By the Appropriations Committee on Education; the Committee on Education Postsecondary; and Senator Rodriguez

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to college campus facilities in areas of critical state concern; amending s. 1013.40, F.S.; providing that beds for health care workers may be included in the construction of dormitories on the campus of a Florida College System institution; revising the number of beds that may be provided in such dormitories for employees, educators, health care workers, and first responders; revising which funds may be used for construction of dormitories; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 1013.40, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1013.40 Planning and construction of Florida College System institution facilities; property acquisition.—

(4) The campus of a Florida College System institution within a municipality designated as an area of critical state concern, as defined in s. 380.05, and having a comprehensive plan and land development regulations containing a building permit allocation system that limits annual growth, may construct dormitories for up to 340 beds for Florida College System institution students, and an additional 50 25 beds for employees, educators, health care workers, and first responders. Such dormitories are exempt from the building permit allocation system and may be constructed up to 60 feet in height if the dormitories are otherwise consistent with the comprehensive

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plan, the Florida College System institution has a hurricane evacuation plan that requires all dormitory occupants to be evacuated 48 hours in advance of tropical force winds, and transportation is provided for dormitory occupants during an evacuation. State grant funds and, notwithstanding s.

1009.23(11)(b), capital improvement tuition and fee revenues may not be used for construction, debt service payments, maintenance, or operation of such dormitories. Additional dormitory beds constructed after July 1, 2016, may not be financed through the issuance of bonds by the Florida College System institution; however, bonds may be issued by nonpublic entities as part of a public-private partnership between the college and a nonpublic entity.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.