

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

November 9, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Public Notice of Approval of Amendment of Board of Governors  
Regulation 8.014, Bachelors' Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit Hours  
Requirement

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Consider approval of Public Notice of Approval of Amendment of Board of Governors  
Regulation 8.014, Bachelors' Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit Hours Requirement.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Board of Governors Regulation 8.014, Bachelors' Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit Hours Requirement, authorizes the Board of Governors to approve a request by a university board of trustees for a bachelor's degree program to exceed 120 credit hours to complete a degree, which aligns with section 1007.25, Florida Statutes. Once a degree program has been approved to exceed 120 credit hours, the regulation authorizes universities to make incremental adjustments to the credit hour length of the degree program without seeking additional Board approval, which does not align with section 1007.25, Florida Statutes. Additionally, for baccalaureate programs approved to exceed 120 credit hours, Regulation 8.014 requires Board of Governors approval for degree programs to reduce the number of credit hours or revert to 120 credit hours.

Board staff propose amending Regulation 8.014 to require Board approval not only for a bachelor's degree to exceed 120 credit hours but also for any incremental adjustments to the credit hour length of a degree program increase in credit hours beyond what the Board has approved.

The proposed amendment also delegates the authority to the university board of trustees for any bachelor's degree programs approved to exceed 120 credit hours to reduce the credit hours to a degree or revert to 120 credit hours.

The Board of Governors approved the Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.014, Bachelors' Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit Hours Requirement at its September 20, 2023 meeting. Following the approval of the public notice of intent, no public comments were received, and the regulation, as amended, is ready for final approval.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Regulation 8.014, Bachelors'  
Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit  
Hours Requirement