



TO: Professional Practice Committee
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SUBJECT: 2020-21 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 2019-20 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 2020-21 Non-State Aid budget and legislative priorities.

Attachment

2020-21 Potential Non-State Aid Budget Priorities - Professional Practice

Proposal Description	Amount of Proposed Request	Policy Area	New or Previous Proposal?
Development of an Electronic Licensing and Document Management System to Improve Customer Service- Spending authority to use funds resulting from a 15% registration fee increased authorized by the Legislature in 2009 for the third year of a project to replace a 35-year-old COBOL-based licensing system and enhance the customer experience.	\$25.39M in spending authority	Efficiency	The Board advanced a proposal for \$7.2M in 2019-20 for the second year of this project, which was included in the enacted budget.

2020-21 Potential Non-State Aid Legislative and Budget Priorities - Professional Practice

Proposal Description	Amount of Proposed Request	Policy Area	New or Previous Proposal?
Healthcare Professional Data Collection- Requiring that, in conjunction with each triennial registration, that licensed healthcare professionals provide the Department, working in conjunction with the Center for Healthcare Workforce Studies, census information regarding their professional medical activities. Such public, de-identified and aggregate data would be used to evaluate needed services in NYS and such other concerns as the Department may face.	\$TBD	Efficiency	New proposal.

2020 Potential Legislative Priorities - Professional Practice

Proposal Description	Policy Area	New or Previous Proposal?
<p>Enhanced Discipline Authority of the Licensed Professions- Enhance the Department’s discipline authority over all licensed professions it oversees by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizing the Commissioner or her/his designee, after an investigation and a recommendation by the professional conduct officer, to order a temporary suspension of practice privileges of a licensee or registered entity in extreme cases where there is an imminent danger to the health and/or safety of the public; • Requiring all licensed professionals to report to the Department any moral character issue(s) upon application for licensure; and • Requiring, at a minimum, that all licensed professionals report to the Department any record of a conviction of a crime in a timely manner. 	<p>Efficiency</p>	<p>2019-20 proposal.</p>