

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Strategic Planning Committee
September 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Cooperative Education Programs

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Section 1001.92, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 2026 Florida Legislature passed House Bill 5601E, authorizing the Board to calculate an adjusted cohort graduation rate for engineering and co-op programs for first-time-in-college students. The legislation defines co-op programs as programs that combine academic study with up to four semesters of related paid work experience prior to graduation.

Ms. Emily Sikes, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, will provide an overview of the implementation of this provision.

Supporting Documentation Included:

None

Facilitators/Presenters:

Ms. Emily Sikes