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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Superintendents  
Florida College System Presidents

**FROM:** Kevin O’Farrell, Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education  
Kathryn Hebda, Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges

**DATE:** August 31, 2022

**SUBJECT: Prepping Institutions, Programs, Employers, and Learners Through Incentives for Nursing Education (PIPELINE) Funds**

Senate Bill 2524 ([Chapter 2022-154, Laws of Florida](#)) established a new funding incentive program for districts and Florida College System (FCS) institutions. Section (s.) 1009.897, Florida Statutes (F.S.), was created to reward performance and excellence among public postsecondary nursing education programs. This program, titled the Prepping Institutions, Programs, Employers, and Learners Through Incentives for Nursing Education, provides for performance funds, subject to appropriation, based upon the following:

- The number of nursing education program completers, by program.
- The first-time National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination (NCLEX) passage rate of the institution’s nursing education program completers, by program.
- Excellence among nursing education programs with an average first-time NCLEX passage rate above the national average.

The 2022 General Appropriation Act (GAA) provided the following allocations to school districts and FCS institutions:

- \$20 million in funds to school districts with licensed practical nursing programs based upon 2020-21 data sources for completion and 2020 licensure data.
- \$40 million in funds to FCS institutions with licensed practical nursing and registered nursing programs based upon 2020-21 data sources for completion and 2020 licensure data.

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For licensure data, the [2020 annual first time, U.S. Educated, Pass rate](#) was used. For practical nurses, the national average was 83.08 percent. For registered nursing, the national average was 82.8 percent. Data by institution are posted on the Florida Board of Nursing's website at the following link: <https://mqa-internet.doh.state.fl.us/MQASearchServices/Home>.

The allocations by institutions were provided in the specific appropriations in each sector's funding area in the GAA. Attached are two documents which provide background information on the specific calculations. Attachment 1 is a school district summary with allocations by district from Specific Appropriation 120A. In this attachment, Table 1 shows the amounts calculated by the legislature for each school district career center. Table 2 shows the total allocation by district and category of funds. Attachment 2 is an FCS file with allocations for each institution and data used for the allocation, as calculated by the legislature, from Specific Appropriation 120A.

The Florida Department of Education has released the Request For Application for the disbursement of these funds. The application and associated documents can be accessed on the following funding opportunities site: <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/funding-opportunities/2022-2023-funding-opportunities/>.

The State Board of Education has adopted Rule 6A-10.0351, Florida Administrative Code, for this new program. Information on this rule is available in the following location: <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleNo.asp?id=6A-10.0351>.

A funding opportunities webinar is scheduled for the following date and time to provide information on the new law and appropriation, how to complete and submit the application, and an overview of the methodology used for the allocation.

<b>Date</b>	September 8, 2022
<b>Time</b>	10:00 AM, EDT
<b>Registration Link</b>	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8308521613360868112">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8308521613360868112</a>

While these funds are provided based upon recent performance in nursing education programs, the expenditure of these funds is not limited in the statute to nursing programs. Please review the application requirements and plan to participate in the webinar to ask additional questions.

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Should you have questions on the school district allocations, please contact Tara Goodman, Vice Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education at [Tara.Goodman@fldoe.org](mailto:Tara.Goodman@fldoe.org) or 850-245-9001. Questions about FCS allocations may be directed to Carrie Henderson, Executive Vice Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges at [Carrie.Henderson@fldoe.org](mailto:Carrie.Henderson@fldoe.org) or 850-245-9903.

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