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Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Stargel) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (18) of section 1001.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.03 Specific powers of State Board of Education.—

(18) PUBLIC EDUCATION CAPITAL OUTLAY.—The State Board of Education shall develop and submit the prioritized list required by s. 1013.64(4). Projects considered for prioritization shall



11 be chosen from a preliminary selection group which shall include  
12 the list of projects maintained pursuant to paragraph (d) and  
13 the top two priorities of each Florida College System  
14 institution.

15 (c) A new construction, remodeling, or renovation project  
16 that has not received an appropriation in a previous year shall  
17 not be considered for inclusion on the prioritized list required  
18 by s. 1013.64(4), unless:

19 1. A plan is provided to reserve funds in an escrow  
20 account, specific to the project, into which shall be deposited  
21 each year an amount of funds equal to 0.5 percent of the total  
22 value of the building for future maintenance;

23 2. There exists ~~are~~ sufficient capacity within the cash and  
24 bonding estimate of funds by the Revenue Estimating Conference  
25 to accommodate the project excess funds from the allocation  
26 provided pursuant to s. 1013.60 within the 3-year Public  
27 Education Capital Outlay funding cycle ~~planning period which are~~  
28 ~~not needed to complete the projects listed pursuant to paragraph~~  
29 ~~(d);~~ and

30 3. The project has been recommended pursuant to s. 1013.31.  
31 Section 2. Subsections (2), (3), (5), (6), and (7) of  
32 section 1001.7065, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

33 1001.7065 Preeminent state research universities program.—

34 (2) ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXCELLENCE STANDARDS.—The  
35 following academic and research excellence standards are  
36 established for the preeminent state research universities  
37 program and must be reported annually in the Board of Governors  
38 Accountability Plan:

39 (a) An average weighted grade point average of 4.0 or



40 higher on a 4.0 scale and an average SAT score of 1800 or higher  
41 on a 2400-point scale or 1200 or higher on a 1600-point scale  
42 for fall semester incoming freshmen, as reported annually.

43 (b) A top-50 ranking on at least two well-known and highly  
44 respected national public university rankings, including, but  
45 not limited to, the U.S. News and World Report rankings,  
46 reflecting national preeminence, using most recent rankings.

47 (c) A freshman retention rate of 90 percent or higher for  
48 full-time, first-time-in-college students, ~~as reported annually~~  
49 ~~to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).~~

50 (d) A 4-year graduation rate of 60 percent or higher for  
51 full-time, first-time-in-college students, ~~as reported annually~~  
52 ~~to the IPEDS. However, for the 2018 determination of a state~~  
53 ~~university's preeminence designation and the related~~  
54 ~~distribution of the 2018-2019 fiscal year appropriation~~  
55 ~~associated with preeminence and emerging preeminence, a~~  
56 ~~university is considered to have satisfied this graduation rate~~  
57 ~~measure by attaining a 6-year graduation rate of 70 percent or~~  
58 ~~higher by October 1, 2017, for full-time, first-time-in-college~~  
59 ~~students, as reported to the IPEDS and confirmed by the Board of~~  
60 ~~Governors.~~

61 (e) Six or more faculty members at the state university who  
62 are members of a national academy, ~~as reported by the Center for~~  
63 ~~Measuring University Performance in the Top American Research~~  
64 ~~Universities (TARU) annual report or the official membership~~  
65 ~~directories maintained by each national academy.~~

66 (f) Total annual research expenditures, including federal  
67 research expenditures, of \$200 million or more, ~~as reported~~  
68 ~~annually by the National Science Foundation (NSF).~~



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69 (g) Total annual research expenditures in diversified  
70 nonmedical sciences of \$150 million or more, ~~based on data~~  
71 ~~reported annually by the NSF.~~

72 (h) A top-100 university national ranking for research  
73 expenditures in five or more science, technology, engineering,  
74 or mathematics fields of study, ~~as reported annually by the NSF.~~

75 (i) One hundred or more total patents awarded by the United  
76 States Patent and Trademark Office for the most recent 3-year  
77 period.

78 (j) Four hundred or more doctoral degrees awarded annually,  
79 including professional doctoral degrees awarded in medical and  
80 health care disciplines, ~~as reported in the Board of Governors~~  
81 ~~Annual Accountability Report.~~

82 (k) Two hundred or more postdoctoral appointees annually,  
83 ~~as reported in the TARU annual report.~~

84 (l) An endowment of \$500 million or more, ~~as reported in~~  
85 ~~the Board of Governors Annual Accountability Report.~~

86 (3) PREEMINENT STATE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY DESIGNATION.—

87 ~~(a)~~ The Board of Governors shall designate each state  
88 university that annually meets at least 11 of the 12 academic  
89 and research excellence standards identified in subsection (2)  
90 as a "preeminent state research university."

91 ~~(b)~~ ~~The Board of Governors shall designate each state~~  
92 ~~university that annually meets at least 6 of the 12 academic and~~  
93 ~~research excellence standards identified in subsection (2) as an~~  
94 ~~"emerging preeminent state research university."~~

95 (5) PREEMINENT STATE RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES PROGRAM  
96 SUPPORT.—

97 (a) A state university that is designated as a preeminent



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98 state research university shall submit to the Board of Governors  
99 a 5-year benchmark plan with target rankings on key performance  
100 metrics for national excellence. Upon approval by the Board of  
101 Governors, and upon the university's meeting the benchmark plan  
102 goals annually, the Board of Governors shall award the  
103 university its proportionate share of any funds provided  
104 annually to support the program created under this section.

105 ~~(b) A state university designated as an emerging preeminent~~  
106 ~~state research university shall submit to the Board of Governors~~  
107 ~~a 5-year benchmark plan with target rankings on key performance~~  
108 ~~metrics for national excellence. Upon approval by the Board of~~  
109 ~~Governors, and upon the university's meeting the benchmark plan~~  
110 ~~goals annually, the Board of Governors shall award the~~  
111 ~~university its proportionate share of any funds provided~~  
112 ~~annually to support the program created under this section.~~

113 ~~(e)~~ The award of funds under this subsection is contingent  
114 upon funding provided by the Legislature to support the  
115 preeminent state research universities program created under  
116 this section. Funding increases appropriated beyond the amounts  
117 funded in the previous fiscal year shall be distributed equally  
118 to as follows:

119 ~~1.~~ each designated preeminent state research university  
120 that meets the criteria in paragraph (a) ~~shall receive an equal~~  
121 ~~amount of funding.~~

122 ~~2.~~ Each designated emerging preeminent state research  
123 university that meets the criteria in paragraph (b) shall,  
124 beginning in the ~~2018-2019~~ fiscal year, receive an amount of  
125 funding that is equal to one-fourth of the total increased  
126 amount awarded to each designated preeminent state research



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127 ~~university.~~

128 (6) PREEMINENT STATE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY FLEXIBILITY  
129 AUTHORITY.—The Board of Governors is encouraged to identify and  
130 grant all reasonable, feasible authority and flexibility to  
131 ensure that each designated preeminent state research university  
132 ~~and each designated emerging preeminent state research~~  
133 ~~university~~ is free from unnecessary restrictions.

134 (7) STATE UNIVERSITIES PROGRAMS OF DISTINCTION EXCELLENCE  
135 THROUGHOUT THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—The Board of Governors  
136 shall establish standards and measures that may be used in  
137 identifying state universities that focus on one core competency  
138 unique to the State University System and that achieve  
139 excellence at the national or state level, meet state workforce  
140 needs, and foster an innovation economy that focuses on such  
141 areas as health care, security, transportation, and science,  
142 technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), including  
143 supply chain management. By each January 1, the Board of  
144 Governors may submit such programs ~~whereby individual~~  
145 ~~undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs in~~  
146 ~~state universities which objectively reflect national excellence~~  
147 ~~can be identified and make recommendations to the Legislature~~  
148 ~~for funding by September 1, 2018, as to how any such programs~~  
149 ~~could be enhanced and promoted.~~

150 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 1004.085, Florida  
151 Statutes, is amended to read:

152 1004.085 Textbook and instructional materials  
153 affordability.—

154 (4) Each Florida College System institution and state  
155 university board of trustees is authorized to adopt policies in



156 consultation with providers, including bookstores, which allow  
157 for the use of innovative pricing techniques and payment options  
158 for textbooks and instructional materials. Such policies may  
159 include bulk pricing arrangements that enable students to  
160 purchase course materials or texts that are delivered digitally;  
161 delivered through other technologies that are, or the licenses  
162 of which are, required for use within a course; or delivered in  
163 a print format. Innovative pricing techniques and payment  
164 options must include an opt-in or opt-out provision for students  
165 and may be approved only if there is documented evidence that  
166 the options reduce the cost of textbooks and instructional  
167 materials for students taking a course.

168 Section 4. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
169 1004.346, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

170 1004.346 Florida Industrial and Phosphate Research  
171 Institute.—

172 (2) PHOSPHATE RESEARCH AND ACTIVITIES BOARD.—The Phosphate  
173 Research and Activities Board is created to monitor the  
174 expenditure of funds appropriated to the university from the  
175 Phosphate Research Trust Fund.

176 (c) Members of the board appointed by the Governor shall be  
177 appointed to 3-year terms. A board member may continue to serve  
178 until a successor is appointed, ~~but not more than 180 days after~~  
179 ~~the expiration of his or her term.~~ A board member is eligible  
180 for reappointment to subsequent terms.

181 Section 5. Section 1009.50, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
182 read:

183 1009.50 Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program;  
184 eligibility for grants.—



185 (1) There is hereby created a Florida Public Student  
186 Assistance Grant Program. The program shall be administered by  
187 the participating institutions in accordance with rules of the  
188 state board.

189 (2) (a) State student assistance grants through the program  
190 may be made only to degree-seeking students who enroll in at  
191 least 6 semester hours, or the equivalent per term, and who meet  
192 the general requirements for student eligibility as provided in  
193 s. 1009.40, except as otherwise provided in this section. The  
194 grants shall be awarded annually for the amount of demonstrated  
195 unmet need for the cost of education and may not exceed the  
196 maximum annual award ~~an amount equal to the average prior~~  
197 ~~academic year cost of tuition fees and other registration fees~~  
198 ~~for 30 credit hours at state universities or such other amount~~  
199 ~~as specified in the General Appropriations Act, to any~~  
200 ~~recipient~~. A demonstrated unmet need of less than \$200 shall  
201 render the applicant ineligible for a state student assistance  
202 grant. Recipients of the grants must have been accepted at a  
203 state university or Florida College System institution  
204 authorized by Florida law. If funds are available, a student who  
205 received an award in the fall or spring term may receive a  
206 summer term award. A student is eligible for the award for 110  
207 percent of the number of credit hours required to complete the  
208 program in which enrolled, except as otherwise provided in s.  
209 1009.40(3).

210 (b) A student applying for a Florida public student  
211 assistance grant shall be required to apply for the Pell Grant.  
212 The Pell Grant entitlement shall be considered when conducting  
213 an assessment of the financial resources available to each





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214 student.

215 ~~(c) Priority in the distribution of grant moneys shall be~~  
216 ~~given to students with the lowest total family resources, in~~  
217 ~~accordance with a nationally recognized system of need analysis.~~  
218 ~~Using the system of need analysis, the department shall~~  
219 ~~establish a maximum expected family contribution.~~ An institution  
220 may not make a grant from this program to a student whose  
221 expected family contribution exceeds one and one-half times the  
222 maximum Pell Grant-eligible family contribution level  
223 ~~established by the department.~~ An institution may not impose  
224 additional criteria to determine a student's eligibility to  
225 receive a grant award.

226 (d) Each participating institution shall report, to the  
227 department by the established date, the eligible students  
228 eligible for the program for to whom grant moneys are disbursed  
229 each academic term. Each institution shall also report to the  
230 department necessary demographic and eligibility data for such  
231 students.

232 (3) Based on the unmet financial need of an eligible  
233 applicant, the amount of a Florida public student assistance  
234 grant must be between \$200 and the ~~weighted average of the cost~~  
235 ~~of tuition and other registration fees for 30 credit hours at~~  
236 ~~state universities per academic year or the amount specified in~~  
237 the General Appropriations Act.

238 (4) (a) The funds appropriated for the Florida Public  
239 Student Assistance Grant shall be distributed to eligible  
240 institutions in accordance with a formula approved by the State  
241 Board of Education. The formula must ~~shall~~ consider at least the  
242 prior year's distribution of funds, the number of ~~full-time~~



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243 eligible applicants who did not receive awards, the  
244 standardization of the expected family contribution, and  
245 provisions for unused funds. The formula must account for  
246 changes in the number of eligible students across all student  
247 assistance grant programs established pursuant to this section  
248 and ss. 1009.505, 1009.51, and 1009.52.

249 (b) Payment of Florida public student assistance grants  
250 shall be transmitted to the president of the state university or  
251 Florida College System institution, or to his or her  
252 representative, in advance of the registration period.  
253 Institutions shall notify students of the amount of their  
254 awards.

255 (c) The eligibility status of each student to receive a  
256 disbursement shall be determined by each institution as of the  
257 end of its regular registration period, inclusive of a drop-add  
258 period. Institutions shall not be required to reevaluate a  
259 student's eligibility status after this date for purposes of  
260 changing eligibility determinations previously made.

261 (d) Institutions shall certify to the department within 30  
262 days after the end of regular registration each term the amount  
263 of funds disbursed to each student and shall remit to the  
264 department any undisbursed advances within 60 days after the end  
265 of regular registration each spring term ~~any advances by June 1~~  
266 ~~of each year.~~ An exception to the remittance deadline may be  
267 granted if the institution documents to the department how it  
268 plans to disburse awards to students for the subsequent summer  
269 term. An institution that uses funds for the summer term shall  
270 certify to the department the amount of funds disbursed to each  
271 student and shall remit to the department any undisbursed



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272 advances within 30 days after the end of the summer term.

273 (e) Each institution that receives moneys through the  
274 Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program shall prepare a  
275 biennial report that includes a financial audit, conducted by  
276 the Auditor General, of the institution's administration of the  
277 program and a complete accounting of moneys allocated to the  
278 institution for the program. Such report shall be submitted to  
279 the department by March 1 every other year. The department may  
280 conduct its own annual or biennial audit of an institution's  
281 administration of the program and its allocated funds in lieu of  
282 the required biennial report and financial audit report. The  
283 department may suspend or revoke an institution's eligibility to  
284 receive future moneys for the program or may request a refund of  
285 any moneys overpaid to the institution for the program if the  
286 department finds that an institution has not complied with this  
287 section. Any refund requested pursuant to this paragraph shall  
288 be remitted within 60 days after notification by the department.

289 (5) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for state student  
290 assistance grants may be deposited in the State Student  
291 Financial Assistance Trust Fund. Notwithstanding ~~the provisions~~  
292 ~~of~~ s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the  
293 trust fund at the end of any fiscal year which has been  
294 allocated to the Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program  
295 shall remain therein and shall be available for carrying out the  
296 purposes of this section.

297 (6) The State Board of Education shall establish rules  
298 necessary to implement this section.

299 Section 6. Present subsections (5) and (6) of section  
300 1009.505, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (6)



301 and (7), respectively, a new subsection (5) is added to that  
302 section, and subsections (3) and (4) of that section are  
303 amended, to read:

304 1009.505 Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education  
305 Student Assistance Grant Program.—

306 (3) (a) Student assistance grants through the program may be  
307 made only to certificate-seeking students enrolled at least  
308 half-time in a public postsecondary career certificate program  
309 who meet the general requirements for student eligibility as  
310 provided in s. 1009.40, except as otherwise provided in this  
311 section. The grants shall be awarded annually to any recipient  
312 for the amount of demonstrated unmet need for the cost of  
313 education and may not exceed the ~~average annual cost of tuition~~  
314 ~~and registration fees or such other~~ amount as specified in the  
315 General Appropriations Act. A demonstrated unmet need of less  
316 than \$200 shall render the applicant ineligible for a grant  
317 under this section. Recipients of the grants must have been  
318 accepted at a Florida College System institution authorized by  
319 Florida law or a career center operated by a district school  
320 board under s. 1001.44. If funds are available, a student who  
321 received an award in the fall or spring term may receive a  
322 summer term award. A student is eligible for the award for 110  
323 percent of the number of clock hours required to complete the  
324 program in which enrolled.

325 (b) A student applying for a Florida public postsecondary  
326 career education student assistance grant shall be required to  
327 apply for the Pell Grant. A Pell Grant entitlement shall be  
328 considered when conducting an assessment of the financial  
329 resources available to each student; however, a Pell Grant



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330 entitlement shall not be required as a condition of receiving a  
331 grant under this section.

332 (c) Each participating institution shall report, to the  
333 department by the established date, ~~the eligible students~~  
334 eligible for the program for to whom grant moneys are disbursed  
335 each academic term. Each institution shall also report to the  
336 department necessary demographic and eligibility data for such  
337 students.

338 (4) (a) The funds appropriated for the Florida Public  
339 Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant Program  
340 shall be distributed to eligible Florida College System  
341 institutions and district school boards in accordance with a  
342 formula approved by the department. The formula must account for  
343 changes in the number of eligible students across all student  
344 assistance grant programs established pursuant to this section  
345 and ss. 1009.50, 1009.51, and 1009.52.

346 (b) Payment of Florida public postsecondary career  
347 education student assistance grants shall be transmitted to the  
348 president of the Florida College System institution or to the  
349 district school superintendent, or to the designee thereof, in  
350 advance of the registration period. Institutions shall notify  
351 students of the amount of their awards.

352 (c) The eligibility status of each student to receive a  
353 disbursement shall be determined by each institution as of the  
354 end of its regular registration period, inclusive of a drop-add  
355 period. Institutions shall not be required to reevaluate a  
356 student's eligibility status after this date for purposes of  
357 changing eligibility determinations previously made.

358 (d) Participating institutions shall certify to the



359 department within 30 days after the end of regular registration  
360 each term the amount of funds disbursed to each student and  
361 shall remit to the department any undisbursed advances within 60  
362 days after the end of regular registration each spring term by  
363 June 1 of each year. An exception to the remittance deadline may  
364 be granted if the institution documents to the department how it  
365 plans to disburse awards to students for the subsequent summer  
366 term. An institution that uses funds for the summer term shall  
367 certify to the department the amount of funds disbursed to each  
368 student and shall remit to the department any undisbursed  
369 advances within 30 days after the end of the summer term.

370 (e) Each institution that receives moneys through the  
371 Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance  
372 Grant Program shall prepare a biennial report that includes a  
373 financial audit, conducted by the Auditor General, of the  
374 institution's administration of the program and a complete  
375 accounting of moneys allocated to the institution for the  
376 program. Such report shall be submitted to the department by  
377 March 1 every other year. The department may conduct its own  
378 annual or biennial audit of an institution's administration of  
379 the program and its allocated funds in lieu of the required  
380 biennial report and financial audit report. The department may  
381 suspend or revoke an institution's eligibility to receive future  
382 moneys for the program or may request a refund of any moneys  
383 overpaid to the institution if the department finds that an  
384 institution has not complied with this section. Any refund  
385 requested pursuant to this paragraph shall be remitted within 60  
386 days after notification by the department.

387 (5) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for state student



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388 assistance grants may be deposited in the State Student  
389 Financial Assistance Trust Fund. Notwithstanding s. 216.301, and  
390 pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end  
391 of any fiscal year which has been allocated to the Florida  
392 Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant  
393 Program shall remain therein and shall be available for carrying  
394 out the purposes of this section.

395 Section 7. Section 1009.51, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
396 read:

397 1009.51 Florida Private Student Assistance Grant Program;  
398 eligibility for grants.-

399 (1) There is created a Florida Private Student Assistance  
400 Grant Program. The program shall be administered by the  
401 participating institutions in accordance with rules of the State  
402 Board of Education.

403 (2) (a) Florida private student assistance grants ~~from the~~  
404 ~~State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund~~ may be made only  
405 to full-time degree-seeking students who meet the general  
406 requirements for student eligibility as provided in s. 1009.40,  
407 except as otherwise provided in this section. Such grants shall  
408 be awarded for the amount of demonstrated unmet need for tuition  
409 and fees and may not exceed the maximum annual award ~~an amount~~  
410 ~~equal to the average tuition and other registration fees for 30~~  
411 ~~credit hours at state universities plus \$1,000 per academic~~  
412 ~~year, or as specified in the General Appropriations Act, to any~~  
413 ~~applicant.~~ A demonstrated unmet need of less than \$200 shall  
414 render the applicant ineligible for a Florida private student  
415 assistance grant. Recipients of such grants must have been  
416 accepted at a baccalaureate-degree-granting independent



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417 nonprofit college or university, which is accredited by the  
418 Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges  
419 and Schools and which is located in and chartered as a domestic  
420 corporation by the state. If funds are available, a student who  
421 received an award in the fall or spring term may receive a  
422 summer term award. No student may receive an award for more than  
423 the equivalent of 9 semesters or 14 quarters of full-time  
424 enrollment, except as otherwise provided in s. 1009.40(3).

425 (b) A student applying for a Florida private student  
426 assistance grant shall be required to apply for the Pell Grant.  
427 The Pell Grant entitlement shall be considered when conducting  
428 an assessment of the financial resources available to each  
429 student.

430 ~~(c) Priority in the distribution of grant moneys shall be~~  
431 ~~given to students with the lowest total family resources, in~~  
432 ~~accordance with a nationally recognized system of need analysis.~~  
433 ~~Using the system of need analysis, the department shall~~  
434 ~~establish a maximum expected family contribution.~~ An institution  
435 may not make a grant from this program to a student whose  
436 expected family contribution exceeds one and one-half times the  
437 maximum Pell Grant-eligible family contribution level  
438 ~~established by the department.~~ An institution may not impose  
439 additional criteria to determine a student's eligibility to  
440 receive a grant award.

441 (d) Each participating institution shall report, to the  
442 department by the established date, the eligible students  
443 eligible for the program for to whom grant moneys are disbursed  
444 each academic term. Each institution shall also report to the  
445 department necessary demographic and eligibility data for such





446 students.

447 (3) Based on the unmet financial need of an eligible  
448 applicant, the amount of a Florida private student assistance  
449 grant must be between \$200 and ~~the average cost of tuition and~~  
450 ~~other registration fees for 30 credit hours at state~~  
451 ~~universities plus \$1,000 per academic year or~~ the amount  
452 specified in the General Appropriations Act.

453 (4) (a) The funds appropriated for the Florida Private  
454 Student Assistance Grant shall be distributed to eligible  
455 institutions in accordance with a formula approved by the State  
456 Board of Education. The formula must ~~shall~~ consider at least the  
457 prior year's distribution of funds, the number of ~~full-time~~  
458 eligible applicants who did not receive awards, the  
459 standardization of the expected family contribution, and  
460 provisions for unused funds. The formula must account for  
461 changes in the number of eligible students across all student  
462 assistance grant programs established pursuant to this section  
463 and ss. 1009.50, 1009.505, and 1009.52.

464 (b) Payment of Florida private student assistance grants  
465 shall be transmitted to the president of the college or  
466 university, or to his or her representative, in advance of the  
467 registration period. Institutions shall notify students of the  
468 amount of their awards.

469 (c) The eligibility status of each student to receive a  
470 disbursement shall be determined by each institution as of the  
471 end of its regular registration period, inclusive of a drop-add  
472 period. Institutions shall not be required to reevaluate a  
473 student's eligibility status after this date for purposes of  
474 changing eligibility determinations previously made.



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475           (d) Institutions shall certify to the department within 30  
476 days after the end of regular registration each term the amount  
477 of funds disbursed to each student and shall remit to the  
478 department any undisbursed advances within 60 days after the end  
479 of regular registration each spring term ~~by June 1 of each year.~~  
480 An exception to the remittance deadline may be granted if the  
481 institution documents to the department how it plans to disburse  
482 awards to students for the subsequent summer term. An  
483 institution that uses funds for the summer term shall certify to  
484 the department the amount of funds disbursed to each student and  
485 shall remit to the department any undisbursed advances within 30  
486 days after the end of the summer term.

487           (e) Each institution that receives moneys through the  
488 Florida Private Student Assistance Grant Program shall prepare a  
489 biennial report that includes a financial audit, conducted by an  
490 independent certified public accountant, of the institution's  
491 administration of the program and a complete accounting of  
492 moneys ~~in the State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund~~  
493 allocated to the institution for the program. Such report shall  
494 be submitted to the department by March 1 every other year. The  
495 department may conduct its own annual or biennial audit of an  
496 institution's administration of the program and its allocated  
497 funds in lieu of the required biennial report and financial  
498 audit report. The department may suspend or revoke an  
499 institution's eligibility to receive future moneys ~~from the~~  
500 ~~trust fund~~ for the program or request a refund of any moneys  
501 overpaid to the institution ~~through the trust fund~~ for the  
502 program if the department finds that an institution has not  
503 complied with ~~the provisions of~~ this section. Any refund



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504 requested pursuant to this paragraph shall be remitted within 60  
505 days after notification by the department.

506 (5) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for Florida  
507 private student assistance grants may be deposited in the State  
508 Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund. Notwithstanding ~~the~~  
509 ~~provisions of~~ s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance  
510 in the trust fund at the end of any fiscal year which has been  
511 allocated to the Florida Private Student Assistance Grant  
512 Program shall remain therein and shall be available for carrying  
513 out the purposes of this section and as otherwise provided by  
514 law.

515 (6) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules  
516 necessary to implement this section.

517 Section 8. Section 1009.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
518 read:

519 1009.52 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant  
520 Program; eligibility for grants.-

521 (1) There is created a Florida Postsecondary Student  
522 Assistance Grant Program. The program shall be administered by  
523 the participating institutions in accordance with rules of the  
524 State Board of Education.

525 (2) (a) Florida postsecondary student assistance grants  
526 ~~through the State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund~~ may be  
527 made only to full-time degree-seeking students who meet the  
528 general requirements for student eligibility as provided in s.  
529 1009.40, except as otherwise provided in this section. Such  
530 grants shall be awarded for the amount of demonstrated unmet  
531 need for tuition and fees and may not exceed the maximum annual  
532 award ~~an amount equal to the average prior academic year cost of~~



533 ~~tuition and other registration fees for 30 credit hours at state~~  
534 ~~universities plus \$1,000 per academic year, or as~~ specified in  
535 the General Appropriations Act, ~~to any applicant.~~ A demonstrated  
536 unmet need of less than \$200 shall render the applicant  
537 ineligible for a Florida postsecondary student assistance grant.  
538 Recipients of such grants must have been accepted at a  
539 postsecondary institution that is located in this ~~the~~ state and  
540 that is:

541 1. A private nursing diploma school approved by the Florida  
542 Board of Nursing; or

543 2. A college or university licensed by the Commission for  
544 Independent Education, excluding those institutions the students  
545 of which are eligible to receive a Florida private student  
546 assistance grant pursuant to s. 1009.51.

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548 If funds are available, a student who received an award in the  
549 fall or spring term may receive a summer term award. No student  
550 may receive an award for more than the equivalent of 9 semesters  
551 or 14 quarters of full-time enrollment, except as otherwise  
552 provided in s. 1009.40(3).

553 (b) A student applying for a Florida postsecondary student  
554 assistance grant shall be required to apply for the Pell Grant.  
555 The Pell Grant entitlement shall be considered when conducting  
556 an assessment of the financial resources available to each  
557 student.

558 (c) ~~Priority in the distribution of grant moneys shall be~~  
559 ~~given to students with the lowest total family resources, in~~  
560 ~~accordance with a nationally recognized system of need analysis.~~  
561 ~~Using the system of need analysis, the department shall~~



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562 ~~establish a maximum expected family contribution.~~ An institution  
563 may not make a grant from this program to a student whose  
564 expected family contribution exceeds one and one-half times the  
565 maximum Pell Grant-eligible family contribution level  
566 ~~established by the department.~~ An institution may not impose  
567 additional criteria to determine a student's eligibility to  
568 receive a grant award.

569 (d) Each participating institution shall report, to the  
570 department by the established date, the eligible students  
571 eligible for the program for to whom grant moneys are disbursed  
572 each academic term. Each institution shall also report to the  
573 department necessary demographic and eligibility data for such  
574 students.

575 (3) Based on the unmet financial need of an eligible  
576 applicant, the amount of a Florida postsecondary student  
577 assistance grant must be between \$200 and ~~the average cost of~~  
578 ~~tuition and other registration fees for 30 credit hours at state~~  
579 ~~universities plus \$1,000 per academic year or~~ the amount  
580 specified in the General Appropriations Act.

581 (4) (a) The funds appropriated for the Florida Postsecondary  
582 Student Assistance Grant shall be distributed to eligible  
583 institutions in accordance with a formula approved by the State  
584 Board of Education. The formula must ~~shall~~ consider at least the  
585 prior year's distribution of funds, the number of ~~full-time~~  
586 eligible applicants who did not receive awards, the  
587 standardization of the expected family contribution, and  
588 provisions for unused funds. The formula must account for  
589 changes in the number of eligible students across all student  
590 assistance grant programs established pursuant to this section



591 and ss. 1009.50, 1009.505, and 1009.51.

592 (b) Payment of Florida postsecondary student assistance  
593 grants shall be transmitted to the president of the eligible  
594 institution, or to his or her representative, in advance of the  
595 registration period. Institutions shall notify students of the  
596 amount of their awards.

597 (c) The eligibility status of each student to receive a  
598 disbursement shall be determined by each institution as of the  
599 end of its regular registration period, inclusive of a drop-add  
600 period. Institutions shall not be required to reevaluate a  
601 student's eligibility status after this date for purposes of  
602 changing eligibility determinations previously made.

603 (d) Institutions shall certify to the department within 30  
604 days after the end of regular registration each term the amount  
605 of funds disbursed to each student and shall remit to the  
606 department any undisbursed advances within 60 days after the end  
607 of regular registration each spring term ~~by June 1 of each year.~~  
608 An exception to the remittance deadline may be granted if the  
609 institution documents to the department how it plans to disburse  
610 awards to students for the subsequent summer term. An  
611 institution that uses funds for the summer term shall certify to  
612 the department the amount of funds disbursed to each student and  
613 shall remit to the department any undisbursed advances within 30  
614 days after the end of the summer term.

615 (e) Each institution that receives moneys through the  
616 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program shall  
617 prepare a biennial report that includes a financial audit,  
618 conducted by an independent certified public accountant, of the  
619 institution's administration of the program and a complete



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620 accounting of moneys ~~in the State Student Financial Assistance~~  
621 ~~Trust Fund allocated to the institution~~ for the program. Such  
622 report shall be submitted to the department by March 1 every  
623 other year. The department may conduct its own annual or  
624 biennial audit of an institution's administration of the program  
625 and its allocated funds in lieu of the required biennial report  
626 and financial audit report. The department may suspend or revoke  
627 an institution's eligibility to receive future moneys ~~from the~~  
628 ~~trust fund~~ for the program or request a refund of any moneys  
629 overpaid to the institution ~~through the trust fund~~ for the  
630 program if the department finds that an institution has not  
631 complied with ~~the provisions of~~ this section. Any refund  
632 requested pursuant to this paragraph shall be remitted within 60  
633 days after notification by the department.

634 (5) Any institution that was eligible to receive state  
635 student assistance grants on January 1, 1989, and that is not  
636 eligible to receive grants pursuant to s. 1009.51 is eligible to  
637 receive grants pursuant to this section.

638 (6) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for Florida  
639 postsecondary student assistance grants may be deposited in the  
640 State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund. Notwithstanding  
641 ~~the provisions of~~ s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any  
642 balance in the trust fund at the end of any fiscal year which  
643 has been allocated to the Florida Postsecondary Student  
644 Assistance Grant Program shall remain therein and shall be  
645 available for carrying out the purposes of this section and as  
646 otherwise provided by law.

647 (7) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules  
648 necessary to implement this section.



649 Section 9. Subsections (2), (4), (5), and (6) of section  
650 1009.893, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:  
651 1009.893 Benacquisto Scholarship Program.—  
652 (2) The Benacquisto Scholarship Program is created to  
653 reward a high school graduate who receives recognition as a  
654 National Merit Scholar ~~or National Achievement Scholar~~ and who  
655 initially enrolls in the 2014-2015 academic year or, later, in a  
656 baccalaureate degree program at an eligible Florida public or  
657 independent postsecondary educational institution.  
658 (4) In order to be eligible for an initial award under the  
659 scholarship program, a student must meet the requirements of  
660 paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).  
661 (a) A student who is a resident of this state, as  
662 determined in s. 1009.40 and rules of the State Board of  
663 Education, must:  
664 1. Earn a standard Florida high school diploma or its  
665 equivalent pursuant to s. 1002.3105, s. 1003.4281, s. 1003.4282,  
666 or s. 1003.435 unless:  
667 a. The student completes a home education program according  
668 to s. 1002.41; or  
669 b. The student earns a high school diploma from a non-  
670 Florida school while living with a parent who is on military or  
671 public service assignment out of this state;  
672 2. Be accepted by and enroll in a Florida public or  
673 independent postsecondary educational institution that is  
674 regionally accredited; and  
675 3. Be enrolled full-time in a baccalaureate degree program  
676 at an eligible regionally accredited Florida public or  
677 independent postsecondary educational institution during the





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678 fall academic term following high school graduation.

679 (b) A student who initially enrolls in a baccalaureate  
680 degree program in the 2018-2019 academic year or later and who  
681 is not a resident of this state, as determined in s. 1009.40 and  
682 rules of the State Board of Education, must:

683 1. Physically reside in this state on or near the campus of  
684 the postsecondary educational institution in which the student  
685 is enrolled;

686 2. Earn a high school diploma from a school outside Florida  
687 which is comparable to a standard Florida high school diploma or  
688 its equivalent pursuant to s. 1002.3105, s. 1003.4281, s.  
689 1003.4282, or s. 1003.435 or must complete a home education  
690 program in another state; and

691 3. Be accepted by and enrolled full-time in a baccalaureate  
692 degree program at an eligible regionally accredited Florida  
693 public or independent postsecondary educational institution  
694 during the fall academic term following high school graduation.

695 (5) (a) 1. An eligible student who meets the requirements of  
696 paragraph (4) (a), who is a National Merit Scholar ~~or National~~  
697 ~~Achievement Scholar~~, and who attends a Florida public  
698 postsecondary educational institution shall receive a  
699 scholarship award equal to the institutional cost of attendance  
700 minus the sum of the student's Florida Bright Futures  
701 Scholarship and National Merit Scholarship ~~or National~~  
702 ~~Achievement Scholarship~~.

703 2. An eligible student who meets the requirements of  
704 paragraph (4) (b), who is a National Merit Scholar, and who  
705 attends a Florida public postsecondary educational institution  
706 shall receive a scholarship award equal to the institutional



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707 cost of attendance for a resident of this state minus the  
708 student's National Merit Scholarship. Such student is exempt  
709 from the payment of out-of-state fees.

710 (b) An eligible student who is a National Merit Scholar ~~or~~  
711 ~~National Achievement Scholar~~ and who attends a Florida  
712 independent postsecondary educational institution shall receive  
713 a scholarship award equal to the highest cost of attendance for  
714 a resident of this state enrolled at a Florida public  
715 university, as reported by the Board of Governors of the State  
716 University System, minus the sum of the student's Florida Bright  
717 Futures Scholarship and National Merit Scholarship ~~or National~~  
718 ~~Achievement Scholarship~~.

719 (6) (a) To be eligible for a renewal award, a student must  
720 be enrolled full time, earn all credits for which he or she was  
721 enrolled, and maintain a 3.0 or higher grade point average. An  
722 eligible Benacquisto Scholar who has fewer than 12 credits  
723 remaining to complete his or her first baccalaureate degree may  
724 receive funding for one term in order to complete the degree.

725 (b) A student's renewal status is not affected by  
726 subsequent changes in the residency status of the student or the  
727 residency status of the student's family.

728 (c) ~~(b)~~ A student may receive the scholarship award for a  
729 maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours required to  
730 complete a baccalaureate degree program, or until completion of  
731 a baccalaureate degree program, whichever comes first.

732 (d) A student may receive an award for up to 5 years  
733 following high school graduation and may not receive the award  
734 for more than 10 semesters.

735 (e) A student who receives an award under this program and



736 fails to meet the renewal requirements due to a verifiable  
737 illness or other documented emergency may be granted an  
738 exception pursuant to s. 1009.40(1)(b)4.

739 Section 10. Section 1011.45, Florida Statutes, is amended  
740 to read:

741 1011.45 End of year balance of funds.—Unexpended amounts in  
742 any fund in a university current year operating budget shall be  
743 carried forward and included as the balance forward for that  
744 fund in the approved operating budget for the following year.

745 (1) Each university shall maintain a minimum carry forward  
746 balance of at least 7 percent of its state operating budget. If  
747 a university fails to maintain a 7 percent balance in state  
748 operating funds, the university shall submit a plan to the Board  
749 of Governors to attain the 7 percent balance of state operating  
750 funds within the next fiscal year.

751 (2) Each university that retains a state operating fund  
752 carry forward balance in excess of the 7 percent minimum shall  
753 submit a spending plan for its excess carry forward balance. The  
754 spending plan shall be submitted to the university's board of  
755 trustees for review, approval, or, if necessary, amendment by  
756 September 30 ~~±~~, 2020, and each September 30 ~~±~~ thereafter. The  
757 Board of Governors shall review, approve, and amend, if  
758 necessary, each university's carry forward spending plan by  
759 November 15 ~~October 1~~, 2020, and each November 15 ~~October 1~~  
760 thereafter.

761 (3) A university's carry forward spending plan shall  
762 include the estimated cost per planned expenditure and a  
763 timeline for completion of the expenditure. Authorized  
764 expenditures in a carry forward spending plan may include:



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765 (a) Commitment of funds to a public education capital  
766 outlay project for which an appropriation has previously been  
767 provided that requires additional funds for completion and which  
768 is included in the list required by s. 1001.706(12) (d);

769 (b) Completion of a renovation, repair, or maintenance  
770 project that is consistent with ~~the provisions of~~ s. 1013.64(1),  
771 up to \$5 million per project, and replacement of a minor  
772 facility that does not exceed 10,000 gross square feet in size  
773 up to \$2 million;

774 (c) Completion of a remodeling or infrastructure project,  
775 including a project for a development research school, up to \$10  
776 million per project, if such project is survey recommended  
777 pursuant to s. 1013.31;

778 (d) Completion of a repair or replacement project necessary  
779 due to damage caused by a natural disaster for buildings  
780 included in the inventory required pursuant to s. 1013.31;

781 (e) Operating expenditures that support the university  
782 mission ~~and that are nonrecurring; and~~

783 (f) Any purpose specified by the board or in the General  
784 Appropriations Act; and

785 (g) A commitment of funds to a contingency reserve to  
786 assist in addressing unforeseen circumstances that may arise,  
787 including natural disasters and other emergencies.

788 (4) Annually, by September 30, the chief financial officer  
789 of each university shall certify the unexpended amount of funds  
790 appropriated to the university from the General Revenue Fund,  
791 the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund, and the  
792 Education/General Student and Other Fees Trust Fund as of June  
793 30 of the previous fiscal year.



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794 (5) A university may spend the minimum carry forward  
795 ~~carryforward~~ balance of 7 percent if a demonstrated emergency  
796 exists and the plan is approved by the university's board of  
797 trustees and the Board of Governors.

798 Section 11. Subsection (3) of section 1012.976, Florida  
799 Statutes, is amended to read:

800 1012.976 Remuneration of state university administrative  
801 employees; limitations.—

802 (3) EXCEPTIONS.—This section does not prohibit any party  
803 from providing cash or cash-equivalent compensation from funds  
804 that are not appropriated state funds to a state university  
805 administrative employee in excess of the limit in subsection  
806 (2). If a party is unable or unwilling to fulfill an obligation  
807 to provide cash or cash-equivalent compensation to a state  
808 university administrative employee as permitted under this  
809 subsection, appropriated state funds may not be used to fulfill  
810 such obligation. This section does not apply to university  
811 teaching faculty or medical school faculty or staff. The Board  
812 of Governors shall define in regulation the university faculty  
813 and administrative personnel classifications.

814 Section 12. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2), paragraph (b)  
815 of subsection (3), and subsection (4) of section 1013.841,  
816 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

817 1013.841 End of year balance of Florida College System  
818 institution funds.—

819 (2) (b) Each Florida College System institution with a final  
820 FTE less than 15,000 for the prior year that retains a state  
821 operating fund carry forward balance in excess of the 5 percent  
822 minimum shall submit a spending plan for its excess carry



823 forward balance. The spending plan shall include all excess  
824 carry forward funds from state operating funds. The spending  
825 plan shall be submitted to the Florida College System  
826 institution's board of trustees for approval by September 30 ~~1~~,  
827 2020, and each September 30 ~~1~~ thereafter. The State Board of  
828 Education shall review and publish each Florida College System  
829 institution's carry forward spending plan by November 15 ~~October~~  
830 ~~1~~, 2020, and each November 15 ~~October 1~~ thereafter.

831 (3)(b) Each Florida College System institution with a final  
832 FTE of 15,000 or greater for the prior year that retains a state  
833 operating fund carry forward balance in excess of the 7 percent  
834 minimum shall submit a spending plan for its excess carry  
835 forward balance. The spending plan shall include all excess  
836 carry forward funds from state operating funds. The spending  
837 plan shall be submitted to the Florida College System  
838 institution's board of trustees for approval by September 30 ~~1~~,  
839 2020, and each September 30 ~~1~~ thereafter. The State Board of  
840 Education shall review and publish each Florida College System  
841 institution's carry forward spending plan by November 15 ~~October~~  
842 ~~1~~, 2020, and each November 15 ~~October 1~~ thereafter.

843 (4) A Florida College System institution identified in  
844 paragraph (3)(a) must include in its carry forward spending plan  
845 the estimated cost per planned expenditure and a timeline for  
846 completion of the expenditure. Authorized expenditures in a  
847 carry forward spending plan may include:

848 (a) Commitment of funds to a public education capital  
849 outlay project for which an appropriation was previously  
850 provided, which requires additional funds for completion, and  
851 which is included in the list required by s. 1001.03(18)(d);



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852 (b) Completion of a renovation, repair, or maintenance  
853 project that is consistent with ~~the provisions of~~ s. 1013.64(1),  
854 up to \$5 million per project;

855 (c) Completion of a remodeling or infrastructure project,  
856 up to \$10 million per project, if such project is survey  
857 recommended pursuant to s. 1013.31;

858 (d) Completion of a repair or replacement project necessary  
859 due to damage caused by a natural disaster for buildings  
860 included in the inventory required pursuant to s. 1013.31;

861 (e) Operating expenditures that support the Florida College  
862 System institution's mission ~~which are nonrecurring; and~~

863 (f) Any purpose approved by the state board or specified in  
864 the General Appropriations Act; and

865 (g) A commitment of funds to a contingency reserve to  
866 assist in addressing unforeseen circumstances that may arise,  
867 including natural disasters and other emergencies.

868 Section 13. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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870 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

871 And the title is amended as follows:

872 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
873 and insert:

874 A bill to be entitled  
875 An act relating to postsecondary education; amending  
876 s. 1001.03, F.S.; clarifying requirements for new  
877 construction, remodeling, or renovation projects;  
878 amending s. 1001.7065, F.S.; requiring that certain  
879 academic and research excellence standards be reported  
880 annually in the accountability plan prepared by the



881 Board of Governors; revising the academic and research  
882 excellence standards established for the preeminent  
883 state research universities program; removing  
884 references to the emerging preeminence designation;  
885 establishing criteria for identifying state  
886 universities of distinction, rather than programs of  
887 excellence, throughout the State University System;  
888 authorizing the Board of Governors to annually submit,  
889 by a specified date, the programs for funding by the  
890 Legislature; amending s. 1004.085, F.S.; requiring  
891 certain innovative pricing techniques and payment  
892 options to contain an opt-out provision for students;  
893 amending s. 1004.346, F.S.; deleting a provision  
894 related to terms of Phosphate Research and Activities  
895 Board members; amending s. 1009.50, F.S.; revising a  
896 provision relating to the maximum annual grant amount;  
897 providing that students who receive a grant award in  
898 the fall or spring term may also receive an award in  
899 the summer term, subject to availability of funds;  
900 prohibiting institutions from dispensing grants to  
901 students whose expected family contribution exceeds a  
902 certain amount; requiring that the formula used to  
903 distribute funds for the program account for changes  
904 in the number of eligible students across all student  
905 assistance grant programs; requiring institutions to  
906 certify the amount of funds disbursed within a certain  
907 timeframe; requiring institutions to remit any  
908 undisbursed advances within a specified timeframe;  
909 providing an exception; requiring institutions that





910 receive moneys through the program to submit to the  
911 department by a specified date a biennial report that  
912 includes a financial audit conducted by the Auditor  
913 General; authorizing the department to conduct its own  
914 annual or biennial audit under certain circumstances;  
915 authorizing the department to suspend or revoke an  
916 institution's eligibility or request a refund of  
917 moneys overpaid to the institution under certain  
918 circumstances; providing a timeframe for such refunds;  
919 amending s. 1009.505, F.S.; requiring that grant  
920 awards administered through the Florida Public  
921 Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance  
922 Grant Program not exceed a certain amount; providing  
923 that students who receive a grant award in the fall or  
924 spring term may also receive an award in the summer  
925 term, subject to the availability of funds; requiring  
926 the formula used to distribute funds for the program  
927 to account for changes in the number of eligible  
928 students across all student assistance grant programs;  
929 requiring institutions to certify within a certain  
930 timeframe the amount of funds disbursed; requiring  
931 institutions to remit within a specified timeframe any  
932 undisbursed advances; providing an exception;  
933 requiring institutions that receive moneys through the  
934 program to submit to the department by a specified  
935 date a biennial report that includes a financial audit  
936 conducted by the Auditor General; authorizing the  
937 department to conduct its own annual or biennial audit  
938 under certain circumstances; authorizing the



939 department to suspend or revoke an institution's  
940 eligibility or to request a refund of moneys overpaid  
941 to the institution under certain circumstances;  
942 authorizing funds appropriated for state student  
943 assistance grants to be deposited in a specified trust  
944 fund; requiring that any balance in the trust fund at  
945 the end of a fiscal year which has been allocated to  
946 the Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education  
947 Student Assistance Grant Program remain therein,  
948 subject to certain statutory exceptions; amending s.  
949 1009.51, F.S.; requiring that grant awards  
950 administered through the Florida Private Student  
951 Assistance Grant Program not exceed the maximum annual  
952 award amount specified in the General Appropriations  
953 Act; providing that students who receive an award in  
954 the fall or spring term may also receive an award in  
955 the summer term, subject to the availability of funds;  
956 prohibiting institutions from dispensing grants to  
957 students whose expected family contribution exceeds a  
958 certain amount; requiring that the formula used to  
959 distribute funds for the program account for changes  
960 in the number of eligible students across all student  
961 assistance grant programs; requiring institutions to  
962 certify within a certain timeframe the amount of funds  
963 disbursed; requiring institutions to remit within a  
964 specified timeframe any undisbursed advances;  
965 providing an exception; revising a requirement for a  
966 biennial report; amending s. 1009.52, F.S.; requiring  
967 that grants administered through the Florida



968 Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program not  
969 exceed a certain annual award amount; providing that  
970 students who receive a grant award in the fall or  
971 spring term may also receive an award in the summer  
972 term, subject to the availability of funds;  
973 prohibiting institutions from dispensing grants to  
974 students whose expected family contribution exceeds a  
975 certain amount; requiring that the formula used to  
976 distribute funds for the program account for changes  
977 in the number of eligible students across all student  
978 assistance grant programs; requiring institutions to  
979 certify within a certain timeframe the amount of funds  
980 disbursed; requiring institutions to remit within a  
981 specified timeframe any undisbursed advances;  
982 providing an exception; revising a requirement for a  
983 biennial report; amending s. 1009.893, F.S.;  
984 specifying eligibility for initial awards under the  
985 Benacquisto Scholarship Program; revising requirements  
986 for a student to receive a renewal award; providing a  
987 timeframe within which students can receive an award;  
988 providing an exception to renewal requirements;  
989 amending s. 1011.45, F.S.; revising the date by which  
990 a spending plan must be submitted to a university's  
991 board of trustees for approval; revising the date by  
992 which the Board of Governors must review and approve  
993 such spending plan; authorizing certain expenditures  
994 in a carry forward spending plan to include a  
995 commitment of funds to a contingency reserve for  
996 certain purposes; amending s. 1012.976, F.S.;



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997 requiring the Board of Governors to adopt regulations  
998 defining university faculty and administrative  
999 personnel classifications; amending s. 1013.841, F.S.;  
1000 revising the dates by which a spending plan must be  
1001 submitted to a Florida College System institution's  
1002 board of trustees for approval; revising the dates by  
1003 which the State Board of Education shall review and  
1004 publish such plans; authorizing certain expenditures  
1005 in a carry forward spending plan to include a  
1006 commitment of funds to a contingency reserve for  
1007 certain purposes; providing an effective date.