

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 21, 2003

SUBJECT: State Universities= Equity Funding Report

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the State Universities= Equity Funding Report required by Proviso language in the 2002-03 General Appropriations Act, and authorize the Secretary of Education to develop and issue the final report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Proviso language in the 2002-03 General Appropriations Act requires, by January 15, 2003, the Board to submit a report on equity funding. The Proviso language follows:

From the funds in Specific Appropriations 166A through 166C, the State Board of Education shall, by January 15, 2003, provide to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives an analysis and report of the current status of equity in the Education and General funding of Florida's State University System. The study shall consider the impact of the following issues on the assessment of funding equity: university mission; enrollment by discipline and student course level; special appropriations by the Legislature and other issues as determined by the State Board of Education. The report shall discuss the policy choices available for consideration by the Legislature which could be recognized by an equity funding formula, highlighting the advantages and disadvantages inherent in each choice.

The report being dealt with here is in addition to a similar report required of the Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement (CEPRI).

Supporting Documentation Included: Draft Equity Funding Report

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