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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.  
President

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**SUBJECT:** Transition of Institutional Accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

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**Item Description**

Tallahassee State College has been accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) since 1967. In accordance with Florida Senate Bill 7044, enacted in 2022, public colleges and universities in Florida are required to seek accreditation from a different accrediting agency following a 10-year reaffirmation or a Fifth-Year Interim Review.

**Overview and Background**

Tallahassee State College received its most recent 10-year reaffirmation of accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) in June 2025. Following a review of other accrediting agencies, the College has decided to transition from SACSCOC to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

**Funding/ Financial Implications**

There are no funding or financial implications associated with this transition.

**Past Actions by the Board**

No prior Board action has been taken on this item.

**Recommended Action**

Approve the transition of institutional accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).