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MEMORANDUM

- **TO:** Florida College System Presidents
- FROM: Kathryn S. Hebda
- **DATE:** December 8, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of New Rule 6A-14.00612, Florida Administrative Code, (F.A.C.) Designation of Restrooms and Changing Facilities in Florida College System (FCS) Institution Facilities

House Bill 1521 passed to become Chapter 2023-106, Laws of Florida, creating s. 553.865, Florida Statutes, and establishing the Safety in Private Spaces Act. This law prohibits persons from willfully entering a restroom or changing area that does not align with their sex, as determined at birth, except in certain specified circumstances. The new rule <u>6A-14.00612</u>, F.A.C., was approved by the State Board of Education on August 23, 2023. The rule includes reporting compliance requirements for FCS institutions to certify to the Department they have met the requirements for facilities and established policies and disciplinary actions for students and employees who violate the new provisions. The rule also includes <u>Form FCS-SPSA 6A-14.00612</u>, which colleges need to complete for all existing facilities by April 1, 2024. The college can submit one form for all existing facilities (or may complete one form for each site) by attaching the appropriate facilities inventory. Colleges should complete a new form for any new facilities opened after April 1, 2024, within one year of the opening or acquisition date. Completed forms must be submitted to <u>ChancellorFCS@fldoe.org</u>.

Please feel free to contact Lisa Cook, Associate Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Policy, Division of Florida Colleges, at Lisa.Cook@fldoe.org if you have any questions.

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