2023 Legislative Session Recap

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Welcome!

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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 1\textsuperscript{st}
• Signed by the Gov. on May 17\textsuperscript{th}
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 9\(^{th}\), effective on July 1\(^{st}\)
Budget Highlights

- **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)

Record breaking $117B budget, the largest in state history
Questions?
Conclusion