



**Conference Committee on  
Senate Education/House Higher Education  
Appropriations**

**SENATE OFFER #1  
Proviso**

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<b>SECTION 2 - GENERAL REVENUE AND OTHER TRUST FUND</b>				
1a	28	Fom the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 28, recurring funds are provided for the following base appropriations projects: Palm Beach Habilitation Center..... 225,000	Fom the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 28, recurring funds are provided for the following base appropriations projects: Palm Beach Habilitation Center..... 225,000	New Proviso: Fom the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 28, recurring funds are provided for the following base appropriations projects: <u>Arc of Palm Beach County - formerly known as Palm Beach Habilitation Center..... 225,000</u>
1	60	NOT INCLUDED	House Modified Position:  From the funds in specific appropriation *****, a maximum of \$9,642,500 in recurring funds is provided for the EASE+ incentive program to provide an additional award to support students enrolled in upper level courses in quality, high-demand programs at institutions eligible to participate in the Effective Access to Student Education program under section 1009.89, Florida Statutes. Eligible programs include: Teaching, Nursing, Allied Health, Agriculture/Vet Science, Cyber Security and Digital Arts/Computer Graphics. Additionally, institutions must have a 6-year <u>graduation completion</u> rate of 51% or higher. For pre-licensure programs, the program must have a first-time passage rate on the requisite licensure examination of 75 percent or higher. To be eligible for EASE+ funding, a student must be eligible for tuition assistance under section 1009.89, Florida Statutes and have earned at least 60 credit hours towards a baccalaureate degree in an eligible program, <u>and have a minimum grade point average of 3.0.</u>	Maintain Senate Position
2		NOT INCLUDED	Maintain House Position	Maintain Senate Position
3	75	The funds in Specific Appropriation 75 are provided to the Department of Education to establish a scholarship program for current Florida public high school teachers to pursue a master's degree that will allow them to meet the requirements to teach a dual enrollment general education core course on a high school campus in their area of certification pursuant to section 1009.31, Florida Statutes.	Determined by Budget	Determined by Budget

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4	75	NOT INCLUDED	<p>House Offers New Language:</p> <p>From the funds in Specific Appropriation *****, \$305,000 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program. The program shall provide up to 50 scholarships to eligible students annually, in an amount up to \$6,100, not to exceed the amount of the student's tuition and registration fees. To be eligible for an award, a student must: be a direct descendant of victims of the Ocoee Election Day Riots of November 1920 or a current African-American resident of Ocoee; meet the general eligibility requirements for student eligibility as provided in section 1009.40, Florida Statutes; file an application within the established time limits; and be enrolled as a degree-seeking or certificate-seeking student at a state university, Florida College System institution, <u>Historically Black College or University</u>, or a career center authorized by law. The department shall rank eligible initial applicants for the purpose of awarding scholarships based on need, as determined by the department.</p>	Accept House Position
5	75A	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 75, \$7,000,000 in recurring funds and \$1,672,622 in nonrecurring funds are provided to support public postsecondary institutions in providing the Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) program pursuant to section 1009.711, Florida Statutes, and are contingent upon SB 2516, or similar legislation, becoming a law.	Determined by Budget	Determined by Budget
6	117	NOT INCLUDED	Maintain House Position	Accept House Position
7		NOT INCLUDED	Maintain House Position	Accept House Position
8	120	Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 120 are provided to the Department of Education to implement the Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program pursuant to section 1011.801, Florida Statutes.	Determined by Budget	Determined by Budget

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9	121	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 121, \$5,000,000 in recurring funds is provided to enhance the Pathways to Career Opportunities grants to include a specific sub-initiative for the Grow Your Own Teacher Registered Apprenticeship Program Expansion.	Determined by Budget	Determined by Budget
10	123	NOT INCLUDED	Maintain House Position	Accept House Position
11	124	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 124, \$2,500,000 in nonrecurring funds is provided for the Student Success in Career and Technical Education Incentive Funds program. The awards will be provided to district technical centers and colleges with documented student success in order to establish new programs in high demand areas.	Maintain House Position	Accept House Position - Amounts by district to be determined by the budget
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12	124	<p>From the funds in Specific Appropriation 124, \$4,000,000 in nonrecurring funds is provided for the Teacher Apprenticeship Program and Mentor Bonus. The program shall provide individuals who have their associate degree the ability to participate in a two-year, paid and registered apprenticeship program. The mentor teachers shall teach with apprentice teachers for the two years of the program. The funds provide bonuses for 2,000 mentor teachers for their participation in the program on a first come, first serve basis. Mentors shall receive \$2,000 upon completion of year one and \$2,000 upon completion of year two of the program.</p>	Determined by Budget	Determined by Budget

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13		<p>From the funds in Specific Appropriation 124, \$4,000,000 in recurring funds is provided for grants to school districts and Florida College System institutions to fund some or all of the initial costs associated with the creation of the Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) program pursuant to section 1004.933, Florida Statutes, and are contingent upon SB 2516, or similar legislation, becoming a law. Grantees include school district career and adult education centers, charter technical career centers, and Florida College System institutions. Applicants must provide projected enrollment and projected costs for their respective GATE programs. The Department of Education shall administer the grant program, determine eligibility, and distribute grants. The department shall make the grant application available to potential applicants no later than August 15, 2024. In distributing the funds, the department shall include a minimum amount per program and a variable amount based on the projected enrollment of the program. Grant funds may be used to fund the cost of providing related program instruction, for instructional equipment, supplies, instructional personnel, student services, and other expenses associated with the creation of the GATE program. Grant funds may not be used for administrative or indirect costs. Grant recipients must submit quarterly reports in a format prescribed by the department.</p>	Determined by Budget	Determined by Budget
14	124	<p>From the funds in Specific Appropriation 124, \$2,000,000 in recurring funds is provided for the GATE Program Student Success Incentive Fund established pursuant to section 1011.804, Florida Statutes. Incentive funds are to be awarded to school districts and Florida College System institutions based upon student performance outcomes achieved by GATE program students during the 2024-2025 academic year. The Department of Education shall distribute the awards by June 1, 2025, and establish procedures and timelines for school districts and colleges to report earned performance outcomes for funding. The department may allocate any funds not obligated by June 1, 2025, to districts and colleges who have earned awards, based on the percentage of earned outcomes. This funding is contingent upon SB 2516, or similar legislation, becoming a law.</p>	Maintain House Position	<p><b>Modified Senate Position:</b> From the funds in Specific Appropriation 124, <del>\$2,000,000</del> <u>\$1,000,000</u> in recurring funds is provided for the GATE Program Student Success Incentive Fund established pursuant to section 1011.804, Florida Statutes. Incentive funds are to be awarded to school districts and Florida College System institutions based upon student performance outcomes achieved by GATE program students during the 2024-2025 academic year. The Department of Education shall distribute the awards by June 1, 2025, and establish procedures and timelines for school districts and colleges to report earned performance outcomes for funding. The department may allocate any funds not obligated by June 1, 2025, to districts and colleges who have earned awards, based on the percentage of earned outcomes. This funding is contingent upon SB 2516, or similar legislation, becoming a law.</p>

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15	126	NOT INCLUDED	Maintain House Position	Accept House Position
16		NOT INCLUDED	Maintain House Position	Accept House Position
17	147	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 147, \$100,000,000 in nonrecurring funds is provided for the State University System Performance Based Recruitment and Retention Incentive. These funds should be allocated based on the maximum number of excellence points using the data from the 2024 Accountability Plan. The Board of Governors shall provide guidance to ensure these funds are used for the recruitment and retention of full-time instruction and research personnel. Universities that receive preeminence funding in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 are not eligible to receive these funds.	House Modified Position:  From the funds in Specific Appropriation 147, \$100,000,000 in nonrecurring funds is provided for the State University System Performance Based Recruitment and Retention Incentive. These funds should be allocated based on the maximum number of excellence points using the data from the 2024 Accountability Plan. The Board of Governors shall provide guidance to ensure these funds are used for the recruitment and retention of full-time instruction and research personnel. <del>Universities that receive preeminence funding in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 are not eligible to receive these funds.</del>	Accept House Position
18		Funds in Specific Appropriation 147 for Preeminent State Research Universities shall be allocated pursuant to section 1001.7065, Florida Statutes.	Maintain House Position	Accept House Position
19		NOT INCLUDED	Determined by Budget	Determined by Budget
20	147	From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 147, \$250,000 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Florida State University Florida Center for Reading Research for the development and delivery of a literacy-focused online professional development system for Florida teachers as provided in section 1001.215, Florida Statutes.	Determined by Budget	Determined by Budget

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21a				<p><b>New Proviso:</b> Funds in Specific Appropriation ***** are provided to support the development and implementation of statewide initiatives to support early learning coalitions, school districts, and schools in improving student achievement in reading and mathematics. The funds shall be provided to the administrator designated to administer the New Worlds Reading Initiative pursuant section 1003.485, Florida Statutes, and shall be allocated as described below.</p>
21	152A	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 152, \$3,000,000 in recurring funds is provided to the administrator University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning to provide a system of professional learning for the early learning coalitions established pursuant to section 1002.83, Florida Statutes, that significantly improves child care instructor quality. The center shall consult with the early learning coalitions and the Department of Education in the development and provision of this system.	Determined by Budget	<p><b>Modified Senate Language:</b> From the funds in Specific Appropriation ***** , \$3,000,000 in recurring funds is provided to the <u>administrator University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning</u> to provide a system of professional learning for the early learning coalitions established pursuant to section 1002.83, Florida Statutes, that significantly improves child care instructor quality. The <u>adminstrator center</u> shall consult with the early learning coalitions and the Department of Education in the development and provision of this system.</p>
22		From the funds in Specific Appropriation 152, \$21,000,000 in recurring funds is provided to the administrator University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning to implement the New Worlds micro-credential program, mathematics micro-credential, and reading endorsement incentives established pursuant to sections 1002.995, 1003.485, 1004.561, and 1012.586, Florida Statutes. Incentives may be provided to early learning coalition personnel and school district literacy coaches who earn a micro-credential or school district staff who earn a literacy coach endorsement. Incentives for mathematics micro-credentials, early learning coalition personnel, and school district literacy coaches are contingent upon SB 7038, or similar legislation, becoming a law.	Determined by Budget	<p><b>Modified Senate Language:</b> From the funds in Specific Appropriation 152, \$21,000,000 in recurring funds is provided to the <u>administrator University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning</u> to implement the New Worlds micro-credential program, mathematics micro-credential, and reading endorsement incentives established pursuant to sections 1002.995, 1003.485, 1004.561, and 1012.586, Florida Statutes. Incentives may be provided to early learning coalition personnel and school district literacy coaches who earn a micro-credential or school district staff who earn a literacy coach endorsement. Incentives for mathematics micro-credentials, early learning coalition personnel, and school district literacy coaches are contingent upon SB 7038, or similar legislation, becoming a law.</p>
23		From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 152, \$1,750,000 in recurring funds is provided to the administrator University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning for the development and delivery of a literacy-focused online professional learning system for teachers as provided in section 1001.215, Florida Statutes, and for Literacy Coach Endorsements and the Literacy Leadership Professional Learning Series.	Determined by Budget	<p><b>Modified Senate Language:</b> From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 152, \$1,750,000 in recurring funds is provided to the <u>administrator University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning</u> for the development and delivery of a literacy-focused online professional learning system for teachers as provided in section 1001.215, Florida Statutes, and for Literacy Coach Endorsements and the Literacy Leadership Professional Learning Series.</p>



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24		From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 152, \$1,000,000 in recurring funds is provided to the administrator University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning to implement the mathematics professional learning and micro-credential program pursuant to section 1004.561, Florida Statutes, and is contingent upon SB 7038, or similar legislation, becoming a law.	Determined by Budget	Modified Senate Language: From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 152, \$1,000,000 in recurring funds is provided to the <u>administrator University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning</u> to implement the mathematics professional learning and micro-credential program pursuant to section 1004.561, Florida Statutes, and is contingent upon SB 7038, or similar legislation, becoming a law.
25	152A	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 152, \$50,000,000 in recurring funds is provided to the administrator University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning to implement the New Worlds Tutoring program pursuant to section 1004.561, Florida Statutes, and is contingent upon SB 7038, or similar legislation, becoming a law. These funds shall be distributed to school districts to implement the program in their respective districts or used by the center to provide direct support and services to districts as provided for in section 1004.561, Florida Statutes.	Determined by Budget	Modified Senate Language: From the funds in Specific Appropriation 152, <del>\$50,000,000</del> <u>\$48,180,557</u> in recurring funds and <u>\$6,294,725</u> in nonrecurring funds is are provided to the <u>administrator University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning</u> to implement the New Worlds Tutoring program pursuant to section 1004.561, Florida Statutes, and is contingent upon SB 7038, or similar legislation, becoming a law. These funds shall be distributed to school districts to implement the program in their respective districts or used by the <u>administrator center</u> to provide direct support and services to districts as provided for in section 1004.561, Florida Statutes.
26	152A	From the funds in Specific Appropriation 152, \$4,500,000 in recurring funds is provided to the administrator University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning to administer the programs and services provided for in section 1004.561, Florida Statutes, and is contingent upon SB 7038, or similar legislation, becoming a law.	Determined by Budget	Modified Senate Language: From the funds in Specific Appropriation 152, <u>\$3,500,000</u> in recurring funds is provided to the <u>administrator University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning</u> to administer the programs and services provided for in section 1004.561, Florida Statutes, and is contingent upon SB 7038, or similar legislation, becoming a law.
27	160	NOT INCLUDED	Determined by Budget	Determined by Budget
28	BACK OF BILL			
29	BOB	NOT INCLUDED	Maintain House Position	Accept House Position

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30	BOB	NOT INCLUDED	Determined by Budget	Determined by Budget
31	BOB	SECTION 57. The unexpended balance of funds provided to the Flagler College Institute for Classical Education (SF 2408) in Section 59 of Chapter 2023-239, Laws of Florida, shall revert and is appropriated for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to the Department of Education for the same purpose.	Maintain House Position	Accept House Position
32	BOB	SECTION 56. The unexpended balance of funds provided to the Department of Education for the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund in Specific Appropriation 126A of chapter 2022-156, and Specific Appropriation 125 of chapter 2023-239, Laws of Florida, shall revert and is appropriated for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to the Department of Education for the same purpose.	Maintain House Position	Accept House Position
33	BOB	NOT INCLUDED	Maintain House Position	Accept House Position
34	BOB	NOT INCLUDED	Maintain House Position	Modified House Language: SECTION 23. The nonrecurring sum of <del>\$7,500,000</del> <del>\$10,269,000</del> from the General Revenue Fund provided to the Department of Education in Specific Appropriation 59 of chapter 2023-239, Laws of Florida, for the Effective Access to Student Education Grant shall immediately revert. This section is effective upon becoming law.
35	BOB	NOT INCLUDED	Maintain House Position	Accept House Position