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### COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

**APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**  
Senator Broxson, Chair  
Senator Diaz, Vice Chair

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
**TIME:** 3:15—5:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building  
**MEMBERS:** Senator Broxson, Chair; Senator Diaz, Vice Chair; Senators Cruz, Gibson, Gruters, Hutson, Passidomo, Polsky, and Wright

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Other Related Meeting Documents
I. Summary:

PCS/CS/SB 200 authorizes a parent or guardian to request that his or her K-8 public school student be retained, for the 2021-2022 school year, in the grade level to which the student was assigned at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year. Specifically, the bill:

- Requires parents or guardians to submit a retention request in writing to the school principal by June 30, 2021;
- Requires the principal to consider the retention request if timely filed and inform the student’s teachers of the request;
- Allows, in lieu of retention, the development of an education plan with the intent of helping the student return to grade level readiness;
- Allows the parent or guardian to have the final decision regarding the promotion or retention of the student;
- Allows a middle school student who is retained to retake high school credits toward grade forgiveness, if the student earned a grade of “C” or lower in the high school level course; and
- Requires school districts to report to the Department of Education the number of retained students under this act.

The bill has no impact on state revenues or expenditures.

The bill takes effect upon becoming a law.
II. **Present Situation:**

**Student Progression**

Each district school board must establish a plan for student progression from one grade to another based on the student’s mastery of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.  

1 The plan must, among other things:

- Emphasize student reading proficiency in grades K-3 and provide targeted instructional support for students with identified deficiencies.
- Use results of statewide, standardized assessments and end-of-course assessments to advise high school students of any identified deficiencies and to provide appropriate preparatory instruction.
- Provide for timely information to a student’s teacher and parent evaluation results of progress monitoring in grades K-12.
- Provide requirements and notification procedures regarding student participation in whole-grade promotion, midyear promotion\(^2\), or subject-matter acceleration\(^3\).

**Statewide Standardized Assessments**

The primary purpose of the student assessment program is to provide student academic achievement and learning gains data to students, parents, and schools. The program is designed to, in part:

- Assess the achievement level and annual learning gains of each student in English Language Arts and mathematics and the achievement level in all other subjects assessed.
- Identify the educational strengths and needs of students and the readiness of students to be promoted to the next grade level or to graduate from high school.\(^4\)

Each student must participate in the statewide, standardized assessment program in grades 3 through 10.\(^5\) Students who do not achieve a Level 3 or above on the statewide, standardized English Language Arts (ELA) assessment, the statewide, standardized Mathematics assessment, or the Algebra I EOC assessment must be evaluated to determine the nature of the student’s difficulty, the areas of academic need, and strategies for providing academic supports to improve the student’s performance.\(^6\)

Any student in grades K-3 who exhibits a substantial deficiency\(^7\) in reading must be provided interventions immediately following the identification of the reading deficiency.\(^8\)

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1 Sections 1003.41 and 1008.25, F.S. The plan must focus specifically on ELA, math, science, and social studies standards.
2 Midyear promotion means promotion of a retained student at any time during the year of retention once the student has demonstrated ability to read at grade level. Section 1008.25(5)(c)8., F.S.
3 Section 1008.25(2), F.S.
4 Section 1008.22(1), F.S.
5 Sections 1008.22, F.S and 1008.25(4)(a), F.S.
6 Section 1008.25(4)(a), F.S.
7 Determination of a substantial deficiency is based upon screening, diagnostic, progress monitoring, or assessment data; statewide assessments; or teacher observations. Section 1008.25(5)(a), F.S. School districts are required determine the criteria used by the district to identify K-3 students with a substantial deficiency in reading. Fla. Admin. Code R. 6A-10.053(9)(c)3.
8 Section 1008.25(5)(a), F.S.
**Student Retention**

Florida law specifies that no student may be assigned to a grade level based solely on age or other factors that constitute social promotion.\(^9\)

To be promoted to grade 4, a student must score a Level 2 or higher on the statewide, standardized ELA assessment required for grade 3. The student must be retained if the student’s reading deficiency is not remedied by the end of grade 3, by scoring a Level 2 or higher on the statewide, standardized assessment required for grade 3.\(^10\)

The district school board may only exempt students from mandatory retention in grade 3 for good cause. A student who is promoted to grade 4 with a good cause exemption must be provided intensive reading instruction and intervention. Good cause exemptions are limited to students in grade 3 and relate to limited English proficiency students, students with disabilities, the use of alternative assessments or portfolios, and students previously retained in grades K-3.\(^11\)

In the 2018-2019 school year, 28,436 students were promoted to grade 4 based on a good cause exemption.\(^12\)

Based on data from the Florida Department of Education (DOE),\(^13\) there was an overall 43 percent reduction in statewide K-12 student retention rates for the 2019-20 school year compared to the previous 5-year average. The reduction in statewide K-8 retention rates for the same period was 50 percent. Students in grade 3 had the most significant reduction in retention rates, with a 77 percent reduction in grade 3 student retentions in 2019-20 compared to the previous 5-year average. See table below for a breakdown of the data provided form the DOE.

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\(^9\) Section 1008.25(6)(a), F.S.

\(^10\) Section 1008.25(5)(b), F.S.

\(^11\) Section 1008.25(6)(b), F.S.


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**COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**

In response to the COVID-19 emergency, the DOE issued an Executive Order (EO), which cancelled remaining K-12 state assessments for the 2019-2020 school year. The EO also authorized school districts and other educational entities to evaluate students for promotion, graduation, and final course grades for the 2019-2020 school year, without consideration of the assessments that were cancelled.

Resulting state guidance relating to the cancellation of state assessments specified that, because the Grade 3 ELA FSA was a key component districts used to make promotion decisions, and such data would not be available due to the cancellation of statewide assessments for the 2019-2020 school year, promotion decisions should be made in consultation with parents, teachers, and school leaders based on the students’ classroom performance and progress monitoring data. The guidance also specified that parents should have the ability to request retention of their child in the current grade for the 2020-2021 year.

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III. **Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill authorizes a parent or guardian to request that his or her K-8 public school student be retained, for the 2021-2022 school year, in the grade level to which the student was assigned at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year.

The bill specifies that a parent or guardian who wishes for his or her K-8 student to be retained must submit a retention request in writing to the school principal, specifying the academic reason for the retention. Only retention requests received by the principal on or before June 30, 2021, must be considered.

The bill requires that the principal inform the student’s teacher and collaboratively discuss the request with the parent or guardian. In lieu of retention, a customized education plan may be developed for the student to return to grade level readiness by the end of the next academic year.

The bill specifies that the parent or guardian has the final decision whether to retain the student.

The bill allows a middle school student who is retained to retake high school credits toward grade forgiveness, if the student earned a grade of “C” or lower in the high school level course.

The bill requires school districts to report to the Department of Education the number of students retained pursuant to this act for all or part of the 2021-2022 school year.

The bill may likely provide parents with greater authority to determine that their child should be retained in the 2021-2022 school year. However, this authority is granted only for the 2021-2022 school year, unless extended by legislative action.

The bill takes effect upon becoming a law.

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:

PCS/CS/SB 200 has no impact on state revenues or expenditures for fiscal year 2021-2022. However, to the extent the bill increases student retention, it could affect the number of FTE projected for funding as students may remain in the public K-12 system longer.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

The bill creates an unnumbered section of Florida Law.

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

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

Recommended CS/CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Education on March 10, 2021

The committee substitute:

- Adds that in addition to a parent, a guardian may also make a retention request.
- Changes the request from being automatically granted by the superintendent to being a request that shall be considered by the school principal in consultation with the teachers.
- Adds that the submitted request must specify the academic reason for the retention.
- Adds a provision that in lieu of retention, the principal in consultation with the teacher and parent or guardian may develop an education plan for the student to return to grade level readiness by the end of the next academic year.
• Retains the provision that the parent has final determination if their child is retained.
• Allows a middle school student who is retained to retake high school credits toward grade forgiveness.
• Removes the prohibition that a student retained does not qualify for a midyear promotion.

CS by Education on February 3, 2021
The committee substitute:
• Limits the retention request eligibility for K-8 students, rather than K-12 students.
• Modifies the request deadline from June 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.
• Removes the requirement in the bill for school districts to administer midyear and annual statewide assessments to students retained under this act.
• Removes the option of midyear promotion eligibility for students retained under this act.
• Modifies from June 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022, the school district reporting date to the Department of Education.
• Omits the repeal of the act on June 30, 2022; however the act is created only within Florida Law.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill’s introducer or the Florida Senate.
Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Berman) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

1. Delete lines 20 - 37
2. and insert:
   
   parent or guardian may request that his or her K-8 public school student be retained for the 2021-2022 school year in the grade level to which the student was assigned at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, provided that such request is made for academic reasons.

   (1) A parent or guardian who wishes for his or her student
to be retained as provided by this act must submit, in writing,
to the school principal a retention request that specifies the
academic reasons for the retention. Only requests received by
the principal on or before June 30, 2021, must be considered. A
principal may consider a request received after that date at his
or her discretion.

(2)(a) A principal who considers a retention request
submitted pursuant to subsection (1) shall inform the student’s
teachers of the retention request and collaboratively discuss
with the parent or guardian any basis for agreement or
disagreement with the request.

(b) In lieu of retention, the principal, teachers, and
parent or guardian may collaborate to develop a customized 1-
year education plan for the student with the intent of helping
the student return to grade level readiness by the end of the
next academic year. Such plan may include, but need not be
limited to, supplemental educational support, services, and
interventions; summer education; promotion in some, but not all,
courses; and midyear promotion.

(c) The parent or guardian’s decision to promote or retain
his or her student after discussing the retention request with
the principal shall control.

(3) A middle school student who is retained under this
section may be eligible to retake high school credits earned
toward grade forgiveness pursuant to s. 1003.4282(5) only if he
or she has earned a grade of “C”, “D,” or “F.” in the class for
which the credits were awarded.

================= T I T L E  A M E N D M E N T ===============
And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 4 - 13

and insert:

in a grade level for academic reasons for a specified school year; requiring that such a request be submitted in a specified manner; requiring school principals to consider such requests if they are timely received; authorizing school principals to consider requests that are not timely received; requiring a school principal that considers a request to inform the student’s teachers of the request and collaboratively discuss with the parent or guardian any basis for agreement or disagreement with the request; authorizing the principal, teachers, and parent or guardian to collaborate to develop a customized 1-year education plan for the student in lieu of retaining the student; requiring a parent or guardian’s decision to control; prohibiting a retained middle school student from retaking certain classes; requiring school districts to report
By the Committee on Education; and Senator Berman

A bill to be entitled An act relating to student retention; authorizing a parent to request that his or her student be retained in a grade level for a specified school year; requiring such a request to be submitted in a specified manner; requiring school district superintendents to grant such requests if they are timely received; authorizing school district superintendents to grant requests that are not timely received; requiring a retained student to remain in the grade in which he or she was retained until the student qualifies for promotion at the end of the school year; requiring school districts to report certain data to the Department of Education by a specified date; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding s. 1008.25, Florida Statutes, a parent may request to retain his or her K-8 public school student in the grade level to which the student was assigned at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year for the 2021-2022 school year.

(1) A parent who wishes for his or her student to be retained under this act shall submit a retention request in writing to the school district superintendent. Only requests received by the superintendent on or before June 30, 2021, must be considered. A school district superintendent who timely receives such a request shall grant the request. A school district superintendent who receives such a written request after the deadline for receipt may grant the request upon his or her discretion.

(2) A student retained at the request of a parent pursuant to this act may not qualify for midyear promotion pursuant to s. 1002.3105, Florida Statutes, and shall remain in the grade in which he or she was retained until the student qualifies for promotion at the end of the school year.

(3) By June 30, 2022, school districts shall report to the Department of Education the number of students retained pursuant to this act for all or part of the 2021-2022 school year.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.
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Meeting Date: 3/10/21

Bill Number (if applicable): CS/5B 200

Amendment Barcode (if applicable): 3 Pink Schools

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Representing: Self & My Wife, Seniors

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(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Appearing at request of Chair: [ ] Yes [ ] No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: [ ] Yes [ ] No

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Topic  Student Retention

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Representing  The Foundation for Florida's Future

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To: Senator Doug Broxson, Chair
    Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

Subject: Committee Agenda Request

Date: February 5, 2021

I respectfully request that Senate Bill #200, relating to Student Retention, be placed on the:

☐ committee agenda at your earliest possible convenience.
☒ next committee agenda.

Senator Lori Berman
Florida Senate, District 31

Cc: Senator Manny Diaz, Jr., Vice Chair
    Tim Elwell, Staff Director
    JoAnne Bennett, Administrative Assistant

File signed original with committee office
PCS/SB 1436 (298982)

INTRODUCER: Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Senator Gruters

SUBJECT: Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network

DATE: March 11, 2021

ANALYST STAFF DIRECTOR REFERENCE ACTION
1. Westmark Bouck ED Favorable
2. Underhill Elwell AED Recommend: Fav/CS
3. AP

I. Summary:

PCS/SB 1436 establishes the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network (Network) under the joint oversight of the Office of the Board of Governors (BOG) and the Department of Education, and repeals the Complete Florida Plus Program (Complete Florida Plus). The bill retains certain functions from Complete Florida Plus Program, with modifications, and adds new functions. The bill:

- Maintains Complete Florida Plus purposes related to distance learning courses and degree programs, and online academic support services, but specifies that the Network purposes must include providing recommendations on the use and distribution of open-access textbooks and education resources, and innovative pricing techniques as a method to reduce costs.
- Specifies that the Network single library automation system and associated resources and services must include a shared Internet-based catalog and discovery tool, an Internet-based searchable collection of electronic resources, an integrated library management system, and a statewide searchable database that includes an inventory of digital archives and collections that public postsecondary education institutions hold.
- Increases reporting requirements on host entity performance in delivering specified services.
- Maintains an online admissions and computer-assisted student advising system.
- Requires, by June 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Education and the Chancellor of the BOG to provide a joint recommendation for a process by which school district career centers and charter technical career centers would access appropriate Network services.

The bill will require a state recurring appropriation. See Section V for fiscal comments.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.
II. Present Situation:

Complete Florida Plus Program Funding for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

In June 2020, the Governor vetoed the $29.4 million appropriation in the 2020-2021 budget for the Complete Florida Plus Program. The program provided support services for distance learning, libraries, and student services. These services were provided to all 40 Florida College System (FCS) and State University System (SUS) institutions. Beginning July 2020, the Florida Department of Education and Board of Governors used limited carryforward funds and nonrecurring contributions from the 40 institutions’ funds to ensure that the distance learning and library services components of the program were not disrupted for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Complete Florida Plus Program

In 2014, the Legislature amended the Florida Virtual Campus (FLVC) to be the Complete Florida Plus Program (Complete Florida Plus) and in 2015 moved management of the FLVC to the University of West Florida’s (UWF’s) Division of Research and Strategic Innovation, where its mission and purpose remained the same. The units under FLVC included the Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative and the Distance Learning and Student Services.

Complete Florida Plus was created at the UWF to:

- Facilitate degree completion for Florida’s adult learners through the Complete Florida Degree Initiative;
- Maintain and manage Florida’s online catalog of distance learning courses, degree programs, and resources;
- Provide statewide online student advising services and support;
- Provide information regarding and access to distance learning courses and degree programs offered by public postsecondary education institutions within the state;
- Coordinate with the Florida College System (FCS) and the State University System (SUS) to identify and provide online academic support services and resources when the multi-institutional provision of such services and resources is more cost effective or operationally effective; and
- Administer the Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative and consult with the chancellors of the FCS and the SUS regarding the implementation and operations of the cooperative.

3 Florida Virtual Campus, Organization Profile, https://www.flvc.org/organization-profile (last visited Feb. 26, 2021). The Florida Virtual Campus (FLVC) was created in 2012 by the Florida Legislature through the consolidation of four statewide organizations: the College Center for Library Automation, the Florida Center for Advising and Academic Support, and the Florida Distance Learning Consortium. See s. 1006.735(2), F.S.
4 See s. 1006.735(2), F.S.
5 Distance Learning and Student Services, Complete Florida Plus Program, https://dlss.flvc.org/about/legislation-regulation/complete-florida-plus-program (last visited Feb. 25, 2021). See also s. 1006.735(1), F.S.
Complete Florida Plus was required to make available online student advising services and support, including all of the following:

- A streamlined online admissions application process, to be used by all postsecondary institutions, for undergraduate transient students currently enrolled and pursuing a degree at a public postsecondary education institution who enroll in a course offered by a public postsecondary education institution that is not the student’s degree-granting institution. UWF is required to work with FCS institutions and state universities as specified in law.
- A K-20 statewide computer-assisted student advising system to support career and education planning for the K-12 system and the process of advising, registering, and certifying postsecondary students for graduation and to include a degree audit and an articulation component. FCS institutions and state universities are to interface institutional advising systems with the statewide computer-assisted student advising system that meets minimum specified requirements.
- A method for identifying and evaluating new technologies and instructional methods for improving distance learning instruction and development for faculty, student learning outcomes, student access, the efficient delivery of student support services, the alignment of degrees to career needs, and the overall quality of postsecondary distance learning courses and degree programs.
- Help desk support and training and consultation services to institutions and students using Complete Florida Plus services and resources.
- Negotiation of statewide licensing resources and preferred pricing agreements, issuing purchase orders, and entering into contracts for the acquisition of distance learning resources, student and support services, electronic resources, and other goods and services necessary.
- Development and implementation of a plan, in consultation with public postsecondary education institutions, which describes the services and resources available through Complete Florida Plus to encourage current and prospective students’ use.6

Complete Florida Plus developed and managed a statewide Internet-based catalog of distance learning courses, degree programs, and resources offered by public postsecondary education institutions which is intended to assist in the coordination and collaboration of articulation and access. Operational procedures for the catalog must:

- Require participating institutions to provide specified information concerning the distance learning course or degree program.
- Require that distance learning courses and degree programs meet applicable accreditation standards and criteria.
- Require that the catalog is reviewed and updated frequently to ensure compliance with operational procedures.
- Define and describe the catalog’s search and retrieval options that will allow users to search by specified criteria, at a minimum.
- Use an Internet-based analytic tool that allows the collection and analysis of specified data.7

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6 Section 1006.735(4), F.S.
7 Section 1006.735(3), F.S.
The UWF is required to submit a report on an annual basis to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the implementation and operation of all components of Complete Florida Plus, including information and associated costs relating to the services and functions of the program.\(^8\)

The Northwest Regional Data Center\(^9\) is required by law to provide all data center services necessary to support the statewide Internet-based catalog established and the statewide online student advising services and support.\(^10\)

**Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative**

The Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative (FALSC) provides a single library automation system and associated resources and services for all public postsecondary institutions to use to support learning, teaching, and research needs.\(^11\) The FALSC develops and manages a library information portal and automated library management tools for use by FCS institutions and state universities.\(^12\)

The FALSC is a unit of the FLVC which operates the integrated library system used by public colleges and university libraries statewide. The FALSC also provides more than 150,000 unique, digital archive and collection items and a statewide collection of over 400,000 online journals, e-books, and e-resources, available to assist nearly 1.3 million students, faculty, and staff throughout Florida.\(^13\)

Products and services offered by the FALSC include:

- Management and maintenance of the statewide collection of e-resources available to students at all 40 public colleges and universities.\(^14\)
- A shared catalog of library holdings for students to search for materials owned by any college or university in Florida.
- An integrated library system used by libraries to manage their local collections.
- Collaboration with public post-secondary education institutions to create and support Florida libraries’ digital archives and collections.
- Negotiation and procurement of e-resources for individual institutions through a group licensing process.
- In-person training and consultation on the FALSC products and services, in addition to online webinars, instruction, and self-paced training for all college and university libraries.

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\(^9\) See s. 1004.649, F.S.

\(^10\) Section 1006.735(6), F.S.

\(^11\) Section 1006.73(1), F.S.

\(^12\) Section 1006.73(2), F.S.


\(^14\) Students enrolled in Florida public secondary schools are required to have access to state funded electronic library resources licensed by the Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative. Fla. Admin. Code R. 6A-7.077. Public secondary school students enrolled in the articulated acceleration programs are also eligible to use electronic library resources funded by the Florida Center for Library Automation. Board of Governors Regulation 6.012.
• A centralized Help Desk providing user and technical support for the FALSC library services.
• A statewide open education community to promote and support textbook affordability and Open Educational Resources.\(^\text{15}\)

**Distance Learning and Student Services**

Distance Learning and Student Services (DLSS) provides an array of innovative educational services for students, educators, and administrators in Florida. The DLSS operates several statewide services that impact the success of the state’s students, of which is FloridaShines.\(^\text{16}\)

**FloridaShines**

FloridaShines works with the state’s public colleges and universities and other partners as a website where students can check their transcripts, register for online courses, search academic libraries across the state, and compare colleges and universities, among other activities, at no cost to the student.\(^\text{17}\)

**MyCareerShines**

MyCareerShines provides career education and associated academic advising as a portal for Complete Florida Plus.\(^\text{18}\) The FLVC’s MyCareerShines career exploration system allows individuals to take skill and interest assessments and match their results to profiles of potential careers, while emphasizing those with high-growth potential in Florida. Cost-free resources available assist in creating an education plan, searching for scholarships, writing a resume, interviewing, and locating available jobs in Florida. MyCareerShines offers specialized modules for PreK-5 students, middle and high school students, college and university students, and adults.\(^\text{19}\)

MyCareerShines has registered more than 859,000 users, with more than 1.2 million career assessments completed by middle school, high school, college, and adult users of the system. MyCareerShines is being used in approximately 3,400 middle school, high school and postsecondary institutions throughout Florida.\(^\text{20}\)

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill establishes the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network (Network) under the joint oversight of the Office of the Board of Governors (BOG) and the Department of Education

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\(^{15}\) Id.


\(^{17}\) Id.


\(^{19}\) Id., at 3.

The bill declares that the purpose of the Network is to deliver specified services to public postsecondary education institutions in Florida, namely all Florida College System (FCS) and State University System (SUS) institutions. The bill retains the general purpose of Complete Florida Plus, which includes the following services:

- Provision of information regarding and access to distance learning courses and degree programs offered by public postsecondary education institutions within the state.
- Coordination with the FCS and SUS to identify and provide online academic support services and resources when the multi-institutional provision of such services and resources is more cost effective or operationally effective.
- Administration of a single library automation system and associated resources and services that all public postsecondary institutions use to support learning, teaching, and research needs, and development of automated library management tools.

The bill also adds to the Network the following services and functions:

- To the single library automation system:
  - A shared Internet-based catalog and discovery tool that allows a user to search and, if authorized, access the aggregate library holdings of the state’s public postsecondary education institutions. The catalog and discovery tool must allow a user to search the library holdings of one institution, selected institutions, or all institutions and, to the extent feasible, must include an interlibrary loan function that ensures an authorized user can access the required library holding.
  - An Internet-based searchable collection of electronic resources which must include, but not be limited to, full-text journals, articles, databases, and electronic books licensed as specified.
  - An integrated library management system and its associated services that all public postsecondary education institution academic libraries must use for purposes of acquiring, cataloging, circulating, and tracking library material.
  - A statewide searchable database that includes an inventory of digital archives and collections held by public postsecondary education institutions.
- Coordination, with FCS institutions’ and state universities’ library staff, of the negotiation of statewide licensing of electronic library resources and preferred pricing agreements, issue purchase orders, and entering into contracts for the acquisition of library support services, electronic resources, and other goods and services necessary to carry out its authorized duties.
- Promotion and provision of recommendations concerning the use and distribution of open-access textbooks and education resources and innovative pricing techniques as a method for reducing costs.
- Provision of appropriate help desk support and training and consultation services to institutions and students.

The bill maintains from Complete Florida Plus a statewide Internet-based catalog of distance learning courses, degree programs, and resources offered by public postsecondary education
institutions, intended to assist in the coordination and collaboration of articulation and access specified in law.\textsuperscript{21}

In addition, the bill expands on functions in the Complete Florida Plus catalog of distance learning courses, to specify that the host entity is responsible for developing and disseminating operational procedures and technical guidelines for the catalog, to be followed by all participating institutions, which guidelines must address all of the following:

- Specific information concerning the distance learning course or degree program, including but not limited to course number, classification of instructional programs number, and information on the availability of the course or degree program; any prerequisite course or technology competency or skill; the availability of academic support services and financial aid resources; and course costs, fees, and payment policies.
- Definitions and descriptions of the catalog’s search and retrieval options that will at a minimum allow users to search by academic term or course start date; institution, multiple institutions, or all institutions; and course or program delivery methods, course type, course availability, subject or discipline, and course number or classification of instructional programs number.
- An Internet-based analytic tool that allows for the collection and analysis of data as to usage of resources accessed or interaction with constituent institutions whose courses and programs are listed in the catalog.
- Frequent review and updates to institution catalogs to ensure that distance learning courses and degree programs comply with operational procedures.

The bill retains Complete Florida Plus student advising and support, with some modifications. Specifically, the bill requires the student advising services to provide all of the following:

- A streamlined online admissions application process, to be used by all public postsecondary institutions, for undergraduate transient students currently enrolled and pursuing a degree at a public postsecondary education institution who enroll in a course offered by a public postsecondary education institution that is not the student’s degree-granting institution, which must:
  - Use the transient student admissions application available through the statewide computer-assisted student advising system as specified. This admissions application is the only application required for enrollment of a transient student as described;
  - Implement the financial aid procedures required by the transient student admissions application process;
  - Transfer credit awarded by the institution offering the course to the transient student’s degree-granting institution; and
  - Provide an interface between the institutional advising system and the statewide computer-assisted student advising system established, in order to electronically send, receive, and process the transient student admissions application.
- A statewide computer-assisted student advising system to support the process of advising, registering, and capturing student progression toward a degree and career and which must include a degree audit and an articulation component.
- A method for identifying and evaluating new technologies and instructional methods for improving distance learning instruction and development for faculty, student learning

\textsuperscript{21} Sections 1007.01 - 1007.273, F.S.
outcomes, student access, the efficient delivery of student support services, and the overall quality of postsecondary distance learning courses and degree programs.

- Negotiation of statewide licensing resources and preferred pricing agreements, issuing purchase orders, and entering into contracts for the acquisition of distance learning resources, student and support services, electronic resources, and other goods and services necessary.

The bill requires FCS institutions and state universities to interface institutional advising systems with the statewide computer-assisted student advising system, which must, at a minimum:

- Allow a student to access the system at any time;
- Supports K-12 career and education planning;
- Allow a student to search public postsecondary education institutions and identify course options that will meet the requirements of a selected path toward a degree;
- Audit transcripts of students enrolled in a public postsecondary education institution to assess current academic standing, the requirements for a student to transfer to another institution, and all requirements necessary for graduation;
- Serve as the official statewide repository for the common prerequisite manual, admissions information for transferring programs, foreign language requirements, residency requirements, and statewide articulation agreements;
- Provide information relating to career descriptions and corresponding educational requirements, admissions requirements, and available student financial assistance sources; and
- Provide the admissions application for transient students as specified, which must include the electronic transfer and receipt of information and records for admissions and readmissions, financial aid, and transfer of credit awarded by the institution offering the course to the transient student’s degree-granting institution using the Florida Automated System for Transferring Educational Records (the “FASTER System”).

The bill changes the host from the UWF, but retains a reporting requirement similar to Complete Florida Plus. The bill requires the host entity, beginning December 31, 2021, and each year thereafter, to submit a report to the Chancellors of the SUS and FCS regarding the implementation and operation of all components described, including, but not limited to, usage information collected, information and associated costs relating to the services and functions of the program, and the implementation and operation of the automated library services. The chancellors are required to provide an annual report on the performance of the host entity in delivering the services and any recommendations for changes needed to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the BOG, and the State Board of Education.

The bill assigns the Office of the BOG and the DOE joint responsibility for determining the host entity for the services described and sharing in the receipt and administration of an associated appropriation as described in the General Appropriations Act. The Chancellors of the FCS and BOG are required to provide oversight for successful delivery by the host entity of the services described. The bill also removes the requirement under Complete Florida Plus that the Northwest Regional Data Center support the Network.
The bill adds a new requirement that the Commissioner of Education and the Chancellor of the SUS must, by June 1, 2022, provide a joint recommendation for a process by which school district career centers operated pursuant to state law and charter technical career centers operated pursuant to state law would access appropriate postsecondary distance learning, student support services, and library assets described. The recommendation must include an analysis of the resources necessary to expand access and assets to centers and their students.

Where applicable, the bill updates statutory references to specified services provided by the Network to read Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network.

In accordance with the repeal of Complete Florida Plus, the bill removes statutory references to Complete Florida Plus and to the Complete Florida Degree Initiative, removes statutory requirements to use a graphic and description provided by Complete Florida Plus to inform students of the catalog, and removes a directive in law that encouraged veterans, if appropriate, to participate in the Complete Florida Degree Program.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.

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:

The Governor has recommended funding to cover costs associated with the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network in the amount of $9,076,322 for Florida College System institutions and $11,836,500 for state universities.\(^{22}\)

However, the system component that supports career and education planning for the K-12 education system was not included in the Governor’s recommended budget.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 257.02, 295.22, 1004.013, 1006.73, 1007.01, 1007.27, 1009.23, and 1009.24.

This bill repeals section 1006.735 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.)

**Recommended CS/CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Education on March 10, 2021**

The committee substitute:

- Includes innovative pricing techniques as a method to reduce costs related to textbooks and education resources; and
- Specifies that the statewide computer-assisted student advising system is a K-20 statewide system that also supports career and education planning for the K-12 system.

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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\(^{22}\) Governor Ron DeSantis, *Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Governor’s Recommended General Appropriations Act* (2021), available at [http://www.bolderbrighterbetterfuture.com/content/Current/reports/Governors-Bill.pdf](http://www.bolderbrighterbetterfuture.com/content/Current/reports/Governors-Bill.pdf), Section 1, at 4 and 5.
Senate Amendment

Delete line 185 and insert:

resources and innovative pricing techniques that comply with all applicable laws in regard to copyrighted material as a method for reducing costs.
Senate Amendment

Delete lines 245 - 276 and insert:

(b) A K-20 statewide computer-assisted student advising system which shall support career and education planning for the K-12 system and the process of advising, registering, and certifying postsecondary students for graduation and which shall include a degree audit and an articulation component. Florida College System institutions and state universities shall
interface institutional advising systems with the statewide computer-assisted student advising system. At a minimum, the statewide computer-assisted student advising system shall:

1. Allow a student to access the system at any time.
2. Support K-12 career and education planning.
3. Allow a student to search public postsecondary education institutions and identify course options that will meet the requirements of a selected path toward a degree.
4. Audit transcripts of students enrolled in a public postsecondary education institution to assess current academic standing, the requirements for a student to transfer to another institution, and all requirements necessary for graduation.
5. Serve as the official statewide repository for the common prerequisite manual, admissions information for transferring programs, foreign language requirements, residency requirements, and statewide articulation agreements.
6. Provide information relating to career descriptions and corresponding educational requirements, admissions requirements, and available sources of student financial assistance.
7. Provide the admissions application for transient students pursuant to paragraph (a) which must include the electronic transfer and receipt of information and records for:
   a. Admissions and readmissions.
   b. Financial aid.
   c. Transfer of credit awarded by the institution offering the course to the transient student’s degree-granting institution.
Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Gruters) recommended the following:

**Senate Substitute for Amendment (756324)**

Delete lines 245 - 276

and insert:

(b) A K-20 statewide computer-assisted student advising system that shall support career and education planning for the K-12 system and the process of advising, registering, and certifying postsecondary students for graduation and that shall include a degree audit and an articulation component. Florida College System institutions and state universities shall
interface institutional advising systems with the statewide computer-assisted student advising system. At a minimum, the statewide computer-assisted student advising system shall:

1. Allow a student to access the system at any time.
2. Support K-12 career and education planning.
3. Allow a student to search public postsecondary education institutions and identify course options that will meet the requirements of a selected path toward a degree.
4. Audit transcripts of students enrolled in a public postsecondary education institution to assess current academic standing, the requirements for a student to transfer to another institution, and all requirements necessary for graduation.
5. Serve as the official statewide repository for the common prerequisite manual, admissions information for transferring programs, foreign language requirements, residency requirements, and statewide articulation agreements.
6. Provide information relating to career descriptions and corresponding educational requirements, admissions requirements, and available sources of student financial assistance.
7. Provide the admissions application for transient students pursuant to paragraph (a) which must include the electronic transfer and receipt of information and records for:
   a. Admissions and readmissions.
   b. Financial aid.
   c. Transfer of credit awarded by the institution offering the course to the transient student’s degree-granting institution using the Florida Automated System for Transferring Educational Records (the “FASTER System”).
A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network; amending ss. 257.02 and 295.22, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1004.013, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the awareness of certain postsecondary education programs and initiatives; amending s. 1004.013, F.S.; amending s. 1006.73, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to the Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative; providing responsibilities for the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network; providing that the Board of Governors and the Department of Education will oversee a host entity chosen to deliver certain services; providing the services to be provided by the host entity; transferring responsibility for the statewide Internet-based catalog of distance learning courses to the host entity; providing requirements for such catalog; transferring responsibility for certain statewide online student advising services to the host entity; providing requirements for such services; requiring the host entity to annually submit a certain report by a specified date; providing requirements for such report; requiring the chancellors of the State University System and the Florida College System to provide a certain report; providing that specified entities have responsibility for the governance and administration of the provided services; requiring specified entities to issue a recommendation and report on expanding organizations who may access the provided services; repealing s. 1006.735, F.S., relating to the Complete Florida Plus Program; amending s. 1007.01, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 1007.27, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending ss. 1009.23 and 1009.24, F.S.; conforming cross-references; revising a requirement to include a certain graphic on specified websites; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 257.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

257.02 State Library Council.—
(1) There shall be a State Library Council to advise and assist the division with planning, policy, and priorities related to the development of statewide information services. The council shall consist of nine members who shall be appointed by the Secretary of State. Of the nine members, three members must represent Florida public libraries, two members must represent the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Services Cooperative, one member must represent a multitype library cooperative, one member must represent a school library media center, one member must represent the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida, and one member must represent a Florida library professional association. Members shall be appointed for 4-year terms. A vacancy on the council shall be filled for the period of the unexpired term. A person may not be...
the council. The secretary may remove from office any council
ing of the council. The secretary may remove from office any council
member for malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty,
incompetence, permanent inability to perform official duties, or
pleading guilty or nolo contendere to, or being found guilty of,
a felony.

Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
295.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.—
(3) ADMINISTRATION.—Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., shall
administer the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program
and perform all of the following functions:

(b) Assist veterans who reside in or relocate to this state
and who are seeking employment. The corporation shall offer
skills assessments to veterans and assist them in establishing
employment goals and applying for and achieving gainful
employment.

1. Assessment may include skill match information, skill
gap analysis, resume creation, translation of military skills
into civilian workforce skills, and translation of military
achievements and experience into generally understood civilian
workforce skills.

2. Assistance may include providing the veteran with
information on current workforce demand by industry or
geographic region, creating employment goals, and aiding or
training general knowledge related to completing applications.
The corporation may provide information related to industry
certifications approved by the Department of Education under s.
1008.44 as well as information related to earning academic

The Complete Florida Degree Initiative established under
s. 1006.735(2) that facilitates degree completion for the
state’s adult learners. The Chancellor of the State University
System and the Chancellor of the Florida College System shall
consult with the Complete Florida Degree Initiative to identify

the corporation to be most

available.

Assessment and assistance may be in person or by
electronic means, as determined by the corporation to be most
efficient and best meet the needs of veterans.

Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
1004.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

(2) The State Board of Education and the Board of Governors
shall work collaboratively to, at a minimum:

(a) Increase the awareness and use of:

1. The student advising system established under s. 1006.73

2. The Complete Florida Degree Initiative established under
s. 1006.735(2) that facilitates degree completion for the
state’s adult learners. The Chancellor of the State University
System and the Chancellor of the Florida College System shall
consult with the Complete Florida Degree Initiative to identify

college credit at public postsecondary educational institutions
for college-level training and education acquired in the
military under s. 1004.096.

3. The corporation shall encourage veterans to register
with the state’s job bank system and may refer veterans to local
one-stop career centers for further services. The corporation
shall provide each veteran with information about state
workforce programs and shall consolidate information about all
available resources on one website that, if possible, includes a
hyperlink to each resource’s website and contact information, if
available. If appropriate, a veteran shall be encouraged to
participate in the Complete Florida Degree Program established
under s. 1006.735.

4. Assessment and assistance may be in person or by
electronic means, as determined by the corporation to be most
efficient and best meet the needs of veterans.
2. A shared Internet-based catalog and discovery tool that allows a user to search and, if authorized, access the aggregate library holdings of this state’s public postsecondary education institutions. The catalog and discovery tool shall allow a user to search the library holdings of one institution, selected institutions, or all institutions and, to the extent feasible, shall include an interlibrary loan function that ensures an authorized user can access the required library holding.

3. An integrated library management system and its associated services that all public postsecondary education institution academic libraries shall use for purposes of acquiring, cataloging, circulating, and tracking library material.

4. A statewide searchable database that includes an inventory of digital archives and collections held by public education institutions within this state. Coordinate with the Florida College System and the Florida College System and State University System institutions:

(a) Provide information regarding and access to distance learning courses and degree programs offered by public postsecondary education institutions within this state.

(b) Coordinate with the Florida College System and the Florida College System and State University System to identify and provide online academic support services and resources when the multi-institutional provision of such services and resources is more cost effective or operationally effective.

(c) Administer a single library automation system and associated resources and services that all public postsecondary institutions shall use to support learning, teaching, and research needs and develop automated library management tools that shall include, but are not limited to, the following services and functions:

1. A shared Internet-based catalog and discovery tool that allows a user to search and, if authorized, access the aggregate library holdings of this state’s public postsecondary education institutions. The catalog and discovery tool shall allow a user to search the library holdings of one institution, selected institutions, or all institutions and, to the extent feasible, shall include an interlibrary loan function that ensures an authorized user can access the required library holding.

2. An Internet-based searchable collection of electronic resources which shall include, but not be limited to, full-text journals, articles, databases, and electronic books licensed pursuant to paragraph (d).

3. An integrated library management system and its associated services that all public postsecondary education institution academic libraries shall use for purposes of acquiring, cataloging, circulating, and tracking library material.

4. A statewide searchable database that includes an inventory of digital archives and collections held by public education institutions within this state.
postsecondary education institutions.

(d) In collaboration with library staff from Florida College System institutions and state universities, coordinate the negotiation of statewide licensing of electronic library resources and preferred pricing agreements, issue purchase orders, and enter into contracts for the acquisition of library support services, electronic resources, and other goods and services necessary to carry out its duties under this section.

(e) Promote and provide recommendations concerning the use and distribution of open-access textbooks and education resources as a method for reducing costs.

(f) Provide appropriate help desk support, training, and consultation services to institutions and students.

(2) STATEWIDE INTERNET-BASED CATALOG OF DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES.—There is established a statewide Internet-based catalog of distance learning courses, degree programs, and resources offered by public postsecondary education institutions which is intended to assist in the coordination and collaboration of articulation and access pursuant to parts II and III of chapter 1007. The host entity is responsible for developing and disseminating operational procedures and technical guidelines for the catalog, to be followed by all participating institutions. Operating procedures and technical guidelines will address the following:

(a) Specific information concerning the distance learning course or degree program, including, but not limited to, course number, classification of instructional programs number, and information on the availability of the course or degree program; any prerequisite course or technology competency or skill; the availability of academic support services and financial aid resources; and course costs, fees, and payment policies.

(b) Definitions and descriptions of the catalog’s search and retrieval options that, at a minimum, will allow users to search by academic term or course start date; institution, multiple institutions, or all institutions; and course or program delivery methods, course type, course availability, subject or discipline, and course number or classification of instructional programs number.

(c) An Internet-based analytic tool that allows for the collection and analysis of data as to usage of resources accessed or interaction with constituent institutions whose courses and programs are listed in the catalog.

(d) Frequent review and updates to institution catalogs to ensure that distance learning courses and degree programs comply with operational procedures.

(3) STATEWIDE ONLINE STUDENT ADVISING SERVICES AND SUPPORT.—The following online services and support shall be made available on a statewide basis:

(a) A streamlined online admissions application process, which shall be used by all public postsecondary institutions, for undergraduate transient students currently enrolled and pursuing a degree at a public postsecondary education institution who enroll in a course offered by a public postsecondary education institution that is not the student’s degree-granting institution, which shall:

1. Use the transient student admissions application available through the statewide computer-assisted student advising system established pursuant to paragraph (b).
2. Implement the financial aid procedures required by the transient student admissions application process.

3. Transfer credit awarded by the institution offering the course to the transient student's degree-granting institution.

4. Serve as the official statewide repository for the Florida Automated System for Transferring Educational Records (the "FASTER System").

REPORTING.—Beginning December 31, 2021, and each year thereafter, the host entity shall submit a report to the Florida College System institutions and state universities shall implement the financial aid procedures required by the institution offering the course to the transient student’s degree-granting institution using the Florida Automated System for Transferring Educational Records (the “FASTER System”).

(c) A method for identifying and evaluating new technologies and instructional methods for improving distance learning instruction and development for faculty, student learning outcomes, student access, the efficient delivery of student support services, and the overall quality of postsecondary distance learning courses and degree programs.

(d) Negotiation of statewide licensing resources and preferred pricing agreements, issuing purchase orders, and entering into contracts for the acquisition of distance learning resources, student and support services, electronic resources, and other goods and services necessary to carry out duties under this section.

(4) REPORTING.—Beginning December 31, 2021, and each year thereafter, the host entity shall submit a report to the...
chancellors of the State University System and the Florida College System regarding the implementation and operation of all components described in this section, including, but not limited to, usage information collected under paragraph (2)(c), information and associated costs relating to the services and functions of the program, and the implementation and operation of the automated library services. The chancellors will provide an annual report on the performance of the host entity in delivering the services and any recommendations for changes needed to this section to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Board of Governors, and the State Board of Education.

(5) GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.—The Office of the Board of Governors and the Department of Education shall have joint responsibility for determining the host entity for the services described in this section and shall share in the receipt and administration of an associated appropriation as described in the General Appropriations Act. The chancellors of the Florida College System and the Board of Governors shall provide oversight for successful delivery by the host entity of the services described in this section.

(6) RECOMMENDATION ON OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE FLORIDA POSTSECONDARY ACADEMIC LIBRARY NETWORK.—By June 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Education and the Chancellor of the State University System shall provide a joint recommendation for a process by which school district career centers operated under s. 1001.44 and charter technical career centers under s. 1002.34 would access appropriate postsecondary distance learning, student support services, and library assets described in this section. The recommendation must include an analysis of the resources necessary to expand access and assets to centers and their students.

Section 5. Section 1006.735, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 6. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section 1007.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

(3) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Articulation Coordinating Committee, which shall make recommendations related to statewide articulation policies and issues regarding access, quality, and reporting of data maintained by the K-20 data warehouse, established pursuant to ss. 1001.10 and 1008.31, to the Higher Education Coordination Council, the State Board of Education, and the Board of Governors. The committee shall consist of two members each representing the State University System, the Florida College System, public career and technical education, K-12 education, and nonpublic postsecondary education and one member representing students. The chair shall be elected from the membership. The Office of K-20 Articulation shall provide administrative support for the committee. The committee shall:

(h) Recommend roles and responsibilities of public education entities in interfacing with the single, statewide computer-assisted student advising system established pursuant to s. 1006.73.
Section 8. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (16) and subsection (17) of section 1009.23, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature that a variety of articulated acceleration mechanisms be available for secondary and postsecondary students attending public educational institutions. It is intended that articulated acceleration serve to shorten the time necessary for a student to complete the requirements associated with the conference of a high school diploma and a postsecondary degree, broaden the scope of curricular options available to students, or increase the depth of study available for a particular subject. Articulated acceleration mechanisms shall include, but are not limited to, dual enrollment and early admission as provided for in s. 1007.271, advanced placement, credit by examination, the International Baccalaureate Program, and the Advanced International Certificate of Education Program. Credit earned through the Florida Virtual School shall provide additional opportunities for early graduation and acceleration. Students of Florida public secondary schools enrolled pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed authorized users of the state-funded electronic library resources that are licensed for Florida College System institutions and state universities by the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network Cooperative. Verification of eligibility shall be in accordance with rules established by the State Board of Education and regulations established by the Board of Governors and processes implemented by Florida College System institutions and state universities.

Section 9. Paragraph (t) of subsection (14) and paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (17) of section 1009.24, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

(14) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (15), each university board of trustees is authorized to establish the following fees:

- Florida College System institution student fees.
- A per-credit-hour distance learning course user fee.
- A per-credit-hour course fee.
- A credit by examination fee.
- An articulated acceleration fee.
- A per-credit-hour fee for the Florida Virtual School.
- A per-course fee for students enrolled in the Complete Florida Plus Program, the International Baccalaureate Program, and the Advanced International Certificate of Education Program. Credit earned through the Florida Virtual School shall provide additional opportunities for early graduation and acceleration. Students of Florida public secondary schools enrolled pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed authorized users of the state-funded electronic library resources that are licensed for Florida College System institutions and state universities by the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network Cooperative. Verification of eligibility shall be in accordance with rules established by the State Board of Education and regulations established by the Board of Governors and processes implemented by Florida College System institutions and state universities.

For purposes of assessing this fee, a distance learning course is a course in which at least 80 percent of the direct instruction of the course is delivered using some form of technology when the student and instructor are separated by time or space, or both.

(c) If an institution assesses the distance learning fee, the institution must provide a link to the catalog within the advising and distance learning sections of the institution’s website, using a graphic and description provided by the Florida Department of Education, to inform students of the catalog.

(17) Each Florida College System institution that accepts transient students, pursuant to s. 1006.73, may establish a transient student fee not to exceed $5 per course for processing the transient student applications.

1009.24 State university student fees.

1009.23 Florida College System institution student fees.
(t) A transient student fee that may not exceed $5 per course for accepting a transient student and processing the transient student admissions application pursuant to s. 1006.73 and 1006.735.

With the exception of housing rental rates and except as otherwise provided, fees assessed pursuant to paragraphs (h)–(s) shall be based on reasonable costs of services. The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations and timetables necessary to implement the fees and fines authorized under this subsection. The fees assessed under this subsection may be used for debt only as authorized under s. 1010.62.

(17)(a) A state university may assess a student who enrolls in a course listed in the distance learning catalog, established pursuant to s. 1006.73 and 1006.735, a per-credit-hour distance learning course fee. For purposes of assessing this fee, a distance learning course is a course in which at least 80 percent of the direct instruction of the course is delivered using some form of technology when the student and instructor are separated by time or space, or both.

(c) If an institution assesses the distance learning fee, the institution must provide a link to the catalog within the advising and distance learning sections of the institution’s website, using a graphic and description provided by the Complete Florida Plus Program, informing students of the catalog.

Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.
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Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes  ☑️ No

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3:24:17 PMSen. Broxson
3:24:52 PMSen. Berman
3:25:13 PMSen. Broxson
3:25:28 PMDavid Serdar, Citizen, Self
3:26:34 PMSen. Broxson
3:26:52 PMDebbie Mortham, Florida Advocacy Director, The Foundation for Florida's Future (waives in support)
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3:31:58 PMSen. Broxson
3:32:06 PMKristin Crawford-Whitaker, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Board of Governors State University (waives in support)
3:32:18 PMAlexis Calatayud, Legislative Affairs Director, Florida Department of Education (waives in support)
3:32:25 PMRobert Stuart, Senior Director of Government Affairs, Florida Library Association (waives in support)
3:32:34 PMSen. Gruters
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