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2018 Florida Legislative Update

A month in, legislators debate major changes to state colleges and universities

As the 2018 Florida Legislative Session approaches its mid-point, the pace around Tallahassee is quickening. The time for committees to hear and act on bills will be winding down soon, and at this point, it will be difficult for proposals that have yet to be heard by a committee to pass.

In the coming weeks, debate among the House and Senate will intensify as they move toward agreeing on an approximately \$87 billion budget, as well as any legislative policies they hope to pass and send to the Governor's desk for final approval.

[Included in the latest legislative update released today](#) by Florida College Access Network (FCAN) is an overview of the two most notable legislative proposals impacting college students in Florida, Senate Bills 4 and 540, as well as updates on other relevant bills.

This update follows FCAN's [2018 Florida Legislative Preview](#) released in January as part of our on-going efforts to track policy updates related to college and career readiness, access and success. This update is intended as an educational resource and does not constitute an endorsement or opposition to any of the legislative proposals described.

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About Florida College Access Network

The mission of the Florida College Access Network is to create and strengthen a statewide network that catalyzes and supports communities to improve college and career preparation, access, and completion for all students. Our Big Goal is to increase the percentage of Florida residents who hold a high-quality postsecondary degree or credential to 60% by the year 2025. For more information, visit www.floridacollegeaccess.org.

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