

Committee on Education Postsecondary

CS/CS/HB 217 — College Campus Facilities in Areas of Critical State Concern

by Appropriations Committee; Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee; and Rep. Mooney and others (CS/CS/SB 222 by Appropriations Committee on Education; Education Postsecondary Committee; and Senator Rodriguez)

The bill expands the categories of non-students that may be housed in dormitories on the campus of a Florida College System (FCS) institution to include healthcare workers. The bill also revises from 25 to 50 the number of dormitory beds that may be provided for such individuals.

The bill clarifies which revenues may be used for construction, debt service payments, maintenance, or operation of dormitories, to authorize FCS institutions to use grants and donations for capital outlay, as well as revenues from the capital improvement fee, for such purposes.

The bill also creates a requirement for the Division of Bond Finance to review financing prior to the issuance of any bonds by a nonpublic entity as part of a public-private partnership with the FCS institution, and for the institution to consider issues raised by such analysis.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 29-0; House 116-0