

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic Affairs Committee
September 3, 2026

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors' Regulation 8.014,
Bachelor's Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit Hours Requirement

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors' Regulation 8.014, Bachelor's Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit Hours Requirement.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Section 1001.706, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors' Regulation 8.014, Bachelor's Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit Hours Requirement, establishes the criteria and parameters for baccalaureate degrees offered at state universities to deviate from the 120-credit hour requirement identified in Florida Statutes.

Board staff propose an amendment to Regulation 8.014, which will allow the Board of Governors to consider requests from university boards of trustees to approve undergraduate degree programs with fewer than 120 credit hours that meet certain criteria. The proposed amendment also clarifies the process by which universities may reduce the required credit hours for programs approved to exceed 120 credit hours.

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

Dr. Lynn Nelson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Innovation, will provide an overview of the proposed amendment.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Regulation 8.014, Bachelor's
Degree Exceptions to 120
Credit Hours Requirement

Facilitators/Presenters:

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