



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 reviewed and discussed the previous Non-State Aid proposals and identified and discussed new initiatives for consideration. Updated proposals are coming back to the committees for further consideration in November 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 have final discussions about proposals to include in the Board's 2019 Non-State Aid budget and legislative priorities.

Attachment

2019 Potential Non-State Aid Budget Priorities- Professional Practice

Proposal Description	Amount of Request	Policy Area	History/Notes
<p>Development of an Electronic Licensing and Document Management System to Improve Customer Service- 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>\$7.2M in Spending Authority</p>	<p>Efficiency</p>	<p>This would be a modification of a previous Board Priority.</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> <p>The request this year would support Phase II of the system development.</p>

2019 Potential Legislative Priorities- Professional Practice

Proposal Description	Policy Area	History/Notes
<p>Enhanced Discipline Authority of the Licensed Professions- 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>This was a previous Board Priority.</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>