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2020 Florida Legislative Recap

Postsecondary Finance, Student Financial Aid, and Dual Enrollment Bonus Funding

On March 20, the 2020 Legislative session ended after extending a few days to finalize the 2020-2021 budget amidst the rapidly-evolving coronavirus situation. In total, legislators filed more than 3,500 bills, roughly 200 of which passed both chambers and were sent to Governor Ron DeSantis for approval.

This session, policymakers were tasked with budget reprioritization exercises to identify areas of overspending with the goal to pay for hurricane relief, teacher salary increases, and coronavirus containment. In terms of higher education, legislators prioritized bills that focused on restructuring performance-based funding for universities and grant programs for students.

FCAN's 2020 Florida Legislative Session Recap provides an overview of the notable legislation that stands to impact Florida's talent pool and postsecondary students. As of the date of this recap's release, all budget allocations and (unless otherwise noted) legislation are awaiting Governor Ron DeSantis' signature. This recap is the third and final part in a series of FCAN releases during session to track policy updates related to college and career readiness, access, and success.

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