



CS/CS/CS/HB 839 Higher Education

- **CS/CS/CS/HB 839** is a comprehensive higher education package that ensures our students and higher education institutions continue to succeed.
- The bill requires the Board of Governors (BOG) and the State Board of Education (SBE) to annually report on the intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity at each institution to ensure students and faculty will feel safe on campus to express their viewpoints.
- The bill increases transparency by including Florida College System (FCS) institution employee salaries and other information on the Florida Has a Right to Know website.
- The bill authorizes FCS institutions and state universities to provide either an opt-in or an opt-out provision to students regarding textbook and instructional materials affordability.
- The bill revises the data source used to determine whether an institution is designated as preeminent or emerging preeminent to allow for more timely performance data.
- The bill modifies state university performance funding metrics to include metrics that focus on the success rate of Pell Grant-eligible students and “2+2” Associate in Arts (AA) degree transfer students and prohibits the adjustment of such metrics once data has been received.
- The bill requires the Commissioner of Education to submit recommendations to the SBE and the Legislature for the most efficient process to achieve a complete performance-based model.
- The bill requires the BOG to define the data and methodology required to calculate each metric used in performance and preeminence funding, and requires each state university to conduct and submit an audit to the BOG’s Office of Inspector General.
- The bill requires the BOG to enter into an agreement with the Department of Economic Opportunity for access to individual reemployment assistance wage reports for auditing and evaluation purposes.
- The bill increases accountability by prohibiting the transfer of state appropriations by a university board of trustees to any of its direct-support organizations’ subsidiaries and affiliates.
- The bill supports our students who transfer into the SUS system by establishing the “2+2” targeted pathway program to improve student retention and on-time graduation.
- The bill requires a reverse transfer agreement for FCS AA degree students who transfer to a state university.
- The bill requires the BOG legislative budget request to include 5-year trend information on the number of faculty and administrators at each university and specifies that the growth rate of administrators may not exceed the growth rate of faculty.



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- The bill requires the University of South Florida (USF) St. Petersburg and USF Manatee/Sarasota to maintain branch campus status when each campus's accreditation is consolidated into a single accreditation, as monitored by the BOG, and prohibits the BOG from using the consolidated data for determining funding eligibility, subject to meeting certain deadlines.
- The bill removes the limitation that prohibits a Phosphate Research and Activities Board member from serving more than 180 days after the expiration of his or her term.