



## AMENDMENT 7:

### **First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges & Universities**

- The Florida College System is the only component of public education not included in Florida's Constitution. Passage of Amendment 7 will officially recognize its role as an important part of the pathway continuum of education in the state.
- Amendment 7's emphasis on preserving local authority is key to the success of the colleges. District Boards of Trustees ensure that colleges can remain responsive to the academic and workforce needs of their communities and are important to the continued relevance of the system.
- The Florida College System is consistently recognized as the top college system in the nation and solidifying these principles into Florida's Constitution will promote the continued success and long-term vitality of the system.



**No. 7**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
Amends Sections 7 and 8 of Article IX  
of the Florida Constitution;  
adds a new section to Article X**

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Benefits; Public Colleges & Universities**

Creates mandatory payment of education and compensation benefits to qualifying survivors of certain first responders and military members who die performing official duties. Requires supermajority votes by university trustees and state university system board of governors to raise or impose all legislatively authorized fees if law requires approval by those bodies. Establishes existing state college system as constitutional entity; provides governance structure.

- Yes
- No