

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

EDUCATION POSTSECONDARY

Senator Grall, Chair

Senator Stewart, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 4, 2023

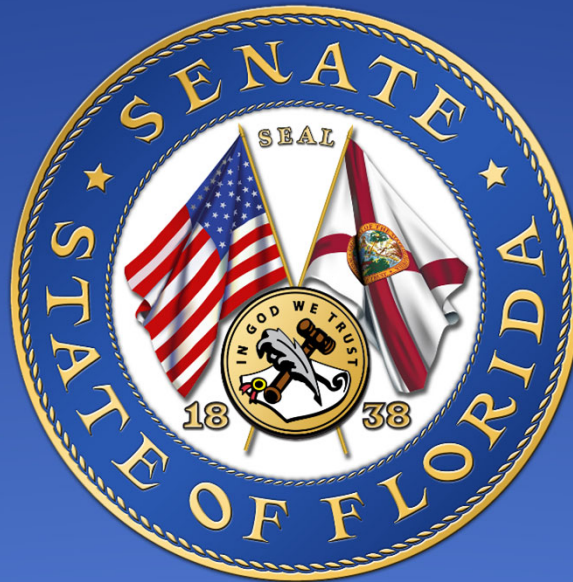
TIME: 3:00—4:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS: Senator Grall, Chair; Senator Stewart, Vice Chair; Senators Book, Collins, Garcia, Harrell, Jones, Perry, Simon, and Yarborough

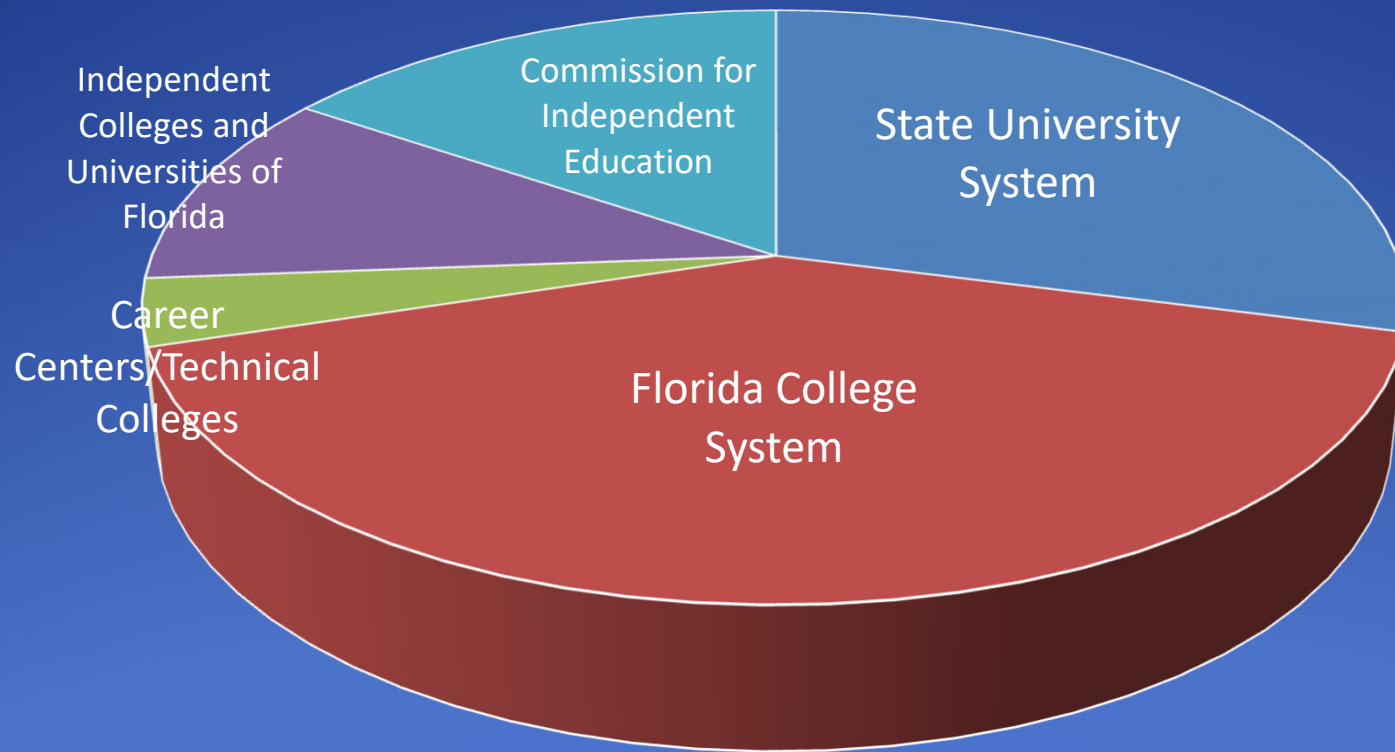
BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS			
TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER		COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Overview of Postsecondary Education and Committee Jurisdiction		Presented
2	Overview of State Financial Aid and Tuition Assistance Programs		Presented
Other Related Meeting Documents			

Overview of Postsecondary Education in Florida



Committee on Postsecondary Education
January 4, 2023

Florida Postsecondary Education



State University System

To achieve excellence through teaching students, advancing research and providing public service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities and economies
-Art. IX, s. 7, Fla. Const.

Board of Governors*

Art. IX, s. 7, Fla. Const.;
ss. 20.155, 1001.70, 1001.705,
1001.706, F.S.

Chancellor of the SUS

s. 20.155, F.S.

University Boards of Trustees

Art. IX, s. 7, Fla. Const.,
s. 1001.71, F.S.

University Presidents**

BOG Regulations 1.001, 1.002

***SB 7044 (2022)** authorizes the BOG to adopt a 5-year post-tenure review process

****CS/SB 520 (2022)** makes confidential and exempt from public disclosure requirements any personal identifying information of applicants for president of a state university or Florida College System (FCS) institution

Florida College System

In order to maximize open access for students, respond to community needs for postsecondary academic education and career degree education, and provide associate and baccalaureate degrees that will best meet the state's employment needs

-Section 1001.60, F.S.

State Board of Education

Art. IX, s. 2, Fla. Const.,
ss. 1001.02, 1001.03, F.S.

Commissioner of Education

ss. 20.15, 1001.01, 1001.11, F.S.

Chancellor of the FCS

s. 20.15, F.S.

Division of Florida Colleges

s. 20.15, F.S.

College Boards of Trustees

Art. IX, s. 8, Fla. Const., ss. 1001.60,
1001.61, 1001.64, 1004.65, F.S.

College Presidents

s. 1001.65, F.S.

District Career Centers

To enable students who complete career programs to attain and sustain employment and realize economic self-sufficiency

—Section 1004.92, F.S.

State Board of Education

Art. IX, s. 2, Fla. Const., ss. 20.15, 1001.01, F.S.

Commissioner of Education

ss. 20.15, 1001.10, F.S.

DOE Division of Career and Adult Education (CAE)

s. 20.15, F.S.

Chancellor of CAE

s. 20.15, F.S.

District School Boards

Art. IX, s. 4, Fla. Const., ss. 1001.32, 1001.33, 1001.41, 1001.44, F.S.

Superintendents

Art. IX, s. 5, Fla. Const., ss. 1001.32, 1001.33, 1001.44, 1001.49, F.S.

Career Center Directors

s. 1001.44, F.S.

Private Colleges and Universities

Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida

- Not for Profit
- Located and chartered in Florida
- Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to grant baccalaureate degrees
- Eligible to participate in the EASE Grant Program*

***HB 5601 (2021)** established performance standards for institution EASE eligibility

Commission for Independent Education

ss. 1001.22, 1005.21, 1005.22, F.S.

Executive Director

s. 1005.22, F.S.

State Board of Education/
Department of Education

Certificates and Degrees

	Adult Education (GED, HS Diploma)	Non-College Credit Career Certificates/ Diplomas	College Credit Career Certificates/ Degrees (AS/AAS)	Associate in Arts Degree	Bachelor's Degrees	Master's Degrees	Doctoral/ Professional Degrees
State Universities							
FCS Institutions							
District Career Centers							
Private Colleges and Universities							

Articulation

To provide for the efficient and effective progression and transfer of students within the education system and to allow students to proceed toward their educational objectives as rapidly as their circumstances permit

-Section 1007.01, F.S.

- **SUS and FCS Admissions**
 - Mathematics Pathways*
 - Developmental Education
- **2+2 Articulation Agreement**
 - 2+2 Targeted Pathway Partnerships
 - Common Prerequisites
- **Statewide Course Numbering System**
- **Reverse Transfer**
- **Acceleration Mechanisms**
 - Dual Enrollment**
 - Credit by Examination***
- **Civic Literacy******
- **Career Articulation Agreements**
 - Career Certificate/Industry Certification to AAS/AS Degrees
 - Regional Career Pathway Agreements
 - AS-BS Agreements

***CS/CS/SB 366 (2021)** requires the SBE to determine alternative methods for assessing college readiness, and requires three mathematics pathways for academic programs and careers

****CS/CS/SB 52 (2021)** established the Dual Enrollment Scholarship Program to fund specified students

*****CS/HB 3 (2022)** requires law enforcement officers to receive postsecondary credit for training and experience acquired while serving

******CS/CS/SB 1108 (2022)** amends the postsecondary civic literacy requirement to include both a course and an assessment, rather than one or the other

Accountability

State University System

- Performance-Based Funding Metrics: access; retention; student cost; graduation (FTIC, AA, Pell); degrees—strategic emphasis; employment and wages)
- Strategic Initiatives: national ranking; HS student rankings; time to degree; degrees by underrepresented groups; licensure exams; faculty awards; research

Florida College System

- Graduation rates
- Minority student enrollment and retention
- Student performance (GPA, state licensure)
- AA transfers
- Job placement and wages
- Student progression

District Career Centers

- Program enrollment
- Completion
- Job placement and earnings

Paying for College

Florida has a lowest tuition in the nation for public 4-year institutions

- Florida law sets resident and non-resident tuition for career certificate, 2-year college credit, and baccalaureate programs at public career centers, colleges, and universities
 - Institutions are authorized to set fees specified in law
- State financial aid and tuition assistance (merit, need, circumstance)
- Fee exemptions (e.g., dual enrollment, apprenticeship, homeless students) and fee waivers (mandatory and discretionary)
- Florida Prepaid College Plans

SB 7044 (2022) requires an extraordinary vote by each public postsecondary institution's board of trustees and by the system governing board to raise or establish a fee (SBE or BOG)

CS/HB 1261 (2021) creates fee waivers—BOGO (one course free for each paid course in a program of strategic emphasis), Free Seat (one free online course for active duty and veterans), and grandparents (waive out-of-state fee for student of resident grandparent)

CS/SB 7034 (2022) expands the scope of potential foster students eligible for a tuition and fee waiver

Students with Disabilities

State Board of Education Rule and BOG Regulation require each FCS institution, career center, and state university to develop and implement policies and procedures for providing reasonable substitutions or modifications for admission to the institution, admission to a program of study, entry to upper division, or graduation for students with a disability where the disability would prevent the student from meeting certain requirements

Florida Center for Students with
UNIQUE ABILITIES



Accreditation

The goal of accreditation is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality. Accrediting agencies are private educational associations that develop evaluation criteria and conduct peer evaluations to assess whether or not those criteria are met

Federal Requirement

- In order for students to receive federal student aid from the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) for postsecondary study, the institution must be accredited by an approved accrediting agency
- The USDOE recognizes 31 accrediting agencies whose member institutions may establish eligibility for federal financial aid

Florida Institutions

- The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accredits all Florida public colleges and universities, as well as 34 private colleges and universities

SB 7044 (2022) requires the SBE and BOG to determine appropriate accreditors, and for each public postsecondary institution to change accreditors after its next reaffirmation or 5-year review, expiring in 2032



Florida Postsecondary State Scholarship and Grant Programs

Senate Education Postsecondary Committee

January 4, 2023

Suzanne Pridgeon

Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations

www.FLDOE.org

Florida Postsecondary State Scholarship and Grant Programs

Florida offers a variety of state-funded programs to:

- Increase access to postsecondary education;
- Reward Florida high school graduates for high academic achievement;
- Provide funds to students who may not otherwise be able to afford postsecondary education; and
- Offer students opportunities to pursue careers in both technical and academic fields.

Florida Postsecondary State Scholarship and Grant Programs

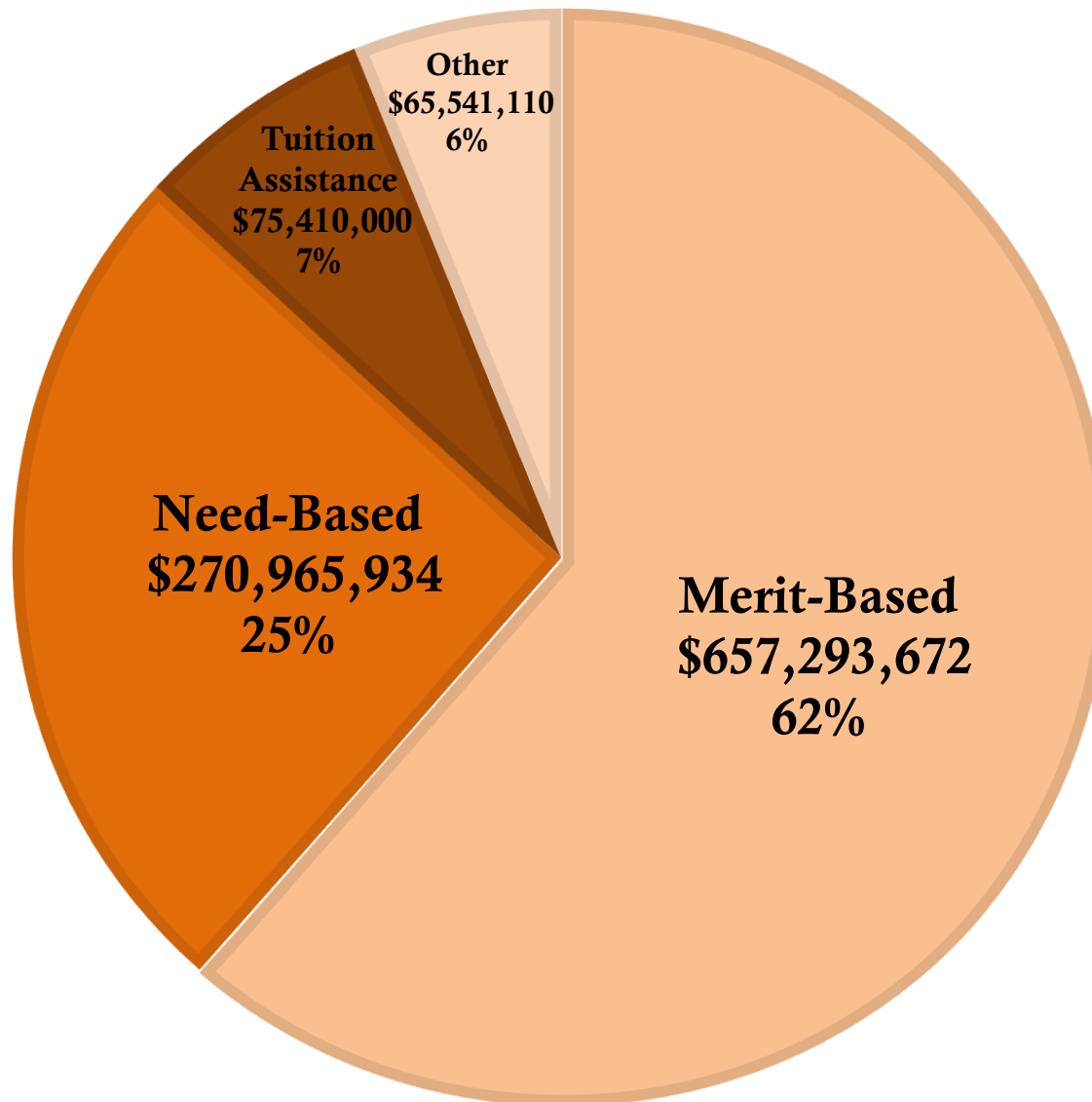
Merit- Based	Need- Based	Tuition Assistance
Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program	Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG)	Effective Access to Student Education Grant Program (EASE)
Benacquist Scholarship Program	Florida Work Experience Program (FWEP)	

Florida Postsecondary State Scholarship and Grant Programs

State Financial Aid Programs (Other)

First Generation in College Matching Grant Program
Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship Program
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Florida Law Enforcement Reimbursement Program
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Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program
Rosewood Family Scholarship Program
Scholarship for Children & Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans

2022-23 Appropriations by Category



Total Appropriation:
\$1,069,210,716

Merit-Based Programs

- **Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program**
 - Created in 1997 and funded by the Florida Lottery.
 - Students may receive funding for **ONE** of the Bright Futures Scholarship awards:
 - Florida Academic Scholars (FAS);
 - Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS);
 - Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC); or
 - Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV).
 - FAS students receive an award equal to 100 percent of tuition and specific fees at a public postsecondary institution. FMS students receive an award equal to 75 percent of tuition and specific fees at a public postsecondary institution or the equivalent award amount at an eligible private postsecondary institution.
 - FMS students enrolled in an associate degree program at a Florida College System institution receive an award equal to 100 percent of tuition and specific fees.
 - GSC and GSV students enrolled in CTE programs receive the specified award amounts established by the Florida Legislature in the General Appropriations Act.
- **Benacquisto Scholarship Program**
 - Created in 2014 for high school graduates who achieved the National Merit® Scholar designation.
 - Eligible scholars will receive an award equal to the institutional cost of attendance for an in-state student minus the sum of Bright Futures and the National Merit® award.
 - In the 2021-22 academic year, the program distributed \$34,690,395 and served 1,977 students, with an average award of \$17,547 per student.

Bright Futures History

Students and Disbursements

Year	Student Recipients	Total Disbursements
2011-12	174,047	\$333.8
2012-13	162,980	\$312.2
2013-14	153,800	\$303.4
2014-15	128,545	\$257.2
2015-16	110,802	\$226.3
2016-17	96,806	\$204.1
2017-18	94,137	\$382.7
2018-19	101,579	\$544.4
2019-20	111,973	\$618.6
2020-21	120,228	\$652.1
2021-22	119,837	\$604.7
2022-23	124,912	\$608.2

NOTE: Disbursement amounts are in millions and the 2022-23 data is based on the August 2022 Education Estimating Conference on Student Financial Aid.

Bright Futures

FAS/FMS Initial Award Requirements

Type	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service*	Paid Work Hours*
FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing) 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science	3.50	2022-23 Graduates: 29/1330 2023-24 Graduates: 29/1340	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	(two must have substantial laboratory) 3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2022-23 Graduates: 25/1210 2023-24 Graduates: 25/1210	75 hours	100 hours

*Student must earn either the required volunteer service OR paid work hours, but not a combination of both.

¹ The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governor's Regulation [6.002](#). Additional information regarding high school coursework can be found within the [Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook](#).

Need-Based Programs

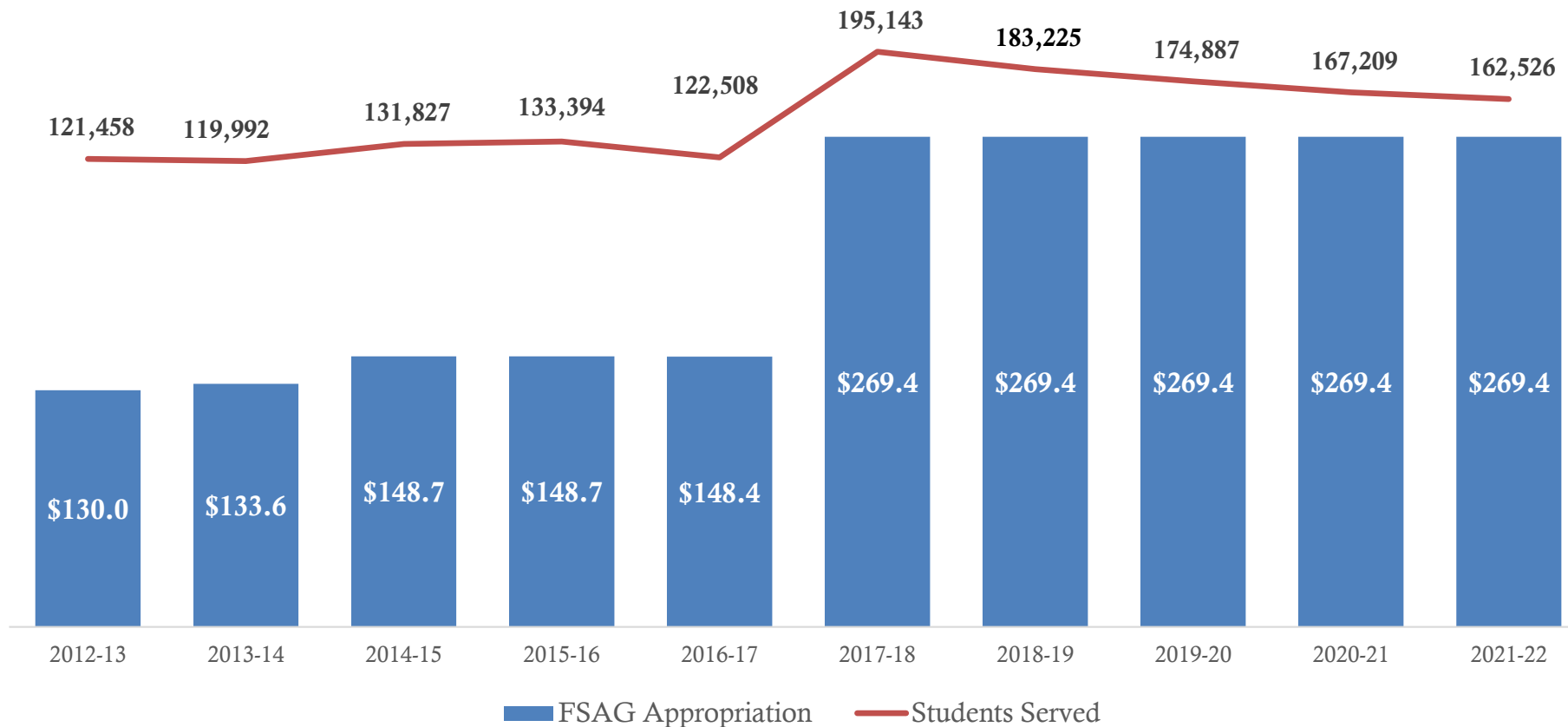
- **Florida Student Assistance Grant Program (FSAG)**

- Largest need-based grant program.
- Four sectors:
 - Public;
 - Private;
 - Postsecondary; and
 - Public Postsecondary Career Education.
- Awards range from \$200 minimum to \$3,260 maximum, as determined by the institutions.
- 162,526 students served in the 2021-22 academic year.
- \$1,645 average award in the 2021-22 academic year.

- **Florida Work Experience Program (FWEP)**

- Self-help, need-based student financial assistance program intended to facilitate student employment in occupations complementary to a student's educational endeavors and career goals.
- Postsecondary institutions may use up to 100 percent of their program allocation for student on-campus employment.
- Public school employers are funded 100 percent of a student's wages. Private employers are funded up to 70 percent of a student's wages.
- Annual Appropriation – \$1.57 million, which has remained unchanged since 2013-14.
- Program award amount – determined by financial need.
- 758 students served in the 2021-22 academic year.
- \$1,800 average award in the 2021-22 academic year.

Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG) Total Appropriations and Students Served



Tuition Assistance Programs

- **William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education (EASE)**
 - Created in 1979 to provide tuition assistance to Florida residents enrolled in undergraduate degree programs at eligible independent, nonprofit colleges or universities in Florida.
 - EASE is not related to a student's financial need or other criteria upon which financial aid programs are usually based.
 - The maximum annual award amount is established in the General Appropriations Act. The 2022-23 maximum award is \$2,000.
 - In the 2021-22 academic year, the EASE program distributed \$105,045,705 and served 43,145 students with a maximum annual award of \$2,841.

EASE Metrics Reporting

- By September 1 of each year, postsecondary institutions receiving EASE funding must submit an EASE Grant Program Accountability Report to the Florida Department of Education, in a format prescribed by the department.
- The report must use the most recently available information on Florida resident students and include, at a minimum, the following performance metrics, by institution:
 - Access rate based upon percentage of Pell-eligible students.
 - Affordability rate based upon average student loan debt; federal, state, and institutional financial assistance; and average tuition and fees.
 - Graduation rate.
 - Retention rate.
 - Postgraduate employment or continuing education rate.
- The department shall recommend minimum performance standards that institutions must meet to remain eligible to receive EASE grants.

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State Financial Aid Programs

- **First Generation in College Matching Grant Program**

- Created in 2006 to provide need-based grants to degree-seeking, undergraduate, Florida residents whose parents have not earned a baccalaureate degree.
- Available state funds are contingent upon matching contributions from private sources on a ratio of \$2 of state funds to \$1 of private contributions at Florida's 12 state universities and 28 Florida colleges. Participating institutions determine application deadlines, student eligibility, and award amounts. Eligibility criteria and award amounts are regulated by Florida Statutes and the General Appropriations Act.
- 2021-22: Students Reported: 10,658 | Amount Disbursed: \$15,885,784 | Average Award: \$1,491

- **Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship Program**

- Created in 2018 to provide need-based merit scholarships to degree-seeking or career certificate-seeking undergraduate Florida residents who are farmworkers or children of farmworkers.
- The number of scholarships that can be provided annually is limited to 50 awards. Students who attend a public postsecondary institution receive an award equal to the amount required to pay tuition and specified fees.
- 2021-22: Students Reported: 39 | Amount Disbursed: \$182,493 | Average Award: \$4,679

State Financial Aid Programs cont.

- **Florida Law Enforcement Academy Scholarship Program**

- Created in 2022 to assist in the recruitment of law enforcement officers in Florida by providing financial assistance to eligible trainees who enroll in a law enforcement officer basic recruit training program approved by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission at a Florida College System institution or school district technical center.
- Covers the tuition costs and fees associated with completing the law enforcement basic recruit training program. Includes up to \$1,000 for expenses such as textbooks, uniforms, ammunition, insurance, and consumable materials.
- 2021-22: Program began disbursing in Fall of 2022.

- **Florida Law Enforcement Reimbursement Program**

- Created in 2022 to encourage out-of-state and special operations forces to relocate to Florida and become certified Florida Law Enforcement Officers.
- Reimbursements are provided to qualified applicants for eligible expenses incurred while obtaining a Florida law enforcement officer certification and are provided on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 2021-22: Program began disbursing in Fall of 2022.

State Financial Aid Programs cont.

- **Honorably Discharged Graduate Assistance Program**

- Created in 2014 to assist in the payment of living expenses during holiday and semester breaks for active duty and honorably discharged members of the Armed Forces who served on or after September 11, 2001
- The award is for supplemental living expenses during the holiday and semester breaks. The maximum award is \$50 per day for a maximum of 20 days in an academic year.
- 2021-22: Students Reported: 1,390 | Amount Disbursed: \$998,816 | Average Award: \$719

- **John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program**

- A federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. JRJ provides loan repayment assistance for local, state, and federal public defenders and local and state prosecutors who commit to continued employment as public defenders and prosecutors for at least three years.
- The maximum award amount for any individual participating in the JRJ Program is \$10,000 per calendar year or an aggregate total of \$60,000.
- 2021-22: Awards Reported: 48 | Amount Disbursed: \$77,791 | Average Award: \$1,621

State Financial Aid Programs cont.

- **José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Program**

- Created in 1986 to assist Florida's Hispanic- American high school graduates with demonstrated financial need and rewards them for their academic achievement.
- Scholarships are funded by private and state contributions, as every \$5,000 of private funds are matched with \$5,000 of state funds, with a maximum award of \$2,000 per academic year.
- 2021-22: Awards Reported: 54 | Amount Disbursed: \$98,000 | Average Award: \$1, 815

- **Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship Program**

- Created in 1989 to provide financial assistance to undergraduate students attending an eligible Florida postsecondary institution who meet specific scholastic requirements and demonstrate financial need.
- Scholarships are funded by private and state contributions, as every \$2,000 of private funds are matched with \$2,000 of state funds, with a maximum award of \$3,000 per academic year.
- 2021-22: Students Reported: 138 | Amount Disbursed: \$320,988 | Average Award: \$2,326

State Financial Aid Programs cont.

- **Minority Teacher Education Scholars Program**

- Created in 1996 to reward minority college students (juniors and seniors) pursuing teaching careers in Florida's public school system.
- The maximum annual award is \$4,000 and may be provided for a maximum of three years.
- Administered by the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.
- 2021-22: Students Reported: 237 | Amount Disbursed: \$708,000 | Average Award: \$2,987

- **Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Program**

- Transferred to the Department in 2013, it was created to encourage qualified personnel to seek employment as registered nurses and licensed practical nurses in eligible health care facilities in areas of the state of Florida in which critical nursing shortages exist.
- The maximum annual award is \$4,000 and payments are made directly to the holder of the recipient's loan.
- 2021-22: Students Reported: 322 | Amount Disbursed: \$1,200,695 | Average Award: \$3,729

State Financial Aid Programs cont.

- **Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program**

- Created in 2021 to provide funds to students who are either a direct descendant of victims of the Ocoee Election Day Riots of November 1920, or current African-American residents of Ocoee, Florida.
- The number of scholarships that can be provided annually is limited to 50 awards with a maximum award amount of \$6,100.
- 2021-22: Students Reported: 14 | Amount Disbursed: \$64,671 | Average Award: \$4,619

- **Rosewood Family Scholarship Program**

- Created in 1994 to provide funds to direct descendants of the Rosewood families affected by the historical incidents of January 1923.
- The number of scholarships that can be provided annually is limited to 50 awards with a maximum award amount of \$6,100.
- 2021-22: Students Reported: 17 | Amount Disbursed: \$80,938 | Average Award: \$4,761

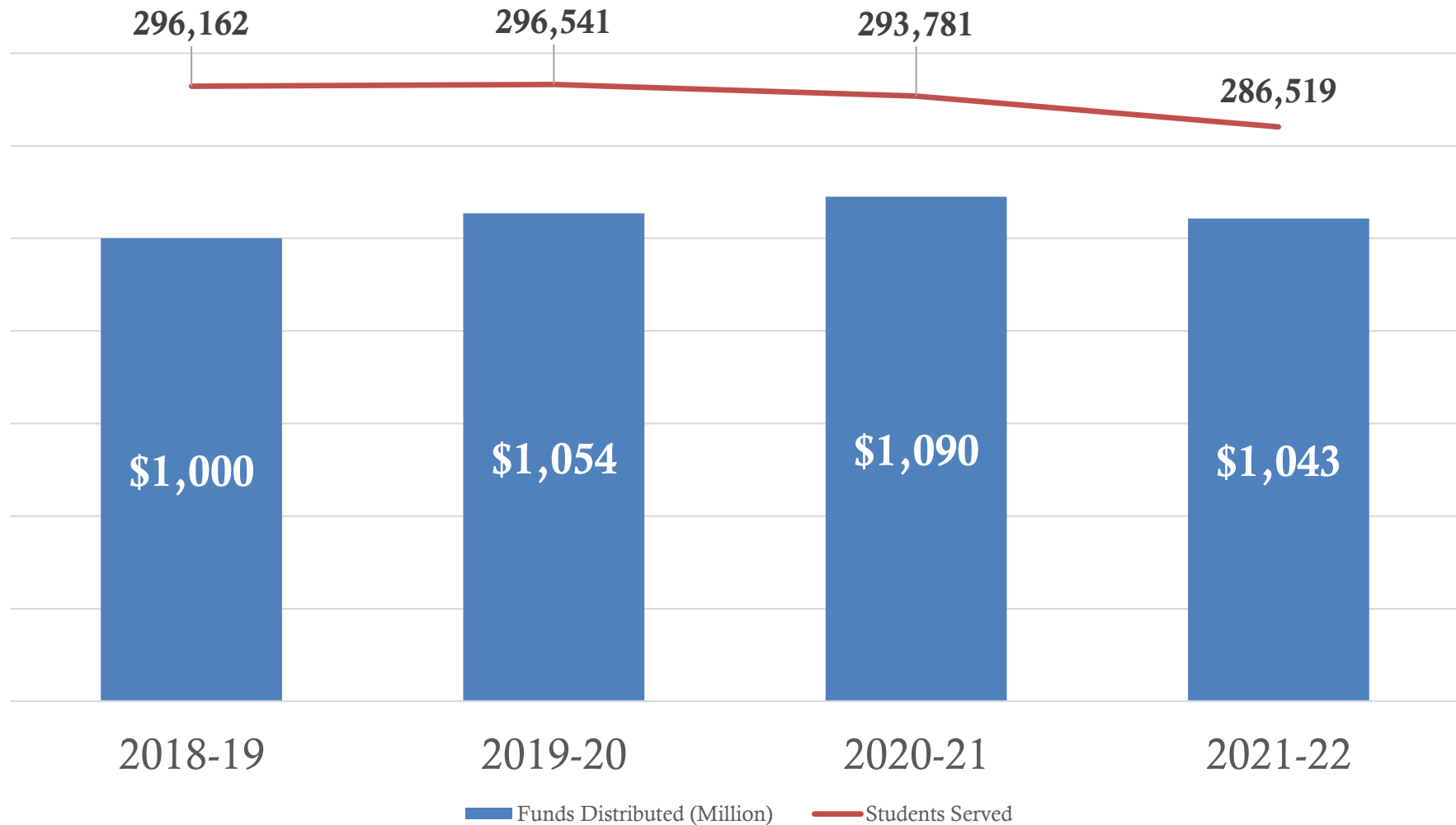
State Financial Aid Programs cont.

- **Scholarship for Children & Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans**
 - Created in 1941 to provide scholarships to dependent children and unremarried spouses of Florida veterans who died as a result of service-connected injuries, diseases, or disabilities sustained while on active duty, or who have been certified by the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs as having a service-connected 100 percent permanent and total disability, or who have been classified as Prisoner of War/Missing in Action.
 - Awards are made in the amount of tuition and registration fees at an eligible public postsecondary institution or the equivalent of the public institution average amount of tuition and registration fees at an eligible private postsecondary institutions in Florida.
 - 2021-22: Students Reported: 2,756 | Amount Disbursed: \$11,454,532 | Average Award: \$4,156

Pell Grant

- Federal Grant
 - Administered by the US Department of Education
 - *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* required
- Need-based
- Average Award 2021-22: \$4,166
- Maximum Award for 2022-23: \$6,895
- Florida Pell Grant Recipients: 489,472; Average Award: \$4,977
- Award Calculation:
 - Maximum award minus
 - Expected Family Contribution; and
 - Cost of Attendance; and
 - Full-time or Part-time; and
 - Other
- Funds are sent to the institution:
 - Applies funds to tuition and fee balances
 - Provide funds to the student
- No direct contact with the Florida Department of Education
 - Some Florida scholarships and grants require a FASFA submission.
 - Florida Work Experience Program
 - Florida Student Assistance Grant Program

State Postsecondary Scholarship and Grant Funds Disbursed and Students Served





Additional Information

Office of Student Financial Assistance
State Scholarship and Grant Programs

Customer Service: 888-827-2004

Email: OSFA@fldoe.org

WEBSITE

www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org

REPORTS

[Annual Report to the Commissioner](#)

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S-001 (08/10/2021)



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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

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SENATOR SHEVRIN D. "SHEV" JONES

34th District

January 4, 2023

The Honorable, Erin Grall

Chair, Committee on Education Postsecondary

306 Senate Building

404 South Monroe Street

Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chair Grall,

I respectfully request an excused absence from the Senate Committee on Education Postsecondary meeting scheduled for today, Wednesday, January 4, 2023, as my flight from Washington, D.C. was cancelled unexpectedly.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If I may be of assistance to answer questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shev", is written over a faint, larger signature.

Shevrin Jones

Senator, District 34

REPLY TO:

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Democratic Leader
35th District

December 29, 2022

The Honorable Erin Grall, Chair
Committee on Education Postsecondary
415 Knott Building
404 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chair Grall:

I respectfully request to be excused from your Committee on Education Postsecondary scheduled for January 4, 2023 at 3:00 PM. I regret that I have an unavoidable conflict and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me at (850) 487-5035 if you have any questions.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Book".

Senator Lauren Book
Minority Leader
Florida Senate, District 35

cc: Matthew Bouck, Staff Director
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Room: SB 110

Case No.:

Type:

Caption: Education Postsecondary Committee

Judge:

Started: 1/4/2023 3:00:28 PM

Ends: 1/4/2023 3:44:45 PM **Length:** 00:44:18

3:00:27 PM	Meeting called to order
3:01:09 PM	Chair Grall Opening Remarks
3:01:25 PM	Introduction of committee staff
3:02:14 PM	Tab 1 - Overview of postsecondary education and committee jurisdiction presentation by Matt Bouck - Staff Director
3:03:10 PM	Florida postsecondary education pie chart
3:03:52 PM	State university system
3:05:18 PM	Florida college system
3:06:07 PM	District career centers
3:06:37 PM	Private colleges & universities
3:08:02 PM	Certificates & degrees
3:10:10 PM	Articulation
3:12:07 PM	Accountability
3:12:48 PM	Paying for college
3:14:56 PM	Students with disabilities
3:16:08 PM	Accreditation
3:16:59 PM	Chair Grall Questions
3:17:05 PM	Senator Harrell question
3:17:25 PM	Matt Bouck
3:18:12 PM	Senator Harrell question
3:18:20 PM	Matt Bouck
3:18:45 PM	Chair Grall introduces next presentation
3:18:58 PM	Tab 2- Overview of State Financial Aid & Tuition Assistance Programs presentation
3:20:08 PM	Suzanne Pridgeon - Deputy Commissioner, Finance & Operations, DOE
3:20:42 PM	Postsecondary State Scholarship & Grant Programs
3:21:25 PM	Tuition Assistance
3:22:52 PM	State Financial Aid Programs
3:23:15 PM	2022-23 Appropriations pie chart
3:23:29 PM	Merit-Based Programs
3:26:25 PM	Bright Futures
3:26:37 PM	FAS/FMS Initial Awards Requirements
3:29:20 PM	Need-Based Programs
3:30:18 PM	FSAG Student Assistance Program/ FWEP FL Work Experience Program
3:31:43 PM	FSAG Appropriations & students served
3:32:13 PM	Tuition Assistance programs (EASE: Effective Access to Student Education)
3:33:02 PM	EASE Metrics Reporting
3:33:48 PM	State Financial Aid Programs
3:34:08 PM	First Generation in College Matching Grant Program/ Farmworker Student Scholarship program
3:34:50 PM	Florida Law Enforcement Academy Scholarship Program/Reimbursement Program
3:35:47 PM	Honorably Discharged Graduate Assistance Program/John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program
3:36:23 PM	Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant Program/Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship Program
3:37:06 PM	Minority Teacher Education Scholarship Program/Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Program
3:37:50 PM	Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program/Rosewood Family Scholarship Program
3:38:33 PM	Scholarship for Children & Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans
3:39:10 PM	Pell Grant
3:40:24 PM	Postsecondary Scholarship & Grant Funds Disbursed and Students Served chart
3:41:01 PM	Additional Information
3:41:20 PM	Chair Grall comments
3:42:24 PM	Senator Simon question
3:42:40 PM	Suzanne Pridgeon
3:43:20 PM	Vice Chair Stewart
3:43:41 PM	Suzanne Pridgeon

3:44:06 PM Senator Stewart
3:44:18 PM Chair Grall
3:44:38 PM Vice Chair Stewart moves to adjourn - Meeting adjourned