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Statement by BRAULIO COLÓN, Executive Director for Florida College Access Network, on the proposed [HB 5101](#) and [SPB 2510](#), and the implications of each on current Full Time Equivalent (FTE) weights:

“Florida has adopted a goal of increasing the percentage of Florida residents who hold a high-value postsecondary certificate or degree to 60% by the year 2030. To reach this workforce education goal, more students need to be prepared to attain education after high school. Florida should be developing and curating policies that preserve access to accelerated education options – both career-technical and academic – and incentivize districts of all shapes and sizes, urban and rural alike, to promote learning that eases the path to postsecondary education.”

“At a time when virtually all of the top jobs of the future will require education beyond high school, Florida leaders should consider increasing incentives for career certificates, dual enrollment, and other accelerated options for high school students, rather than tapping the brake. Florida is a leader in this area and reducing our investment undercuts all of the efforts to put us in the top spot.”

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About Florida College Access Network

Florida College Access Network (FCAN) is Florida’s collaborative network committed to ensuring all Floridians have the opportunity to achieve an education beyond high school and a rewarding career. We envision a Florida working together where education is the pathway to economic mobility for all.

FCAN strives to expand knowledge of research, data, policies, and practices that impact postsecondary access and attainment in Florida. For more information, visit www.floridacollegeaccess.org.

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