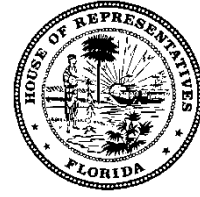


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*President of the Senate*



**Chris Sprowls**  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives*

April 27, 2021

The Honorable Wilton Simpson  
President of the Senate

The Honorable Chris Sprowls  
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on HB 5601, same being:

An act relating to Higher Education.

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment 681882.
2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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## SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ACTION

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The Conference Committee Amendment for HB 5601, relating to higher education, provides for the following:

**Section 1** conforming language.

**Section 2** amends s. 1004.6495, F.S., to authorize Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program grants as provided in the GAA.

**Section 3** conforming language.

**Section 4** amends s. 1009.89, F.S. to provide minimum performance standards for institutions to be eligible to participate in the program.

**Section 5** repeals s. 1009.891, F.S. eliminating the Access to Better Learning and Education tuition assistance grant program.

**Section 6** conforming language.

**Section 7** amends s. 1012.976, F.S., to expand the existing \$200,000 faculty salary cap from state university administrative employees to include all university faculty, excluding those in specified high-demand fields.

**Section 8** provides an effective date of July 1, 2021.