



# BOARD *of* GOVERNORS

## State University System of Florida

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# Budget Highlights

Total budget - \$5.1B which represents a \$69.5M increase.

## **Budget items include:**

**Performance funding** - \$560 million for performance funding

### **University enhancement –**

- \$1.6 million to support the third and final year of New College of Florida's growth plan
- \$12 million for Florida Atlantic University's plan to ascend into the top 100 in U.S. News & World Report
- \$10 million for the University of North Florida's plan to expand academic support programs and fund other student success initiatives
- \$10 million for FGCU's plan to drive graduation and retention rates and other metrics
- \$15 million for FIU's student success initiatives and research excellence

**National rankings** - \$21.9 million will be divided between the University of Florida and Florida State University

**Individual university projects** - \$22 million

**Fixed capital outlay/ public education capital outlay (PECO)** - \$84.4 million for fixed capital outlay projects

**Board Office Technology Initiatives** - \$543,000





## Enrolled Bills

**HB 595, Alcohol or Drug Overdose Prosecutions, by Rep. David Silvers (Sen. Jeff Brandes)** - The bill is a priority of the State University System and the Florida Student Association. It expands the current law's grant of immunity for a person who seeks medical assistance to counteract a drug overdose. The bill creates a similar grant of immunity for a person who seeks help for an alcohol overdose by an underage drinker.

**SB 1080, Hazing, by Sen. Lauren Book (Rep. Chip LaMarca)** - The bill expands the crime of hazing to include conduct committed to perpetuate or further a tradition or ritual of an organization; to solicit another person to commit hazing; by an individual actively involved in the planning of hazing; and against a former member of an organization. The bill also expands felony hazing to include conduct resulting in permanent injury to a victim.





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**SB 190, Higher Education, by Sen. Kelli Stargel (Rep. Ray Rodrigues)** - Among other things, the bill requires the Board of Governors to develop and provide university board of trustees training; modifies the Bright Futures program; requires the Board of Governors to develop a prioritized list of capital projects based on previously funded but not completed projects and ranked priorities at state universities; requires the Board to develop a points-based prioritization method to rank projects based on specified criteria; requires each state university to maintain a minimum carry forward balance of at least seven percent of its state operating budget and requires each university with a carry forward balance in excess of seven percent to submit a spending plan to the university Boards of Trustees; makes changes to the excess credit hour surcharge; and provides for 2+2 targeted pathways.





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**HB 7071, Workforce Education, by Rep. Amber Mariano (Sen. Travis Hutson)** - The bill creates the “Strengthening Alignment between Industry and Learning (SAIL) to 60” Initiative and establishes a statewide attainment goal to increase the percentage of working-age adults who hold a high-value postsecondary certificate, degree, or training experience to 60 percent by the year 2030; reconstitutes the Higher Education Coordinating Council (HECC) as the Florida Talent Development Council, revising membership, requiring the council to develop a strategic plan for talent development in Florida; and requires the statewide articulation agreement to provide for a reverse transfer agreement for FCS associate in arts degree-seeking students who transfer to a state university prior to earning their associate in arts degree. The bill also establishes the “Last Mile Scholarship Program,” subject to legislative appropriation, to annually award the cost of in-state tuition and required fees for Florida resident students who are in good standing at FCS institutions and state universities and who are within 12 or fewer credit hours of completing their first associate or baccalaureate degree.





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**SB 620, Military-friendly Initiatives, by Sen. Doug Broxson (Rep. Mel Ponder)** - The bill enables an active duty member or a family member residing in the state to qualify for in-state tuition at the time of acceptance for admission at a public postsecondary institution, even if the active duty member is subsequently transferred.



**HB 741, Anti-Semitism, by Sen. Mike Caruso (Rep. Randy Fine)** - The bill prohibits discrimination on the basis of religion in the K-20 public school system. Additionally, the bill requires public K-20 educational institutions to treat discrimination “by students or employees or resulting from institutional policies motivated by anti-Semitic intent in an identical manner to discrimination motivated by race.”



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