

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
September 8, 2023**

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Adopt Board of Governors Regulation 8.015,
Workforce Education Partnership Programs

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Intent to Adopt Board of Governors Regulation 8.015, Workforce Education Partnership Programs. Consider approval of the Workforce Education Partnership Program template.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Established by the 2023 Legislature, section 1009.771, Florida Statutes, creates the Workforce Education Partnership Program for state universities. The program is designed to provide assistance to students who enroll at state universities and are employed by a private employer participating in the program. The new law requires the Board of Governors to adopt a regulation to administer the program and to create an application template for state universities.

The proposed new regulation aligns with section 1009.771, Florida Statutes, and outlines a process for institutions to establish a Workforce Education Partnership Program. The proposed regulation specifies student eligibility requirements and the process for employers to participate in the program. It also establishes the components required of each Workforce Education Partnership Program, including how universities and employers will ensure tuition assistance and other financial aid for participating students. The proposed regulation also requires universities to provide an annual report on activities for each Workforce Partnership Education Program using a template determined by the Chancellor.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Board of Governors, the proposed regulation will be available for public comment for 14 days. If no concerns are raised, the regulation will come before the Board of Governors for final approval at the next meeting.

As required by section 1009.771, Florida Statutes, the committee will also consider for approval the Workforce Education Partnership Program application that institutions are required to use to establish programs. If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the application will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration.

Ms. Emily Sikes, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, will provide an overview of the proposed regulation.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Regulation 8.015, Workforce Education Partnership Program;
Workforce Education Partnership Program Application;
Senate Bill 240

Facilitators/Presenters:

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