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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Florida College System Presidents  
**FROM:** Madeline Pumariega, Chancellor   
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**SUBJECT: Dual Enrollment Technical Guidance**

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On July 1, 2018, the dual enrollment provisions of Chapter 2018-6, Laws of Florida (L.O.F.), and Chapter 2018-134, L.O.F., will go into effect. Passed by the Florida Legislature as an omnibus education bill, HB 7055 addressed numerous aspects of K-12 education and revised section (s.) 1007.271, Florida Statutes (F.S.), which governs dual enrollment. Additionally, HB 731 further addressed home education students, with possible implications for dual enrollment programs at Florida College System (FCS) institutions.

**HB 7055 – Education**

Several statutory modifications will affect home education students' participation in dual enrollment at public postsecondary institutions. Specifically, ss. 1007.271(13)(a)2, 3, F.S., was amended to no longer require dually enrolled home education students to be responsible for their own instructional materials. There is no requirement that the school district pay for instructional materials. The Legislature allocated \$550,000 to offset costs associated with instructional materials for home education students.

Department of Education will distribute the funds to institutions to offset some costs. Allocation of the \$550,000 will be based on data submitted to Florida's Community College and Technical Center Management Information Systems and will be determined based on the number of eligible course dual enrollments by home school students during the 2018-19 academic year.

The methodology for isolating these data will be similar to the Industry Certification Performance Funding reporting process. Specifically, each college will receive a share of the funding equal to that college's percent of course enrollments by home school dual enrollment students compared to the entire FCS for the 2018-19 academic year (e.g., a college reporting 10 percent of all course enrollments by home school dual enrollment students across the FCS would receive 10 percent of \$550,000 or \$55,000). Technical details will be transmitted to the colleges' reports coordinators as soon as practical.

Section 1007.271 (13)(b)(1), F.S., was revised to state that postsecondary institutions may not place any course or program limitations in dual enrollment articulation agreements for home education students that exceed the limitations for other dually enrolled students. Further, a high school grade point average (GPA), Section 1007.271 (13)(b)(2), F.S., may not be required for home education students who meet the minimum score on a common placement test. For continued eligibility in dual enrollment, home education students must maintain the minimum postsecondary GPA established by the postsecondary institution.

Added to s. 1007.271(3), F.S., is a statement that the dual enrollment articulation agreements may not limit the number of dual enrollment courses a student may enroll in based solely upon enrollment by the student at an independent postsecondary institution (e.g., Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida institutions).

Section 1007.271(24)(b), F.S., was amended to no longer require compensation as a minimum requirement for private school dual enrollment articulation agreements. Since previous language neither granted nor barred the charging of the private school, the removal of the provision by HB 7055 does not prevent colleges from charging a private school for dual enrollment. The allocation of costs between private schools and postsecondary institutions is a matter for negotiation between the parties. Institutions should consult their general counsel for further guidance on this change and revise private school dual enrollment articulation agreements, if appropriate.

### **HB 731 – Home Education**

House Bill 731 amended s. 1002.41, F.S., to require parents to file a written notice of termination with the district school superintendent upon home education program completion. As part of the admissions process, colleges may request the notice of termination. Home education students may report completion of industry certifications, national assessments and statewide, standardized assessments to FCS institutions for articulation purposes or credit.

Prior to the effective date of July 1, 2018, all FCS institutions are encouraged to review all dual enrollment agreements, including multi-year agreements, to ensure:

- For all dual enrollment students, the language in the agreement does not limit the courses a student can take solely based on the student's enrollment in an independent postsecondary institution.
- For home education dually enrolled students, the language in the agreement does not include the student's responsibility for providing his or her own instructional materials.
- For home education dually enrolled students, continued eligibility in dual enrollment for home education students does not exceed the established criteria for other dually enrolled students.

Institutions should also review their dual enrollment applications and internal forms to ensure they are up to date and reflect the changes above. Any changes to dual enrollment articulation agreements for the 2018-19 academic year should be made prior to the August 1 submission deadline to the Florida Department of Education (DOE) Office of Articulation. For general questions regarding dual enrollment articulation agreements, contact the DOE Office of Articulation at [articulation@fldoe.org](mailto:articulation@fldoe.org).

Questions about funding for home education students participating in dual enrollment should be directed to Scott Kittel, Division of Florida Colleges, at [scott.kittel@fldoe.org](mailto:scott.kittel@fldoe.org) or 850-245-9467. For other questions regarding dual enrollment, please contact Jeremy Hudak, Division of Florida Colleges, at [jeremy.hudak@fldoe.org](mailto:jeremy.hudak@fldoe.org) or 850-245-9464.

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