



Appropriations Conference Chairs

House Higher Education/Senate Appropriations Committee on Education

House Bump Offer #1

Implementing Bill

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Line #	House Bump	Senate Bump	House Bump Offer #1
1	University Carry Forward Requires universities to designate a percentage of their annual state operating budget carry forward to be applied towards completion of previously-funded PECO projects.	Not Included	Modified House Position: University Carry Forward Requires universities to designate a percentage of their annual state operating budget carry forward to be applied towards completion of previously-funded PECO projects or <u>deferred maintenance expenses</u> .
2		Florida Center for Nursing Provides that the Florida Center for Nursing (Center) must administer the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund and develop and publish guidelines for the LINE Fund.	Maintain House Position
3		Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund Modifies the LINE Fund by: expanding the definition of health care provider, increasing the usage of the LINE Fund, allowing non-monetary donations, specifying the requirements of the center's application processes, allowing the center to award multi-year grants, and removing the requirements of the BOG and SBE to adopt regulations and rules to administer the LINE Fund.	Maintain House Position
4		Fee Waivers Modifies the fee waivers for students enrolled in a Program of Strategic Emphasis or a state-approved teacher preparation program to specify that a university shall waive 100 percent of a student's out-of-pocket expenses for tuition and fees after all other aid is applied.	Accept Senate Position
5			New Issue (see attached): Institute for Freedom in the America Removes a provision requiring Miami-Dade College to approve a direct-support organization to support the Institute.
6			New Issue (see attached): University Board of Trustees Procurement Allows a university board of trustees that is beginning an approved capital outlay project with a healthcare provider to accept the healthcare provider's procurement methods and construction contracts and reimburse the healthcare provider for its expenses using the proceeds from a bond issuance approved by the Board of Governors.

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7			New Issue (see attached): University President Remuneration Allows the Board of Trustees of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University to use carry forward or non-state funds for presidential remuneration.

Line 1 - University Carry Forward (House Modified)

Section XX. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 147 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (5) of section 1011.45, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (6), subsection (3) is amended, and a new subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

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

(3) A university's carry forward spending plan must include the estimated cost per planned expenditure and a timeline for the completion of the expenditure. A carry forward spending plan may include retention of the carry forward balance as a reserve fund to be used for authorized expenses in subsequent years. For any annual reserve balance in excess of the 7 percent minimum carry forward balance pursuant to subsection (1), the authorized expenditures in a carry forward spending plan must include a commitment of 12 percent of the university's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 state operating fund carry forward balance to fund a public education capital outlay project for which an appropriation has previously been provided that requires additional funds for completion and which is included in the list required by s. 1001706(12)(d) or for deferred building maintenance expenses. The carry forward spending plan shall identify the specific public education capital outlay project and the amount the university will contribute towards the fixed capital outlay project pursuant to s. 1001.706(12)(d) or specific deferred maintenance project. Authorized expenditures include:

- (a) Commitment of funds to a public education capital outlay project for which an appropriation has previously been provided that require additional funds for completion and which is included in the list required by s. 1001.706(12)(d);
- (b) Completion of a renovation, repair, or maintenance project that is consistent with s. 1013.64(1) or replacement of a minor facility;
- (c) Completion of a remodeling or infrastructure project, including a project for a developmental research school, if such project is survey recommended pursuant to s. 413 1013.31;
- (d) Completion of a repair or replacement project necessary due to damage caused by a natural disaster for buildings included in the inventory required pursuant to s. 417 1013.31;
- (e) Operating expenditures that support the university's mission;
- (f) Any purpose specified by the board or in the General Appropriations Act, including the requirements in s. 422 1001.706(12)(c) or similar requirements pursuant to Board of Governors regulations; ~~and~~
- (g) A commitment of funds to a contingency reserve for expenses incurred as a result of a state of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to s. 252.36; and
- (h) Deferred building maintenance expenses for the maintenance, repair, and renovation of projects to improve the health and safety of such facilities.

(5) A university's carry forward spending plan pursuant to subsection (1) shall provide detailed documentation of expenditures the university applied towards the prior year carry forward spending

plan.

Line 4 - Fee Waivers for Programs of Strategic Emphasis

Section XX. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 147 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, section 1009.26, Florida Statutes is amended to read:

1009.26 Fee Waivers.-

(18)(a) For every course in a Program of Strategic Emphasis, or in a state-approved teacher preparation program identified by the Board of Governors, as identified in subparagraph 3., in which a student is enrolled and has out-of-pocket expenses for tuition and fees after all other federal, state, and institutional gift aid is applied, a state university shall waive 100 percent of the student's out-of-pocket expenses for tuition and fees for an equivalent course in such program for a student who:

1. Is a resident for tuition purposes under s. 1009.21.

2. Has earned at least 60 semester credit hours toward ~~towards~~ a baccalaureate degree within 2 academic years after initial enrollment at a Florida public postsecondary institution.

3. Enrolls in one of 10 Programs of Strategic Emphasis as adopted by the Board of Governors or a state-approved teacher preparation program. The Board of Governors shall adopt eight Programs of Strategic Emphasis in science, technology, engineering, or math; beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year, two Programs of Strategic Emphasis in the critical workforce gap analysis category; and beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year, two state-approved teacher preparation programs for which a student may be eligible to receive the tuition and fee waiver authorized by this subsection. The programs identified by the board must reflect the priorities of the state and be offered at a majority of state universities at the time the Board of Governors approves the list.

~~(c) Upon enrollment in a Program of Strategic Emphasis or a state-approved teacher preparation program, the tuition and fees waived under this subsection must be reported for state funding purposes under ss. 1009.534 and 1009.535 and must be disbursed to the student. The amount disbursed to the student must be equal to the award amount the student has received under s.1009.534(2) or s. 1009.535(2).~~

Line 5 - Institute for Freedom in the Americas (House New)

Section XX. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 130 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, section 1004.89, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.89 Institute for Freedom in the Americas.

~~(1)~~ The Institute for Freedom in the Americas is hereby created at Miami Dade College to preserve the ideals of a free society and promote democracy in the Americas. The institute shall be located at the Freedom Tower and shall:

~~(1)(a) Partner with the Adam Smith Center for Economic Freedom to~~ Hold workshops, symposiums, and conferences that provide networking opportunities for leaders throughout the region to gain new insights and ideas for promoting democracy, including knowledge of and insight into the intellectual, political, and economic freedoms that are foundational to a democratic society.

~~(2)(b)~~ Enter into an agreement with the Adam Smith Center or Economic Freedom to provide participants with academic coursework and programs that advance democratic practices and economic and legal reforms.

~~(3)(c)~~ Provide educational and experiential opportunities for regional leaders committed to careers in democracy and governance.

~~(2) Miami Dade College, in accordance with s. 1004.70, shall approve a direct support organization to support the institute in its mission to develop partnerships throughout the Americas. Notwithstanding s. 1004.70(2), the board of the direct support organization shall be composed of five members, as follows: one member appointed by the President of the Senate; one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and three members appointed by the Governor, including a representative from Miami Dade College and a representative from the Adam Smith Center for Economic Freedom.~~

Line 6 - University Board of Trustees Procurement (House New)

Section XX. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 17 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, a university board of trustees that is beginning an approved capital outlay project with a healthcare provider may accept the healthcare provider's procurement methods and construction contracts entered thereunder and may reimburse the healthcare provider for its expenses using the proceeds from a bond issuance approved by the Board of Governors.

Line 7 - University Presidential Remuneration (House New)

Section XX. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 147, and notwithstanding sections 1012.975 and 1011.45, Florida Statutes, the board of trustees of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University may expend available reserves or carryforward balances from previous years' operational and programmatic appropriations, or other available reserves or balances from funds not appropriated from the General Revenue Fund, from state trust funds, or tuition and fees, for the remuneration of the president of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.