

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
June 21, 2012**

**SUBJECT: Technology Performance Funding Pilot created by House Bill 7135**

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider for approval factors for ranking universities that apply for the Technology Performance Funding Pilot created by House Bill 7135

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Subsection 1011.905 (1) (c), Florida Statutes

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The 2012 Legislature passed and the Governor signed House Bill 7135 creating a pilot project to implement performance funding for a select category of degree programs associated with computer science and information technology. For each year of the pilot, up to \$15 million dollars will be awarded to university department(s) based upon a ranking system and factors described in newly created s. 1011.905, Florida Statutes - Performance funding for state universities.

Two factors are established in statute; each representing 25 percent of the total ranking score for an applicant university. The remaining 50 percent of a university's score must be based on factors determined by the Board of Governors which relate to increasing the probability that graduates who have earned degrees in the programs identified on a targeted program list will be employed in high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand employment.

The supporting documentation outlines four types of partnerships which have been identified as factors that lead to stronger industry/university relationships and that provide direct workforce linkages to students and graduates from degree programs on the targeted programs list. If approved, these will become the factors that will determine 50 percent of a university's rank score.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Materials are in Committee Packet