

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEW REGULATION**

**DATE: June 30, 2022**

**REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 8.008, Nursing Education**

**SUMMARY:** Senate Bill 2524 requires the Board of Governors to adopt a regulation to administer the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund and the Prepping Institutions,

**PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW.** The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

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**8.008            Nursing Education**

(1) **Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund:** This fund provides the opportunity for each state university to receive matching funds for every dollar contributed to an institution by a healthcare partner. The fund provides a dollar-to-dollar match to the participating institution, subject to funds availability. Each university shall adopt regulations for the administration of this program. To be

Florida Statutes.

3. The Board of Governors will award grant funding based on the merit of each proposal.
4. LINE Funds may be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.
5. Award amounts may be prorated depending on the number of approved proposals and the dollar amounts requested.

(e) Each institution with an approved proposal shall notify the Board of Governors upon receipt of funds provided by the healthcare partner identified in the proposal. The Board of Governors will subsequently release grant funds, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to the amount of funds received by the institution, subject to funds availability.

(f) Annually, by February 1, each institution awarded LINE Funds in the previous fiscal year shall submit a report to the Board of Governors that demonstrates the expansion as outlined in the proposal and delineates the use of all funds, including contributions and matching funds. The report must be in the format prescribed by the Chancellor. At a minimum, the report must include the following information for each proposal, disaggregated by degree level.

1. The number of additional nursing education students enrolled.
2. The number of students who received scholarships and the average award amount, if scholarships were awarded using program funds.
3. The outcomes of nursing students enrolled as reported by the Florida Talent Development Council pursuant to section 1004.015(6), Florida Statutes.

**(2) Prepping Institutions, Programs, Employers, and Learners through Incentives for Nursing Education (PIPELINE) Fund:** Institutions earn PIPELINE funds annually, subject to appropriation, based on the number of nursing program completers and NCLEX passage rates. Funds awarded to universities by the legislature through this program may be used for the following academic purposes including, but not limited to: student scholarships, recruitment and retention of faculty, purchasing or repairing equipment, and creating or updating simulation centers. Funds may not be used for construction of new buildings.

(a) Annually, by February 1, each institution awarded PIPELINE funds in the previous fiscal year shall submit a report to the Board of Governors regarding the outcomes of nursing students enrolled as reported by the Florida Talent Development Council pursuant to section 1004.015(6), Florida Statutes. The report must be in the format prescribed by Chancellor.

**(3) Master's Degree Programs in Nursing:** Any proposal by any State University System institution to suspend or terminate an existing master's degree program in nursing must come to the Board of Governors for approval before any such suspension or termination may occur. Such a proposal must provide sufficient and relevant information and justification as to why the program should be suspended or terminated. Additional information may be requested by the Chancellor.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const., Sections 1009.896, 1004.015(6), 1009.24, Florida Statutes; History – New regulation, X-XX-2022.