

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
August 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Institutional Accrediting Agencies Research, Report and Recommendations for Florida College System Institutions

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approval en masse of Chancellor Hebda's and the Florida College System's (FCS) research, report, and recommendations regarding institutions seeking accreditation in the year following their current accreditor's reaffirmation or fifth-year review.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1008.47(2)(a), 1001.02(1), and 1001.02(6), F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the 2022 legislative session, Senate Bill (SB) 7044 created section (s.) 1008.47, Florida Statutes (F.S.), to prohibit FCS institutions and state universities from being accredited by the same accrediting agency or association for consecutive accreditation cycles. It specified that FCS institutions must seek accreditation from a State Board of Education (SBOE)-identified accreditor or association in the year following reaffirmation or fifth-year review by their current accrediting agencies. SB 7044 established September 1, 2022, as the date by which the SBOE must identify accrediting agencies or associations that are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and are best suited to serve as an accreditor for FCS institutions.

Supporting Documentation Included: List of Institutional Accrediting Agencies Approved for Florida College System Institutions (under separate cover)

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