



2027-2028 Legislative Budget Request

Ten Percent Reduction Exercise

In preparation for the 2027-2028 LBR submission to the Legislature and the Governor, all state agencies were asked to identify the programs and/or services that would be eliminated or reduced if a 10% budget reduction is enacted for FY 2027-2028. This is a recurring request.

For the State University System, the total amount of reductions is estimated to be **\$421 million**. Each institution was allocated a proportionate amount of the total reduction based on its recurring general revenue and lottery appropriations for FY 2026-2027. This amount includes reductions for student financial assistance and special units, such as medical schools and the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS).

The universities and special units have identified various reduction proposals, including the following examples:

- Implement a purchasing freeze, reduce operating expenses, and severely restrict travel
- Eliminate both academic and non-academic positions, making it difficult to maintain faculty-to-student ratios, and implement a faculty and administrative hiring freeze
- Reduce services and programs offered to students, such as the number of classes offered, available advisors, and levels of student support services
- Restrict the use of outside legal counsel and eliminate professional development opportunities
- Reduce student financial assistance, reduce student retention and graduation rates, and increase student debt
- Reduce research internships and work opportunities offered to graduate and undergraduate students
- Delay preventive maintenance, facility renewal, equipment replacement, cybersecurity investments, and upgrades to essential administrative and academic systems
- Reduce library resources, including digital subscriptions
- Reduce, suspend, or eliminate cancer education and training programs at Moffitt Cancer Center, affecting clinical and research trainees, including fellows, residents, health care providers, graduate students, and emerging research scientists
- Reduce operations, initial and continuing grants, and student scholarships for the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities at UCF
- Reduce support for Community Partnership School sites by limiting funding for site-based services, statewide data and evaluation efforts, technical assistance, training, and operational resources needed to sustain and expand the Community School Grant Program
- Reduce funding for graduate students and the beneficiaries of IFAS research and extension efforts
- Reduce the quality and quantity of research at Florida Poly's Florida Industrial & Phosphate Research Institute in areas such as minerals processing/rare earth elements, phosphogypsum utilization, water and industrial wastewater treatment, and phosphatic clay applications

For detailed reports by institution, please contact the Board of Governors Budget Office.