

2025 Florida Legislative Session

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Questions & Conversation

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Our mission:

We lead the collaborative movement to ensure every Floridian achieves an education beyond high school and a rewarding career.

Our vision:

A Florida working together, where education is the pathway to economic mobility for all.

FCAN's Work

Achieving Florida's **SAIL to 60 Goal** to strengthen Florida's workforce and talent by 2030. Established in CS/HB 7071 (2019).



Research and Data FCAN publishes research and data on evidence-based practices and policy opportunities to strengthen Florida's talent pool.

Local college access networks (LCANs) LCANs support 83% of the state's population. These organizations are made up of community leaders who come together to create solutions and partnerships to support local talent development.

Statewide Initiatives FCAN coordinates 4 College Ready Florida initiatives that provides schools and community organizations resources to help students continue their education after high school.



7 Conditions for Success

Opportunity for everyone: To build a talent-strong economy, all Floridians need access to a postsecondary education and the supports to complete it.

Clear information and guidance: Students and families need exposure and counseling early and often to make informed decisions about their futures.

Affordability: Postsecondary education needs to be within everyone's financial reach, regardless of household income or life circumstances.

Multiple pathways to success: Floridians benefit from multiple learning opportunities for academic achievement and career advancement.

Lifelong learning: No degree or credential is "one and done;" Floridians need to prepare for career changes through continuous learning.

Effective use of data: Transparent access to data on education and economic outcomes, especially for Florida's diverse populations, helps achieve our goals.

Community collaboration: When community partners work together toward a shared vision, they remove barriers, build a robust workforce, and improve the quality of life for their regions.

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FAFSA – Included in CS/CS/HB 1255

- Embeds Instruction on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) within the Financial Literacy Course Curriculum

“Costs of postsecondary education, including cost of attendance, completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, scholarships and grants, and student loans”

- Effective July 1, 2025
- As a reminder, students entering grade 9 in the 2023-2024 school year and after are required to earn one-half credit in personal financial literacy and money management to graduate

Accelerated Program Funding for Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and other courses – SB 2510

- Removes FTE bonus weights for accelerated courses, and provides funding to districts on a proportional share basis
- Creates new dedicated fund for accelerated program funds. The “Academic Accelerations Options Supplement” is funded at \$596 Million for 2025-2026.
- New reporting requirements for districts to DOE and Legislature

Repeal of Out-of-State Fee Waiver – Included in CS/SB 2-C

- Repeals 2014 law permitting some undocumented students (having met certain criteria) to receive an out-of-state fee waiver to attend a state university, college, career or technical center
- New law permits out-of-state-fee waivers to apply to students who are US citizens or **lawfully present in the US**, who meet certain criteria
- Current students receiving an out-of-state-fee waiver will be reevaluated effective July 1, 2025

Elimination of the Certificate of Completion – Included in CS/CS/CS/HB 1105

- Students will no longer receive a Certificate of Completion (COC) effective July 1, 2025
- The Department of Education will development a document outlining options available to a student who fails to earn a standard diploma that informs on career education at Florida Colleges, options to earn a standard diploma or equivalency, and other pathways

Young Adult Housing Support – CS/CS/SB 584

- Colleges and Universities will work with the Department of Children and Families to develop **plans** to prioritize vulnerable students into college or university owned housing
- Prioritizing students who are or were formerly in foster care, homelessness or at-risk, and students eligible of a tuition and fee exemption
- OPPAGA to conduct study on barriers that young adults who are homeless or were in foster care experience when trying to obtain housing. Findings due by December 1, 2026

What's Next?

- Implementation: Most new laws effective July 1, 2025
- Preparing for 2026 Committee Weeks and Legislative Session
 - Committee weeks begin in October
 - Session begins January 13



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Questions?

Budget Highlights

2025-2026 Budget

↓ Total: \$115.1 Billion Budget

FSAG: \$269 Million

↑ Bright Futures: \$637.7 Million

↑ State University System: \$3.9 Billion

↑ FCS Operating funds: \$1.68 Billion

No Tuition Increases

2024-2025 Budget

\$116.5 Billion

\$269 Million

\$616 Million

\$3.8 Billion

\$1.59 Billion

Policy and Budget Questions?

Conclusion