



### **Statewide Email**

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**SUBJECT:** Conference Report and Implementing Bill

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As you may already know, budget conference has concluded. All the conference documents are located [HERE](#). I've also attached the Conference Report (SB2500), the Implementing Bill (SB2502), and the Division's Side-by-Side Budget Comparison.

The attached Side-by-Side compares the operating budget from the conference report to the current year operating budget. The conference report shows an overall increase of **\$87 million** or 6.85% over the current year operating budget. Other highlights from this comparison:

- Program funds show an increase of \$64 million (or 5.19%) increase.
- Instructional materials of \$550,000 is removed from Florida College budget and transferred to Student Financial Aid budget (SB2500 line 73A).
- Student Success Incentives or Performance funds are \$25 million (\$15 million for 2+2 and \$10 million for workforce).
- Postsecondary Academic Library Network is \$9 million. The other amount of \$11 million is in the Universities' budget (SB2500 line 145A).
- Open Door Grant Program is \$20 million.
- Industry Certifications is \$14 million.

Other noteworthy items from the conference include:

- Of the \$10 million for the First Generation Matching Grant, the colleges' portion is \$2,654,332 (SB2500, line 66, page 15).
- Dual Enrollment Scholarship for \$15.5 million (SB2500, line 73A, page 16).
- Twenty FCO college projects for \$123 million:
  - Five projects at \$26 million (SB2500, line 20A, page 7).
  - Fifteen projects at \$97 million (SB2500, Section 152, page 452).
- Deferred Building Maintenance of \$350 million (SB2500, page 449).
- Authorizes colleges to acquire or construct facilities which could require GR for operation and maintenance (SB2500, Section 20, page 431). For any facility not on this list, the implementing

bill removes the requirement for prior legislative approval provided that colleges report to the Legislature (SB2502, lines 484-501).

And lastly, the holdback funds are released for the colleges. The timing to send these funds is based on the Governor's signature of these bills. I anticipate that the State will release these funds as an additional GR release before the end of the year. As we know more, we will communicate the timing of this release to you.

Attachments – Three:

1. SB2500
2. SB2502
3. 2021-22 FCS Side-by-Side