

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Budget and Finance Committee  
November 6, 2014**

**SUBJECT:** Preeminent State Research University Performance Metrics

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Discussion only

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution, House Bill 851

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

House Bill 851, passed during the 2014 Legislative Session modified Section 1009.24(16) Florida Statutes to reduce the tuition differential increase from 15 percent to six percent. In addition, only a university that "is designated as a preeminent state research university by the Board of Governors pursuant to section 1001.7065" is eligible for future increases. The following language was added on eligibility criteria:

The tuition differential may be increased if the university meets or exceeds performance standard targets for that university established annually by the Board of Governors for the following performance standards, amounting to no more than a 2-percent increase in the tuition differential for each performance standard:

- a. An increase in the 6-year graduation rate for full-time, first-time-in-college students, as reported annually to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System.
- b. An increase in the total research expenditures.
- c. An increase in the total patents awarded by the United States Patent and Trademark Office for the most recent years.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Chapter 2014-62

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