STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
January 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of Request from St. Johns River State College for a Bachelor of Science in Social and Human Services

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1007.33, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

St. Johns River State College (SJRSC) submitted a notice of intent followed by a proposal to the Department of Education to offer a Bachelor of Science in Social and Human Services. Appropriate notification of intent was provided to the Board of Governors, Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida and the Commission for Independent Education, as required in section 1007.33, Florida Statutes.

The degree program will prepare graduates for careers related to Human Services, Counseling, and Social Work. Graduates can expect to be prepared to enter the workforce as community and social service managers and specialists, child, family, and school social workers, and social and human service assistants in the areas of substance abuse, behavioral disorders, and mental health.

Florida Commerce labor market projections indicate a demand of 133 annual job openings in SJRSC's service district from 2023 to 2031. The average annualized salary is estimated between $44,824 to $53,048. SJRSC has no other public post-secondary institutions in its service district.

Letters of support were provided by the Clay, Putnam, and St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners, as well as several local social and human services organizations, including Betty Griffin Center, Children's Home Society, Epic Behavioral Healthcare, and Home Again St. Johns. Flagler College also provided a letter of support. There were no letters of objection or alternative proposals for the proposed degree program.

An extensive review of criteria was conducted for the proposal submitted, and written comments and recommendations were provided to the college. The final proposal is being submitted to the State Board of Education for consideration.

Documentation Included: SJRSC Proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Social and Human Services and Appendices (under separate cover)

Facilitators/Presenters: Chancellor Kathy Hebda, Florida College System, President Joe Pickens, St. Johns River State College, and guests