

2021 Legislative Update



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Session Dates

- **Committee Weeks**

- January 11
- January 25
- February 1
- February 8
- February 15



- **Session Convenes: March 2**
- **Last Day of Session: April 30**

2021 Legislative Plan- Goals

1. **Conserve Florida College System Program Fund**
2. **Restore PECO Funding for Maintenance and Repair**
3. **Build upon Past Work in Developing the Continuity of Strong Relationships for Florida Colleges for Future Years**
4. **Strive to be Proactive**
5. **Better communication among Legislators, COP and Lobbyists**



Legislative Plan Overview

- Meetings with:
 - Education & Appropriations Committee Members & Staff
 - Bill Sponsors
 - Leadership
 - Freshman
- Contacting Presidents and/or GR Staff when meeting with a legislator in their delegation
- Serve as a resource to legislators and their staff members
- Educate Legislators on Enrollment and CARES funding
- Weekly Meetings with Lobbyists (Mondays)
- Weekly Meetings with Chair Pickens and President Falconetti
- Weekly Legislative Updates
- PR Initiatives: Press Conferences, Social Media, Thank you notes, Congratulatory notes & Birthday cards to legislators and their staff
- Informational legislative document

One Page Document Review

FCS COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS PRIORITIES



CONSERVE

the Florida College System Program Fund

During this difficult economy, Florida colleges are here and ready to train the unemployed. Florida colleges serve as the primary source of workforce education in every county throughout Florida.



INVEST

Continuously in the Florida College System Infrastructure

We now offer many classes online because of the pandemic, but Florida Colleges still need classroom and lab space for many degrees, such as law enforcement and health science programs. The FCS seeks renewed investment in Public Education Capital Outlay allocation in the amount of 22%, equaling \$37.6m for Maintenance and Repairs and \$13M for specific projects.



MAINTAIN

Funding for the Complete Florida Plus Program

For more than eight years, the Florida Legislature has funded the Complete Florida Plus Program which supports vital services Floridians utilize in higher education, such as:



Maintenance of the state's online catalog of distance learning courses and degree programs



Provision for statewide advising services and support



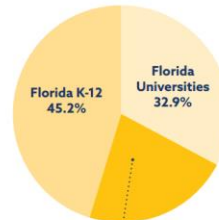
Administration of the Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative

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INVEST IN FLORIDA'S COLLEGES THROUGH PECO

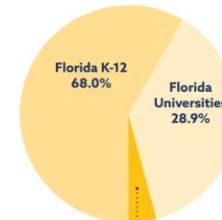
PECO Average Allocations:
2012-2018



Florida College System

21.9%

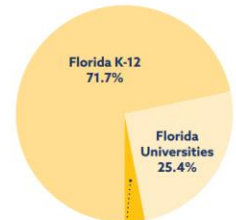
PECO Allocations:
2019-2020



Florida College System

3.1%

PECO Allocations:
2020-2021



Florida College System

2.9%

PREPARE AND PROTECT FLORIDA'S WORKFORCE



Police Officers



Firefighters



EMT



Computer Information Systems



Aerospace



Teachers



Accounting



Cybersecurity



Dental Hygiene



Business and Organization Management



Construction



Truck Driving

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Council of Presidents 2021 Budget Priorities

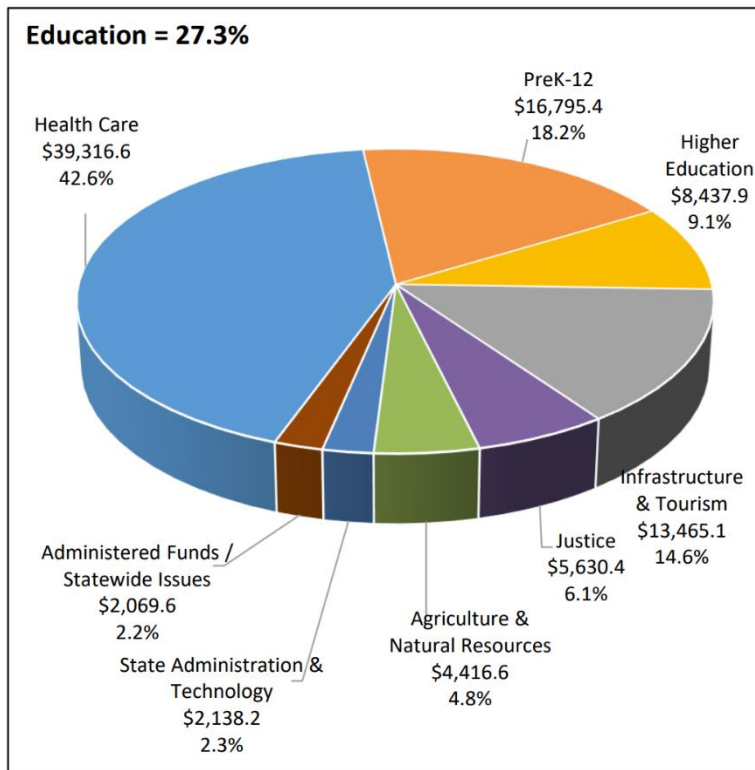
1. Conserve our Program Fund
2. Invest in FCS Infrastructure
3. Maintain Funding for the Complete Florida Plus Program



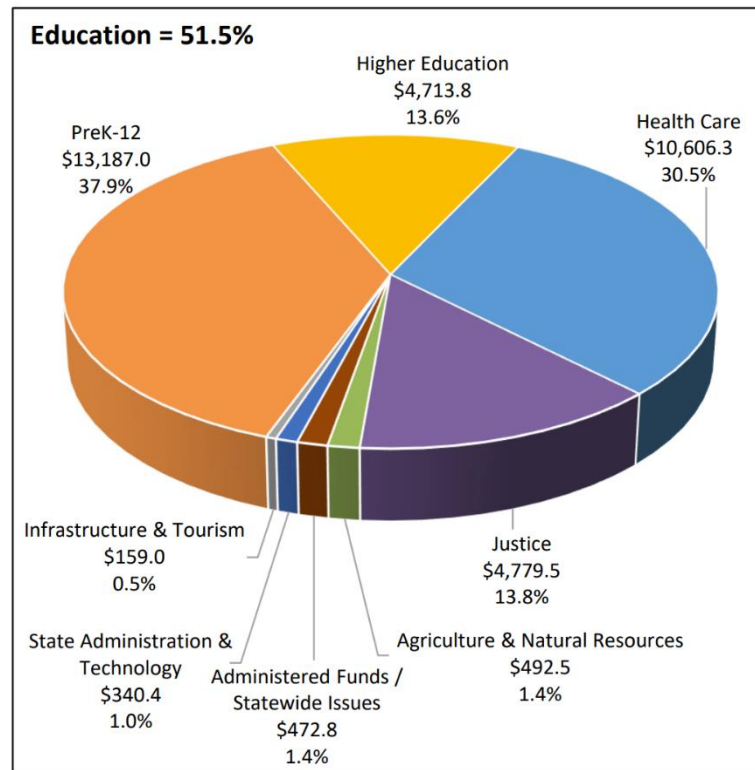
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FY 2020-21 Appropriations by Subcommittee

Total Funds



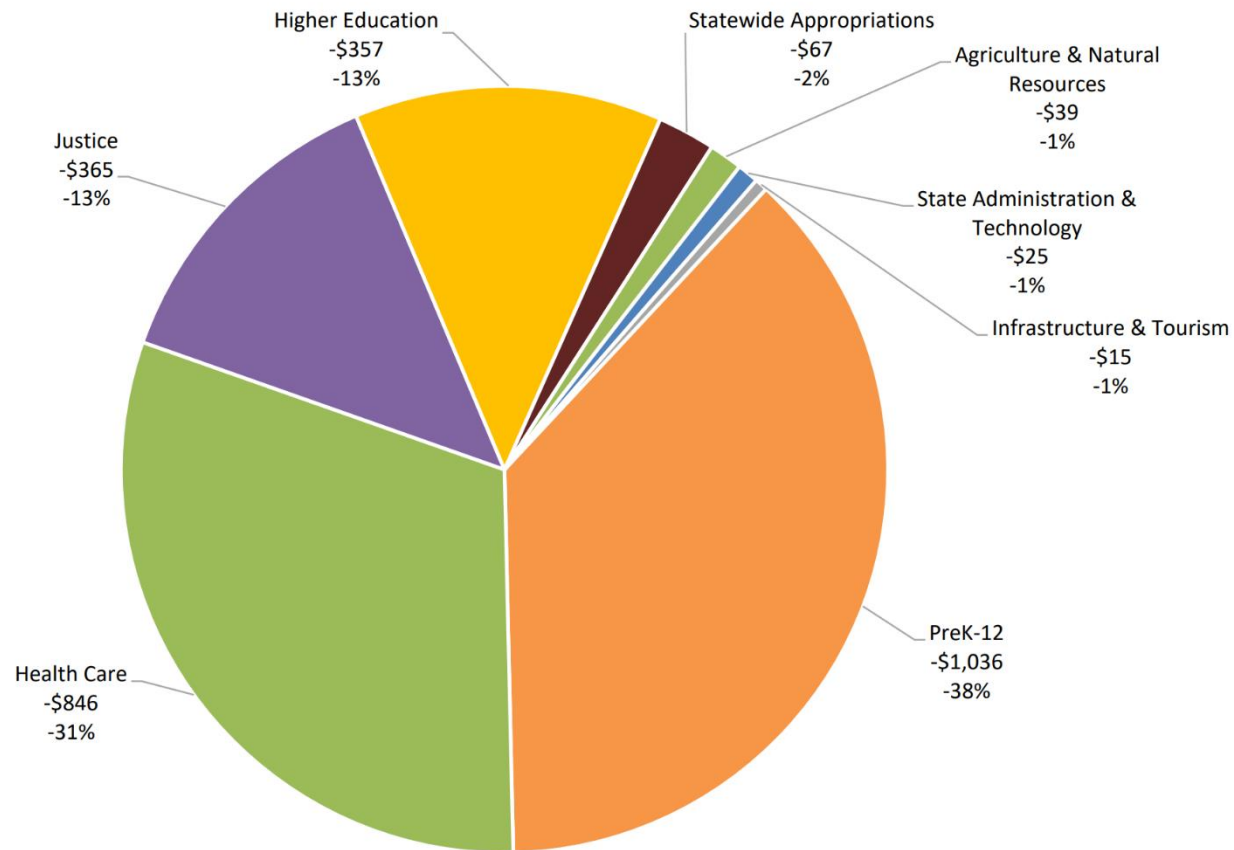
General Revenue



(graph shown in \$millions)

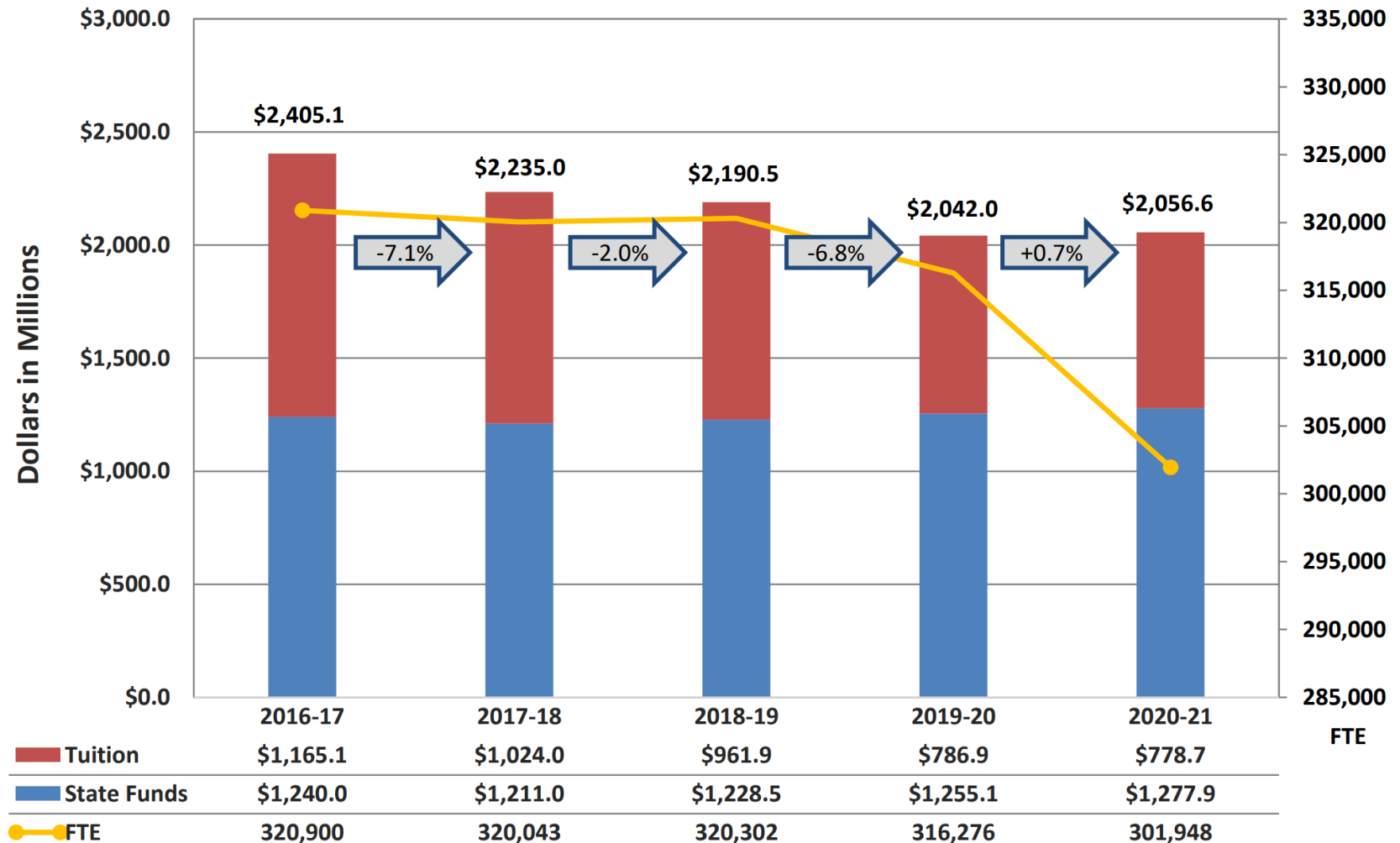
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If the \$2.75 billion General Revenue deficit is prorated across the subcommittees ...



(graph shown in \$millions)

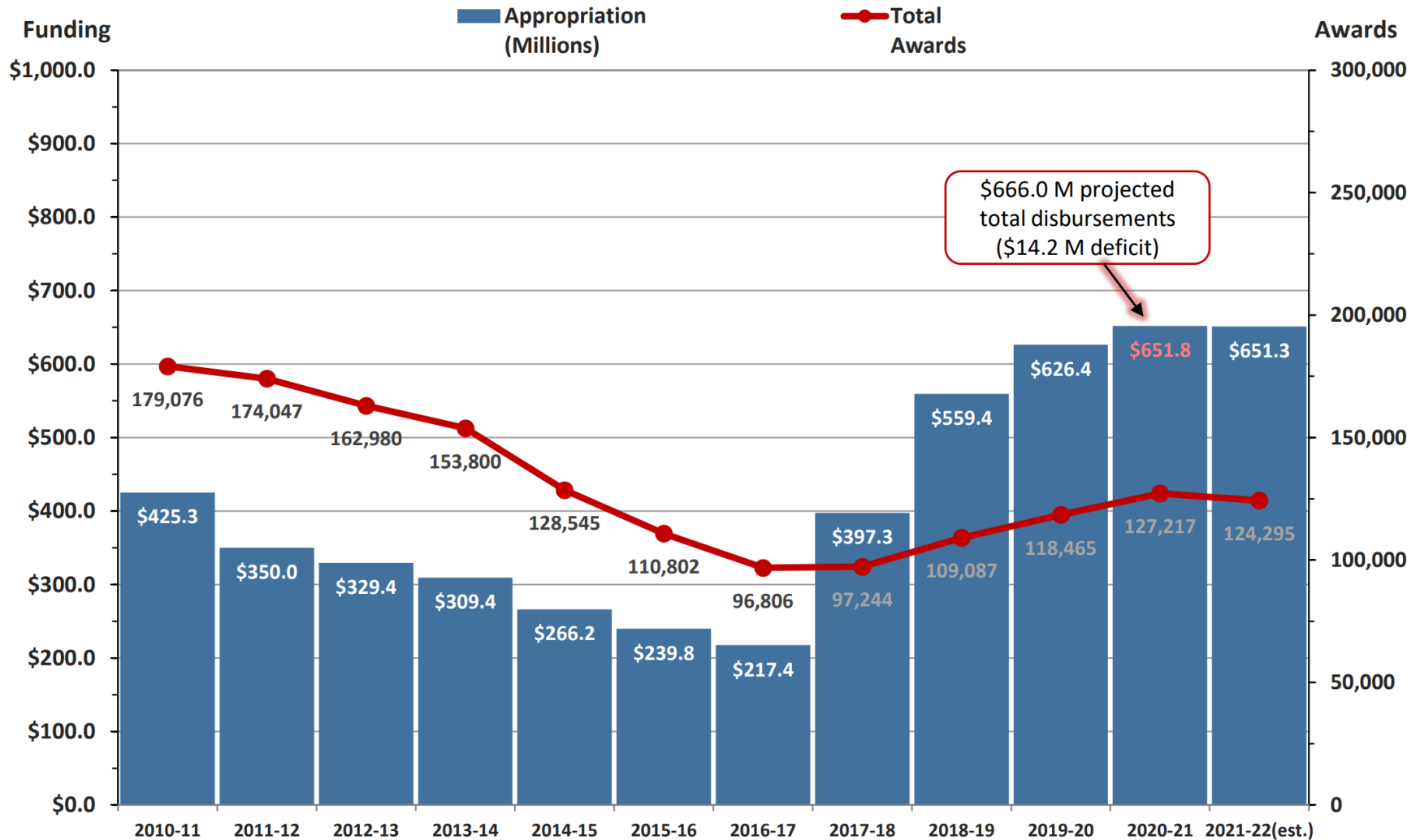
FCS Program Fund Total Appropriations and Tuition 5-Year History



Tuition is not appropriated in the GAA, but is included in this chart for informational purposes.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Higher Workloads - A Large Cost Consideration.....



Committee Budget Questions

How can we determine the validity of programs?

Is the spending central or “core” to each agency’s legal mandates?

Is the spending critical for public safety, health, and welfare or a state obligation such as debt service?

Is the spending a requirement of the Florida Constitution, federal law, or for state match or maintenance of effort?

How can resources be reprioritized within our subcommittee agencies or potentially redirected to General Revenue?

Policy Discussions and Bills Review

HB 7/SB 72- Civil Liability for Damages to COVID-19 (McClure/Brandes)

Provides requirements for civil action based on COVID-19-related claim; provides that plaintiff has burden of proof in such action; provides statute of limitations; provides retroactive applicability.

HB 51- Charter Schools (McClain)

Authorizes state universities & Florida College System institutions to sponsor charter schools without approval from the local school board.

SB 52- Postsecondary Education (Rodrigues)

Creates the Dual Enrollment Scholarship Program- Reimbursing institutions for courses taken by private or home-schooled students.

HB 99/SB 538- Use of Epinephrine Auto-injectors on Public K-20 Campuses (Gottlieb/Polsky)

Authorizes state universities & Florida College System institutions as entities for specified purposes relating to the emergency use of epinephrine auto-injectors.

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SB 128- Florida Talent Development Council (Bradley)

Creates the Council that will address the feasibility of establishing and implementing the Pathways in Technology Early College High School program (P-Tech). P-Tech is a program that incorporates secondary & postsecondary education with workforce education and work experience using a flexible 6-year model.

HB 135/SB 532 (Robinson/Burgess)

Allows technical colleges to offer ASN degrees.

HB 175/SB 508- Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Programs (Shoaf/Brandes)

Revises requirements of DOE's annual report on apprenticeship & preapprenticeship programs; provides DOE's duties relating to apprenticeship programs; revises membership of State Apprenticeship Advisory Council; provides that parents of public school students be informed of workforce education opportunities.

SB 220- Public Records and Public Meetings (Brandes)

Any personal identifying information of an applicant for president is confidential until included in the final group of applicants. Any portion of a meeting identifying a president will remain confidential but must be recorded.

Policy Discussions and Bills Review

HB 233/SB 264 Intellectual Freedom in Postsecondary Education (Roach/Rodrigues)

The SBOE will require each FCS institution to conduct an annual assessment of the intellectual freedom & viewpoint diversity at that institution. SBOE may not shield students from free speech protected under the first amendment.

SB 258- Internship Tax Credit Program (Jones)

Providing a corporate income tax credit for qualified businesses employing degree-seeking student interns if certain criteria are met.

SB 300- Student Eligibility Requirements for State Financial Aid Awards and Tuition Assistance Grants (Taddeo)

Providing that, for purposes of receiving state financial aid awards, a student may not be denied classification as a resident based on his or her immigration status if certain criteria are met.

HB 6001- Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons or Firearms (Sabatini)

Removes provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from openly carrying handgun or carrying concealed weapon or firearm into college or university facility.

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