

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairs of all State University Board of Trustees

FROM: Chris Spencer, Director
Office of Policy and Budget

SUBJECT: Gender Dysphoria Services

DATE: January 11, 2023

It is the Governor's constitutional duty as Florida's chief executive officer to take care that the laws of this State be faithfully executed. Art. IV, § 1(a), Fla. Const. To carry out this task, the Florida Constitution authorizes the Governor to "require information in writing from all executive or administrative state, county, or municipal officers upon any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices." Id.

State universities are a part of the executive branch of state government. § 1001.705(1)(d), Fla. Stat. (2022). So are the university boards of trustees, which are responsible for administering the state universities. § 1001.71(1), (3), Fla. Stat. This duty involves "governing institutional resources and protecting the public interest." § 1001.706(3)(j), Fla. Stat.

Our office has learned that several state universities provide services to persons suffering from gender dysphoria. On behalf of the Governor, I hereby request that you respond to the enclosed inquiries related to such services.

Enclosed is a request-for-information form. Please read the instructions and definitions, answer all questions, and return the answers to the Education Unit of the Office of Policy and Budget via email at education@laspbs.state.fl.us by February 10, 2023. All requests contained herein are for aggregated information. Please ensure all responses do not contain personally identifiable information or protected health information and are provided in an aggregated and de-identified format. If your university does not provide any such services, please notify our Education Unit via email.

Attachment

cc: Chancellor Raymond Rodrigues, State University System of Florida