

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Open Educational Resources  
 3           Grant Program; creating s. 1004.086, F.S.;  
 4           establishing the Open Educational Resources Grant  
 5           Program; requiring the Department of Education, the  
 6           State Board of Education, and the Board of Governors  
 7           to administer the program; providing the purpose of  
 8           the program; defining the term "open educational  
 9           resources"; providing for application requirements and  
 10          the application process of the program; requiring  
 11          participating state universities and Florida College  
 12          System institutions to use grant funds for a specified  
 13          purpose; requiring the State Board of Education to  
 14          adopt rules; authorizing the Board of Governors to  
 15          adopt regulations; specifying that implementation of  
 16          the program is subject to legislative appropriation;  
 17          providing an effective date.

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 19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 21           Section 1. Section 1004.086, Florida Statutes, is created  
 22           to read:

23           1004.086 Open Educational Resources Grant Program.—  
 24           (1) (a) There is created the Open Educational Resources  
 25           Grant Program, which shall be administered by the Department of

26 Education in coordination with the Board of Governors and the  
27 State Board of Education. The purpose of the program is to  
28 provide grant assistance to state universities and Florida  
29 College System institutions for the development of high-quality,  
30 low-cost open educational resources for students.

31 (b) The term "open educational resources" means licensed  
32 teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the  
33 public domain or have been released under a license that allows  
34 their free use, reuse, modification, and sharing with others.  
35 The term includes open-access textbooks and instructional  
36 materials.

37 (2) A state university or Florida College System  
38 institution may submit an application in a format prescribed by  
39 the department to be awarded a grant under the program. The  
40 department, in coordination with the Board of Governors and the  
41 State Board of Education, shall consider each proposal and may  
42 award grants to state universities and Florida College System  
43 institutions that demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the  
44 department and the boards, a plan for the development of open  
45 educational resources.

46 (3) Each participating state university or Florida College  
47 System institution shall use the grant to curate or adopt open  
48 educational resources for general education courses. In curating  
49 and adopting the open educational resources, each state  
50 university and Florida College System institution must give

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51 priority to required general education courses as provided in  
52 the statewide articulation agreement.

53 (4) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules, and  
54 the Board of Governors may adopt regulations, to implement this  
55 section.

56 (5) Implementation of the program is subject to  
57 legislative appropriation.

58 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.