



Articulation Coordinating Committee 2024 Legislative Update

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House Bill 1285

- Creates s. 1004.051, F.S., Regulation of working students. Specifies a public postsecondary institution may not prohibit an applicant or student from being employed, subject to certain exceptions.
- Clarifies s. 1001.61 (3), F.S., that members of an FCS and SUS institution board of trustees are subject to Florida ethics laws for public officers with respect to business dealings with any institution under their purview while they are a member.
- Amends s. 1007.25 (9), F.S., to create a new associate in arts specialized transfer degree for students who need additional credit above the 60 hours in preparation for transfer to a baccalaureate degree program.
 - Rule will go in front of the State Board of Education meeting in July.

House Bill 1285 cont.

- Revises s. 1009.21, F.S., Determination of resident status for tuition purposes, to allow documentation of homestead exemption as a single piece of evidence proving residency for tuition purposes.
 - The Board of Governors and the State Board of Education will revise existing rules and regulations.
- Creates s. 288.036, F.S., Ocean economy development. Creating the Office of Ocean Economy to be housed at Florida Atlantic University, to foster relationships and coordination between state universities, private universities, and Florida College System institutions, in turning innovative technology into marketable goods and services.
- Modifies s. 1009.23, F.S., Florida College System institution student fees, authorizing Miami Dade College, Polk State College and Tallahassee State College to charge an amount not to exceed \$290 per credit hour for nonresident tuition and fees for distance learning programs as selected by each college.

Senate Bill 818

- Amends ss. 115.09 and 115.14, F.S., to require a public employer to provide an employee or official who is a servicemember a full paid leave of absence for the first 30 days of active military service when activated under federal military service that is equal or greater than 90 consecutive days.

Senate Bill 7016

- Revises s. 1009.8962, F.S., Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund, to:
 - Add an independent school, college, or university with an accredited program as defined in s. 464.003, F.S., which is in this state and licensed by the Commission for Independent Education.
 - Increase the first-time passage rate on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination from at least 70 percent for the prior year to 75 percent, based on a minimum of 10 testing participants. (Amend rule 6A-10.0352).
- Appropriates \$5 million in General Revenue recurring funds to the Department of Education for the purpose of implementing the LINE Fund.
- Related, House Bill 5001, General Appropriations Act, appropriated for LINE fund:
 - \$19,000,000 for eligible Florida College System Institutions, school district postsecondary technical career centers, charter technical career centers, independent non-profit colleges or universities, or independent schools, colleges or universities with an accredited program.
 - \$6,000,000 for state universities.

House Bill 1291

- Modifies statutory requirements for courses and instruction in initial teacher preparation programs (s. 1004.04, F.S.), education preparation institutes (s. 1004.85, F.S.), professional learning certification programs (s. 1012.56, F.S.), and school leader preparation programs (s. 1012.562, F.S.) to specify such programs:
 - May not distort significant historical events, teach identity politics, violate Florida law regarding discrimination, or base coursework or instruction on specified theories regarding social, political, and economic inequities.
 - Must afford teacher candidates the opportunity to think critically, achieve mastery of academic content, learn instructional strategies, and demonstrate competence; and afford school leader candidates the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of program content, including instructional leadership strategies, coaching development, and continuous improvement efforts.
 - The State Board of Education will revise existing rules.



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