

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
August 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Approval of Adoption of Board of Governors Regulation 8.008, Nursing Education

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of the adoption of Board of Governors Regulation 8.008, Nursing Education.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Senate Bill 2524 requires the Board of Governors to adopt a regulation to administer the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund and the Prepping Institutions, Programs, Employers, and Learners through Incentives for Nursing Education (PIPELINE) Fund.

The LINE Fund is intended to incentivize collaboration between nursing education programs and health care partners. Senate Bill 2524 requires that such collaborations be designed to meet local, regional, and state workforce demand by recruiting faculty and clinical preceptors, increasing the capacity of high-quality nursing education programs, and increasing the number of nursing education program graduates who are prepared to enter the workforce. Subject to available funds, for every dollar contributed to an institution by a healthcare partner, the LINE Fund shall provide a dollar-for-dollar match to the participating institution for approved proposals. The legislature provided \$6 million for State University System institutions in Fiscal Year 2022-23. The Board of Governors must evaluate and approve applications and disburse funds to the approved institutions.

The PIPELINE Fund rewards performance and excellence among public postsecondary nursing education programs. The legislature allocated \$40 million in PIPELINE funds to the base budgets of the ten State University System institutions with nursing programs for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 based on the number of nursing program completers and first-time NCLEX passage rates.

The proposed regulation includes the requirements for the Board of Governors to administer and monitor these two programs. Additionally, the Board must report the outcomes of students enrolled at institutions receiving LINE and PIPELINE Funds to the Talent Development Council.

In addition, the regulation includes a requirement for terminations of Master's degree programs in nursing to come to the Board of Governors for approval to codify a resolution adopted by the Board in March of 2006.

The Board of Governors approved the Public Notice of Intent to Adopt Board of Governors Regulation 8.008, Nursing Education, at its June 30, 2022, meeting. Following approval of the public notice of intent, no public comments were received, and the regulation as drafted is ready for final approval.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Regulation 8.008 Nursing
Education