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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida College System Presidents

FROM: Kathryn S. Hebda 

DATE: August 14, 2020

SUBJECT: Approval of New Rule 6A-14.0306, Florida Administrative Code,
Death Benefits for Survivors of First Responders and Military Members

On July 15, 2020, the State Board of Education approved Rule 6A-14.0306, Florida Administrative Code, Death Benefits for Survivors of First Responders and Military Members. The rule provides Florida College System (FCS) institutions with additional guidance to ascertain student eligibility for the tuition waiver. A copy of the rule is attached for your reference.

In 2019, Senate Bill 7098 (Chapter No. 2019-24, Laws of Florida) created sections 112.1912 and 295.061, Florida Statutes, which require the state to waive the cost of tuition and certain fees that the child or spouse of a deceased first responder (including Florida National Guard) or deceased active duty service member of the United States Armed Forces (U.S Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard) incurs at a career center, FCS institution or state university.

The Division of Florida Colleges will hold a technical assistance webinar to review the new rule on Tuesday, August 25 at 11:00 a.m. EDT. Please register for the Rule 6A-14.0306 Death Benefits for Survivors of First Responders and Military Members Technical Assistance webinar at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9107681832318363661>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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Attached you will find a document with Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and a matrix of eligibility for each waiver classification. Please contact Dr. Shanna Autry, Director of Student Affairs, at Shanna.Autry@fldoe.org for questions regarding the rule.

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Attachments

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