

FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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SUBJECT: Study of Multi-Year Contracts between the State and Public Universities

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Information and discussion.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In response to a directive from the 2003 Legislature, the Council for Education Policy, Research and Improvement (CEPRI) has submitted a report, **Benefits of Multi-Year Contracts between the State and Public Universities: *Linking Performance, Funding, and Mission***, to the Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House. The 3-year contract proposed in the report would be between the Board of Governors and the local Board of Trustees at each of the 11 state universities.

In essence, the report recommends that state universities be given flexibility in the setting of tuition and fees in exchange for meeting certain critical performance expectations. Performance expectations, including measures and standards, would be negotiated between the Board of Governors and university boards of trustees. They would vary by university and would reflect the institution's mission. If a university failed to meet the critical performance expectations, it would lose the ability to increase tuition until its performance improved; in addition, each university would have to submit a plan to the Board of Governors explaining the strategies it would undertake to improve performance.

The report and its Executive Summary are found on CEPRI's web site, <http://www.cepri.state.fl.us/>.

Supporting Documentation Included: N/A; Report available at the following site:
<http://www.cepri.state.fl.us/pdf/Contract%20Final%20report%2011-03.pdf>

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