

## RON DESANTIS GOVERNOR

June 25, 2024

Secretary Cord Byrd Secretary of State R.A. Gray Building 500 South Bronough Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

## Dear Secretary Byrd:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objection to Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 62 (CS/SB 62), enacted during the 126th Session of the Legislature of Florida during the Regular Session 2024 and entitled:

## An act relating to Resident Status for Tuition Purposes

Florida's higher education system has ranked #1 in the country for nearly a decade, in part due to the state's investment in our institutions over that same period. We should not reward criminal activity by providing inmates with the same benefits as law-abiding citizens.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of CS/SB 62 and do hereby veto the

same.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis

Governor