

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

DATE: September 16, 2022

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 8.012, Academic Program Termination and Temporary Suspension of New Enrollments

SUMMARY:

The proposed amendment provides additional flexibility to institutions to terminate programs at the doctoral and professional levels without coming to the Board of Governors for approval. Institutions would follow the same process for terminating bachelor's, master's, and specialists programs. The proposed amendment would also make the following changes to align with other Board regulations.

- Under Regulation 8.002, institutions cannot terminate a program funded through Education and General funds in favor of an identical or similar self-supporting or market tuition rate program at the same level.
- Consistent with Regulation 8.008, the termination or suspension of new enrollments in nursing master's programs must be considered for approval by the Board of Governors before implementation.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE REGULATION(S): Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED REGULATION: Dr. Christy England, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

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8.012 Academic Program Termination and Temporary Suspension of New Enrollments

(1) Academic Program Termination

- (a) To ensure the efficient use of state resources and maintain the quality and relevancy of academic programs offered within the State University System, programs may be terminated. Reasons for terminating programs may include but are not limited to the following:

1. no fit for the state or the community.

- (b) Each University Board of Trustees must adopt regulations for degree program termination that are consistent with this regulation, with copies provided to the Board of Governors, Office of Academic and Student Affairs. The regulations must include, at a minimum, the following components:
1. A formal process for determining degree programs that are candidates for termination that includes review by the appropriate curriculum, financial, and administrative councils of the university; and
 2. A plan to accommodate any students or faculty who are currently active in a program that is scheduled to be terminated;
 3. A plan to notify Florida College System (FCS) institutions that the university has begun the process of terminating a baccalaureate program so that FCS students may be advised appropriately; and
 4. A process for evaluation and mitigation of any potential negative impact the proposed termination may have on the current representation of females and ethnic minorities within the faculty and students.
- (c) Each University Board of Trustees has the responsibility and authority to approve termination of a degree program in accordance with this regulation. Upon termination of a degree program, the university will submit to the Board of Governors, Office of Academic and Student Affairs a request for termination prior to the start of the effective term, within four weeks of the University Board of Trustees' decision.

new enrollments for master's degree programs in nursing must be approved by the Board of Governors in accordance with Board Regulation 8.008.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; History: — New 3-29-07, Amended 9-22-16, Amended x-xx-22.