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## The Florida Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys

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The Florida Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys is pleased to announce the release of its highly anticipated 2023 Annual Report, titled "A Study on Retention Rates and Support Services at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in Florida." This comprehensive report aims to shed light on the challenges faced by Black men and boys attending HBCUs in Florida and provides valuable insights into the retention rates and support services offered by these institutions.

The report, compiled by a team of experts and researchers, examines the factors contributing to the retention rates of Black men and boys at HBCUs in the state. It delves into the various support services provided by these institutions, such as mentoring programs, academic resources, and mental health support, and evaluates their effectiveness in promoting student success and persistence.

Council Chairman Jerome Hill expressed his enthusiasm for the release of the annual report, stating, "We are thrilled to present the 2023 Annual Report, which sheds light on the important issue of retention rates and support services at HBCUs in Florida. This report is a testament to our commitment to ensuring equity and equal opportunities in education for Black men and boys. We believe that by identifying the challenges and providing recommendations, we can work together to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for students in our state."

The findings and recommendations outlined in the report aim to inform policymakers, educators, and community leaders about the crucial role HBCUs play in fostering academic success and social mobility for Black men and boys. It is hoped that the report will serve as a catalyst for meaningful change and lead to the implementation of evidence-based interventions and policies that support the educational journeys of Black students in Florida.

The Florida Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys invites all stakeholders, including media representatives, policymakers, and community members, to review the 2023 Annual Report and engage in discussions centered around improving the educational outcomes for Black men and boys in Florida.



For more information or to access the full report, please visit www.cssbmb.com or contact Yata Caine at 850-414-3369 or <u>Yata.Caine@myfloridalegal.com</u>.

About the Florida Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys:

The Florida Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys is established to improve the quality of life for Black men and boys in Florida. The Council works to identify and address disparities in education, employment, justice, health, and other areas, and advocates for policies and programs that promote equity and equal opportunities.

