



**Government Relations Update  
Board of Trustees Meeting | June 3, 2021**



# Florida Legislative Session | FY 2021-2022



## Higher Education Policy Implications

- Legislature approved \$101.5 billion budget.
- Numerous higher education policy proposals impose potential fiscal impact on the State University System.



SB 2500 Education & General  
Allocation of \$162,650,514

SB 2500 FAMU-FSU College of  
Engineering Allocation of \$14,636,475

SB 2500 \$1.6 million for  
Brooksville Research Station

SB 2500 \$1.5 million for  
Crestview Education Center

SB 2500 6% Holdback Released

SB 2500 Deferred Maintenance Allocation

## HB 233 | Intellectual Freedom and Viewpoint Diversity

- Requires FCS & SUS institutions to annually assess the intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity at that institution using a survey adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE) or the BOG.
- Prohibits FCS & SUS institutions from shielding students, faculty, or staff from protected free speech.
- Authorizes a student to record video or audio of class lectures for personal educational use.

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## HB 7017 | Foreign Influence

- ❑ Requires disclosure of SUS institutions, local governments and state agencies pursuing contracts or grants above \$50,000 from China, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia, Syria and Venezuela.
- ❑ Mandates prior approval of cultural exchange agreements with any of the seven countries from appropriate federal agencies.
- ❑ Requires designation of a research integrity office (RSO) to review all submitted materials and take reasonable steps to verify all attendance, employment, publications, and contributions listed in a foreign applicant's application
- ❑ Requires an operational audit of the implementation of the screening requirements within the first three years after the effective date of the requirement.

## HB 1159 | Educator Preparation & Certification

- ❑ Permits applicants for certification to satisfy the mastery of general knowledge requirement through receipt of a master's degree or higher from an institution the Florida Department of Education (DOE) deems as a quality program.
- ❑ Allows applicants to satisfy the professional education competence requirement through completion of a DOE approved Educator Preparation Institute (EPI) and receipt of a highly effective rating on their performance evaluation.

## HB 1261 | Postsecondary Policy Bill

- ❑ Provides COVID-19 liability protection for SUS institutions that have taken reasonably necessary actions to limit the spread in compliance with federal, state and/or local guidance.
- ❑ Instructs the BOG to develop an online dashboard of SUS graduates by January 1, 2022 with data including post-graduation median salary; median student loan debt; percentage of post-graduate degree seekers; and debt-to-income ratio.

- ❑ Creates a Buy One, Get One (BOGO) Free Tuition and Fee Waiver for upper-level courses linked to in-demand occupations of strategic emphasis as identified by the Board of Governors (BOG) for which a student pays the full tuition and fees, a state university must waive 100 percent of the tuition and fees for another course in a program of strategic emphasis.

## HB 1261 | Postsecondary Policy Bill

- ❑ Establishes an out-of-state fee waiver for top-performing, out-of-state high school graduates whose grandparent is a resident of Florida.

- ❑ Creates a State University Free Seat Program to encourage nontraditional students, veterans, active duty military, and drilling members of the Florida National Guard to enroll in and attend an SUS institution.

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## HB 847 | Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network Bill

The Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network bill establishes a library network under the joint oversight of the Board of Governors (BOG) and the Florida Department of Education.



## SB 52 | Dual Enrollment Scholarship Program



Provides reimbursement to eligible postsecondary institutions for tuition and related costs associated with students participating in dual enrollment courses.

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## SB 1028 | Charter Schools, Fairness in Women's Sports Act & Name, Image & Likeness

- Authorizes SUS and FCS to sponsor charter schools and revises reporting and accountability requirements and populations for which charter schools are authorized to limit the enrollment process.
- Prohibits athletic teams designated for females, to be open to students of the male sex.
- Maintains July 1, 2021 effective date for NIL.

## Name, Image & Likeness

- NCAA has not ruled on whether student athletes can profit from their names and images.
- Florida Legislature approved legislation in 2020 to implement NIL effective July 1, 2021.
- Financial literacy and healthcare post-graduation required.
- Legislature approved provision to prohibit Association dues from State funds in final days of 2021 Session.
- BOG initiated 30-day public comment period for implementation with final approval at June 22, 2021 meeting.
- Copyright and patent implications being considered by SUS General Counsels.

## SB 1108 | College Entrance Exams and Civics Literacy

- ❑ Authorizes the Department of Education (DOE) to require school districts to provide the SAT or ACT to 11th grade students free of charge.
- ❑ Amends civic literacy requirement for postsecondary education to include both an assessment and a course instead of one or the other.

## HB 529 | Moments of Silence

- ❑ Mandates that the principal of each school require classroom teachers to devote up to 2 minutes during first period for a moment of silence.

## HB 157 | First Aid in Schools

- ❑ Requires public school districts to provide basic training in first aid to students in grades 9 and 11 including one hour of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- ❑ Seven states, including Florida do not have mandatory CPR and automated external defibrillator training.

## SB 676 | Divine Nine Specialty License Plate

- ❑ Authorizes 10 percent of the proceeds from sales of Divine Nine plates to be distributed to the Association to Preserve African-American Society, History, and Tradition, Inc. to market sales of the plate.
- ❑ Authorizes 90 percent for the administration of scholarships for students attending HBCUs. The plate would be limited to Florida residents and proof of membership in the Divine Nine will be required. The bill will take effect October 1, 2021 if signed into law.

## Notable Passage

- ❑ Bonus for Pandemic First Responders
- ❑ \$13.00 Minimum Wage Increase
- ❑ Data & Computer Science Center

## Not Enacted

- ❑ SB 86 Bright Futures Financial Aid
- ❑ Pension System Overhaul
- ❑ Union Dues Restrictions
- ❑ Medical Marijuana THC Limits

# 117th Congress | 1st Session

## FY 2022 Programmatic Requests

- Strengthening HBCUs
- NOAA National Sea Grant College Program
- NOAA Educational Partnership Program/Minority Serving Institutions
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants
- Education Grants for 1890 Institutions
- 1890s Extension Program
- Scholarships at 1890 Institutions

## American Families Plan

- Formally announced at joint address to Congress on April 28, 2021.
- \$109 billion for tuition-free community college.
- \$46 billion for HBCUs/MSIs/TCUs, including \$39 billion to provide 2 years tuition-free for students with family income below \$125,000
- \$80+ billion to increase the maximum Pell Grant by up to \$1,400.
- \$9 billion for teacher training to address teacher shortages and help provide a more diverse educator workforce.
- \$2 billion to train teachers for education leadership positions.
- \$400 million for teacher training at HBCUs/MSIs/TCUs.

# 117th Congress | 1st Session

## S. 300 | Justice for Black Farmers Act

- Empower HBCUs and advocates for Black farmers
- End discrimination within USDA
- Enact system reforms to assist all farmers and ranchers
- Create Farm Conservation Corps
- Restore land base lost by Black farmers
- Assist all socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers

## IGNITE HBCU Excellence Act

- Utilize public and private investments to renovate, repair, modernize, or construct new campus facilities, including instructional, research, and residential spaces.
- Preserve buildings with historic significance.
- Ensure the resilience, safety, and sustainability of campus facilities.
- Provide access to campus-wide, reliable high-speed broadband to support digital learning and long-term technological capacity.
- Procure equipment and technology to facilitate high-quality research and instruction.



# FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1887 as the State Normal College for Colored Students, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) is the only historically state supported educational facility for African Americans in Florida. It has always been co-educational. In 1890, the second Morrill Act was passed. This enabled the school to become the Black Land Grant College for the State of Florida. In 1891, the college was moved from its original location west of town to its present location which was once the site of "Highwood," Territorial Governor W.P. Duval's slave plantation. The site is one of the highest hills in Tallahassee. The school was known as Florida A&M College from 1909 until 1953 when it attained university status.