


2023 Legislative Session Recap

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Welcome!



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Questions & Conversation

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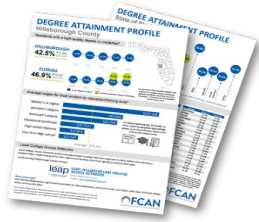
Our mission:

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

Our vision:

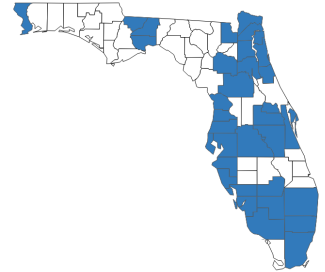
A Florida working together, where education is the pathway to economic mobility for all.

FCAN's Work



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.

Florida's 2023 Legislative Session

Representative Kristen Arrington (D46 – Kissimmee)



SB 196: Guidance Services on Academic and Career Planning

- This bill takes effect on July 1st
- Signed by the Gov. on May 17th

Representative Lindsay Cross (D60 – St. Petersburg)



SB 1190: Step into Success Workforce Education and Internship Pilot Program

- This bill takes effect on July 1st

SB 274: Nursing Education Pathway for Military Combat Medics

- This bill takes effect upon becoming a law

CS/CS/SB 240: Education

Sponsor: Senator Travis Hutson (R – St. Augustine)

- **Expanding components of 2021 REACH Act**
- **Experiential Learning Tax Credit Program**
- **Workforce Education Partnership Programs**
- **CTE Expansion and Work-based Learning**
- **Other Provisions**
 - Career Planning
 - Workforce Board Alignment
 - Open Door Grant Program
- **Effective Date:** Signed on May 17th, effective on July 1st

CS/SB 1272: Educational Grants

Sponsor: Senator Corey Simon (R – Tallahassee)

- **Expansion of the EASE Program for students attending private colleges and universities**
 - Effective Access to Student Education
- **Effective Date:** effective upon becoming a law, signed on May 17th

CS/HB 1035: K-12 Teachers

Sponsor: Representative Gonzalez-Pittman (R – Tampa)

- **Fee waivers for state-approved teacher preparation programs**
- **Creates:**
 - Dual Enrollment Educator Scholarship Program
 - Teacher Apprenticeship Program and Mentor Bonus
 - Heroes in the Classroom Bonus Program
- **Effective Date:** Signed on May 9th, effective on July 1st

Budget Highlights

Record breaking \$117B budget, the largest in state history

- **State University System: \$3.68 billion**
 - \$645 million for state university performance-based funding incentives
 - \$38.5 million for incentives for Programs of Strategic Emphasis
 - \$100 million for preeminent state research universities
 - No tuition increases
- **Florida College System: \$1.59 billion**
 - \$20 million for students earning industry certifications
 - \$30 million for student success incentive funds
 - No tuition increases
- **Financial aid programs**
 - EASE: \$134.8 million, for 37,728 students
 - Bright Futures: \$590.6 million
 - FSAG: \$387 million
 - Open Door Grant Program: \$35 million
- **Workforce Education: \$650 million**
 - \$20 million for the Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program
 - \$5 million for the new Adult General Education Performance-based Incentive Funds
 - \$4 million for the new Teacher Apprenticeship Program and Mentor Bonus
- **Other notable items**
 - \$32 million for HBCUs
 - \$125 million for nursing education (PIPELINE & LINE)

Questions?

Conclusion

