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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida College System Presidents

FROM: Kathryn S. Hebda *KSH*

DATE: May 2, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of New Rule 6A-10.087, Postsecondary Education Benefits and Services for Students Who Have Been or are in Foster Care or are Experiencing Homelessness

On March 22, 2023, the State Board of Education approved Rule 6A-10.087, Postsecondary Education Benefits and Services for Children and Young Adults Who Have Been or are in Foster Care or are Experiencing Homelessness, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

The rule provides Florida College System (FCS) institutions with additional guidance to implement exemptions for students formerly in foster care or experiencing homelessness. The rule also incorporates a standardized form (FSH-1 Florida Student Homelessness Verification) to assist with the homelessness verification process. A copy of the rule and form FSH-1 are attached for your review.

In 2022, [House Bills 1577](#) (Chapter No. 2022-65, Laws of Florida) and [7065](#) (Chapter No. 2022-67, Laws of Florida), and [Senate Bill 7034](#) (Chapter No. 2022-68, Laws of Florida), amended sections (ss.) [1009.25](#) and [409.1452](#), Florida Statutes (F.S.), to modify existing exemptions and establish new criteria regarding documentation and comprehensive support structures.

Beginning in 2022-23, students experiencing homelessness and students in the child welfare system will benefit from the exemption expansion and support services. The purpose of the rule is to set forth the documentation needed to establish eligibility for the exemptions and provide a standardized form to verify homelessness.

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Each college should review the statutory and rule requirements and update existing, or prepare new, policies and procedures to comply with provisions outlined in the statute and rule. Institutions should also begin to utilize form FSH-1 to verify eligibility for the homelessness exemption.

Attached are responses to several implementation questions that were raised during rule development. These frequently asked questions (FAQ) will be available on our website at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/student-services/tuition-fee-exempt.stml>. Information regarding updates to state reporting and updates to the annual exemptions and waivers report is available in the FAQ document.

A technical assistance webinar will be held May 18 at 3:00 PM ET. To register for the webinar, please visit https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KHRIRiONSgidDi615LNKig.

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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