

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
June 23, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 7.008  
Waivers and Exemptions of Tuition and Fees

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve the Public Notice of Intent to Amend Regulation 7.008

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation Development Procedures

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This regulation is being amended as a result the legislative passage of House Bill 1261 to incorporate the following new student waivers:

- **Online Free Seat Program** – State universities shall waive the tuition and fees for one online course for students enrolled in an online baccalaureate degree program, as well as provide discounted tuition and tuition differential for all other courses in the program, for resident students that meet certain eligibility requirements, including veterans, active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces, active drilling members of the Florida National Guard, and nontraditional students. Waivers are capped at 1,000 per year.
- **Programs of Strategic Emphasis Waiver** – For every student enrolled in a Program of Strategic Emphasis, a state university shall waive 100% of the tuition and fees for an equivalent course in such program for Florida residents who meet certain criteria.
- **Waiver for Resident Grandparent** – Beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year, state universities shall waive the out-of-state fee for a student who has a grandparent that is a legal Florida resident for tuition purposes and if certain eligibility conditions are met. Waivers are capped at 350 per year.

This regulation has been shared with the universities and changes incorporated as appropriate.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Information located in the  
Budget & Finance Committee  
material