

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**July 22, 2004**

**SUBJECT: Medical Education**

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Discussion

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7 d., Constitution of the State of Florida

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Board of Governors Strategic Planning Committee appointed a Subcommittee on Medical Education, which held workshops on medical education in February and March. After realizing the difficulties associated with determining the need for a new medical school, the Board, at its March meeting, passed a motion directing the Council on Education Policy and Research (CEPRI) to "...define the parameters of a model to be used to quantify the adequacy of the State's physician workforce; project the extent to which a physician shortage exists and to develop cost/benefit estimates of various alternatives to produce the required number of additional physicians, including, but not limited to: expanding the capacity of existing medical schools, creating new medical schools, expanding or creating new residency programs and other incentive programs to attract physicians to Florida." CEPRI is currently conducting this study.

On July 8, 2004, Florida International University submitted to the Division of Colleges and Universities a proposal for a new medical school.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Selected Materials from the Medical Education Workshop: (1) Comments on Medical Education by Dr. Watson, UF; and (2) Medical School Funding Information; (3) Revised Overview of Medical Education and Training and the Physician Workforce in Florida

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