STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
November 13, 2026

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

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Approval of Amendment to 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.

The Board approved the public notice of intent to amend this regulation on September 3, 2026. Public comments were received; however, no changes were made to the proposed amendment. The amended regulation is ready for final approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Regulation 8.014, Bachelor's Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit Hours Requirement