



**TO:** Professional Practice Committee

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**SUBJECT:** 2019 Non-State Aid Budget and Legislative Priorities

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### SUMMARY

#### **Issues for Discussion**

The Regents advance Non-State Aid budget and legislative requests every year, which reflect initiatives that support the Board's priorities by augmenting or adding funds to the State Education Department's budget. These funds are necessary so that the Department has the resources it needs to meet the Board's policy priorities.

At the September meeting, the Regents Subcommittee on State Aid reviewed and discussed proposals advanced during the 2018 budget cycle and legislative session. At the October meeting, the relevant committees of the Board will review and discuss these previous Non-State Aid proposals, as well as identify and discuss new initiatives the Committee would like to consider. The proposals will be sent back to committees as appropriate in November for further consideration and will come before the full Board in December for approval.

#### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Review and update of the Regent's Non-State Aid budget and legislative priorities.

#### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Regents review last year's proposals to identify modifications, as appropriate, and any new proposals for inclusion in the Board's 2019 Non-State Aid budget and legislative priorities.

Attachment

**2019 Potential Non-State Aid Budget Priorities- Professional Practice**

<p><b>Development of an Electronic Licensing and Document Management System to Improve Customer Service-</b> Replacing a 35 year-old COBOL-based licensing system and enhancing customer experience through use of funds resulting from the registration fee increase authorized by the Legislature in 2009.</p>	<p>\$4.3M in Spending Authority</p>	<p>Efficiency</p>	<p>The Enacted Budget included \$4.3 million in spending authority to support the development of an Electronic Licensing System as requested by the Regents.</p>
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**2019 Potential Legislative Priorities- Professional Practice**

<p><b>Enhanced Discipline Authority of the Licensed Professions-</b> Add moral character requirements to the professions that currently do not have them, require that licensees notify the Department of a crime or pending conviction of a crime rather than when applying for registration/re-registration every 2-3 years, create a summary suspension of a license when there are serious public health and safety issues.</p>	<p>Efficiency</p>	<p>Legislation passed the Assembly for the first time this year; but did not move out of the Senate Rules committee (S.8909-A LaValle/ A.11057 Glick).</p>
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