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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents
Florida College System Presidents

FROM: Tony Bennett, Commissioner 

DATE: June 25, 2013

SUBJECT: Changes to Florida's Dual Enrollment Program Resulting from Senate Bill 1514

The dual enrollment program in Florida allows high school students to pursue an advanced curriculum that is applicable to high school graduation requirements and a postsecondary certificate or degree. This acceleration mechanism is one of the most popular among Florida high school students and serves as a conduit to college and career.

Senate Bill 1514 (Chapter 2013-45, Laws of Florida, available at <http://laws.flrules.org/2013/45>) has been approved by Governor Rick Scott and will become effective July 1, 2013. Among its provisions, revisions to Section 1007.271, Florida Statutes, require school districts to pay the standard tuition rate per credit hour from funds provided in the Florida Education Finance Program to a public postsecondary institution delivering dual enrollment instruction on its campus. The legislation also provides for cost reimbursement to the postsecondary institution for instruction occurring at the high school site. These changes, in addition to the elimination of capacity-based limitations on dual enrollment participation by a Florida College System institution, have caused a number of implementation questions to arise. As such, the Florida Department of Education's *Dual Enrollment Frequently Asked Questions* (FAQs) has been revised to address many of the questions I have heard from both district superintendents and

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college presidents. The revised version of the FAQs is attached and available at <http://www.fldoe.org/articulation/>.

Please contact Mr. Matthew Bouck, director of the Office of Articulation, at matthew.bouck@fldoe.org if you have any questions.

While I understand there may continue to be challenges as you work toward the August 1, 2013, submission of the 2013-14 Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement, I encourage school districts and Florida College System institutions to work collaboratively to ensure Florida's students continue to have access to high-quality dual enrollment opportunities.

TB/ja

Attachment

cc: Chancellor Pam Stewart
Chancellor Randy Hanna
Chancellor Rod Duckworth
Chancellor Frank Brogan
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Director of Articulation Matthew Bouck