

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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SUBJECT: Florida College System Textbook and Instructional Materials Report

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PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

N/A

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1004.085(8), F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The College Access and Affordability bill passed during the 2016 legislative session requires Florida College System (FCS) institutions to implement innovative practices to ensure students have access to textbooks and instructional materials critical to success in college. Section 1004.085(8), Florida Statutes, requires FCS institutions to annually report current practices for the selection of textbooks and cost-saving innovations to the Florida College System Chancellor.

Each FCS institution was provided with a report template to complete by October 12, 2017, delineating the strategies implemented by the colleges to reduce the cost of textbook and instructional materials. Reporting requirements include:

1. materials selection process for general education courses with a wide cost variance identified
2. specific initiatives of the institution designed to reduce the costs of textbooks and instructional materials
3. policies implemented
4. the number of courses and course sections that were not able to meet the textbook and instructional materials posting deadline for the previous academic year

A review of the reports found that all of FCS institutions focused on college affordability through the development of policies and procedures for textbook adoption and the implementation of initiatives to reduce the cost of textbook and instructional materials for students. All FCS institutions employ initiatives designed to reduce the cost of textbooks and instructional materials.

Supporting Documentation Included: FCS Textbook and Instructional Materials Report Presentation (to be provided), FCS Textbook and Instructional Materials Report (under separate cover)

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