointments for their Senate confirmation. Please call me if you need additional information.

Enclosures

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OFFICE OF THE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
STATE UNIVERSITY  
SYSTEM OF FLORIDA

2025 DEC 17 PM 2:26  
2025 DEC 17 PM 3:47

## OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Duval

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

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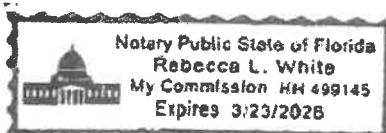
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Clarence S. Moore  
Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence

Or  online notarization this 14th day of December, 2025



Rebecca L. White  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Rebecca L. White  
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known  or Produced Identification

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## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home  Office

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Saint Johns, FL 32259  
City, State, Zip Code

Clarence S. Moore  
Print Name

Clarence S. Moore  
Signature

The Florida Senate

TAB 15

2/4/2024

Meeting Date

Approps Higher Ed.

Committee

Karen B. Moore

Address 211 Rhoden Core Rd.

Street

Tallahassee Fl

City

State

32312

Zip

## APPEARANCE RECORD

Deliver both copies of this form to  
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TSC appointment

Bill Number or Topic

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Phone

850-528-7670

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KarenM@themooreagency.  
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Speaking:  For  Against  Information

**OR**

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S-001 (08/10/2021)

# CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: SB 110

Case No.:

Type:

Caption: Senate Appropriations Committee Higher Education

Judge:

Started: 2/4/2026 3:47:42 PM

Ends: 2/4/2026 4:54:58 PM Length: 01:07:17

3:47:46 PM Called to Order by Chair Harrell  
3:48:41 PM Roll Call  
3:49:39 PM Tab 3 - SB1246  
3:49:50 PM Senator Davis Explains the Bill  
3:51:36 PM Amendment 943756  
3:51:45 PM Senator Davis Explains Amendment  
3:52:00 PM Questions on Amendment  
3:52:11 PM Debate on Amendment  
3:52:20 PM Vote on Amendment  
3:52:28 PM Questions on Bill  
3:53:06 PM David Mica, Florida Hospital Association  
3:54:22 PM Waives Read Into Record  
3:54:22 PM Tom Griffin, College of Central Florida waives in support  
3:54:22 PM Taylor Mejia Roberts, Florida State College at Jacksonville waives in support  
3:54:22 PM Carolyn Johnson, Florida Chamber of Commerce, waives speaking in support  
3:54:35 PM Debate on Bill  
3:55:12 PM Senator Davis Closes on the Bill  
3:55:46 PM Roll Call on SB1246  
3:56:30 PM Tab 2 - SB720 / TP  
3:59:12 PM Tab 4 - Christopher Campbell, Chipola College Appointee  
3:59:23 PM Appointee Sworn In  
4:00:52 PM Tab 5 - Joseph Shuler, Chipola College Appointee  
4:01:00 PM Appointee Sworn In  
4:03:36 PM Tab 7 - Robert A. Reiff, Chipola College Appointee  
4:03:47 PM Appointee Sworn In  
4:06:18 PM Tab 8 - Joel F. Paul, Chipola College Reappointed  
4:06:27 PM Appointee Sworn In  
4:10:21 PM Chair Harrell  
4:10:28 PM Mr. Paul  
4:10:47 PM Senator Calatayud  
4:11:45 PM Tab 15 - Karen B. Moore, Tallahassee State College Appointee  
4:11:52 PM Appointee Sworn In  
4:16:48 PM Tab 13 - Troy Tippett, Pensacola State College Appointee  
4:16:54 PM Appointee Sworn In  
4:26:36 PM Tab 10 - Stacy L. Plean, Palm Beach State College Appointee  
4:26:43 PM Appointee Sworn In  
4:29:41 PM Tab 11 - Marilyn Pearson-Adams, Pasco-Hernando State College Appointee  
4:29:46 PM Appointee Sworn In  
4:35:25 PM Tab 12 - Daniel Epstein, Palm Beach State College Appointee  
4:35:30 PM Appointee Sworn In  
4:39:11 PM Tab 12 - Toni Zetzche, Pasco-Hernando State College Appointee  
4:39:42 PM Appointee Sworn In  
4:44:08 PM Tab 14 - Richard B. Franz, St. Petersburg College Appointee  
4:44:20 PM Appointee Sworn In  
4:47:48 PM Tab 6 - Daniel E. Ryals, Chipola College Appointee  
4:48:15 PM Appointee Sworn In  
4:53:56 PM Roll Call on Appointees (Tabs 4-14)  
4:54:36 PM Votes after Roll Call  
4:54:51 PM Adjourned