

Section I
Notice of Development of Proposed Rules
and Negotiated Rulemaking

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Suwannee River Water Management District

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

40B-4.1010: Policy and Purpose

40B-4.1040: Permits Required

40B-4.1070: Exemptions

40B-4.3035: Minimum Operation and Maintenance Standards

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Suwannee River Water Management District gives notice that it is initiating rulemaking to amend rules 40B-4.1010, 40B-4.1040, 40B-4.1070, and 40B-4.3035 for the purpose of removing references to stormwater rules contained in Chapter 40B-400, F.A.C., clarifying rule language, creating exemptions, and removing redundant and contradictory exemptions. The effect will be a reduction in regulatory burdens for permit applicants, and rules that are more understandable by the regulated public.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Works of the District permitting

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 373.044, 373.113, 373.171, 373.413 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 120.57, 120.60, 373.019, 373.084, 373.085, 373.086, 373.117, 373.403, 373.409, 373.413, 373.416, 373.419, 373.423, 373.426, 373.429, 373.439 FS.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: SRWMD at (386)362-1001 or 1(800)226-1066 (FL only) If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Sara Zybell, Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060, (386)362-1001 or 1(800)226-1066 (FL only)

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:

40B-4.1010 Policy and Purpose.

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) The district, consistent with the foregoing policies of the legislature and the Department of Environmental Protection, adopts the rules herein which are intended to:

(a) Prevent increase in existing flood hazard or damages by requiring that new development of water and related land resources:

1. Not restrict floodway conveyance through the use of fill or other obstruction;

~~2. Maintain pre development rates of stormwater runoff and/or total volume of stormwater runoff as may be appropriate to the project and hydrologic conditions of the developed land;~~

~~3. Not reduce net storage volumes (including wetland, depression, and soil storage volumes) within a project area; and~~

2. 4. That new development which occurs in floodprone areas is made flood resistant to the greatest extent practical, or that development which cannot be made flood resistant is not permitted in floodprone areas.

(b) through (e) No change.

(4) No change.

(5) The purpose of this chapter is ~~to implement the surfacewater management program provided in Part IV of Chapter 373, F.S., and the program~~ for use of works of the district provided in Section 373.085, F.S., in a manner consistent with the policies herein.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 FS. Law Implemented 373.084, 373.085, 373.086, 373.409, 373.413, 373.416, 373.426 FS. History—New 9-25-85, Amended 9-13-04, [DATE].

40B-4.1040 Permits Required.

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) A Works of the District permit applicant shall obtain one permit for all activities regulated under this part that are intended to serve contiguous property. Two or more properties represented to be separate properties shall be aggregated and treated as a single property for permitting purposes when the District determines that the properties are under common ownership or control.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 FS. Law Implemented 373.084, 373.085, 373.086, 373.413, 373.416, 373.426 FS. History—New 9-25-85, Amended 12-22-92, 10-3-95, 10-18-04, 10-14-13, 1-5-21, [DATE].

40B-4.1070 Exemptions.

(1) The following activities are exempt from the requirements for obtaining Works of the District ~~works of the district~~ permits specified in paragraph 40B-4.1040(1)(a), F.A.C.:

(a) A work or development within a Works of the District that was completed or partially completed prior to January 29,

~~2001, including routine custodial maintenance, so long as it is not altered or substantially improved. Work or development within a work of the district which is completed prior to the implementation dates in Rule 40B-4.1030, F.A.C., or which was authorized by permits issued by any other local, regional, state, or federal agency provided the work or development is in compliance with conditions of all such permits. If a work or development activity is complete and did not previously require permits from any local, regional, state, or federal agency, the activity is exempt including routine custodial maintenance so long as it is not altered or substantially improved.~~

(b) through (c) No change.

~~(d) Work for an onsite sewage disposal system that is regulated by the Florida Department of Health or the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Work for an onsite sewage disposal system for a single family residence which is regulated by the Florida Department of Health under Chapter 64E-6, F.A.C.~~

(e) Commercial projects ~~Projects~~ which have received an authorization under Section 403.814(12), F.S.

(f) No change.

~~(g) Non-residential structures outside of the 75-foot setback placed above the natural grade of the ground that are less than or equal to 50 square feet of cross sectional area of the floodway when calculated cumulatively on a project with other obstructions. Structures placed above the natural grade of the ground which are less than or equal to 50 square feet of the cross sectional area of the floodway outside of the 75 foot setback.~~

~~(h) Decorative landscaping gardens which are above the natural grade of the ground which are less than or equal to 25 square feet of the cross sectional area of the floodway and located outside of the 75 foot setback.~~

(i) (i) Driveways, sidewalks, and paths which at the driving or walking surface, are less than or equal to 6 inches above the adjacent natural grade of the ground and located outside of the 75 foot setback. Note: the cross-sectional area of obstruction of the floodway created in the use of this exemption, when calculated cumulatively on a project with other obstructions, is applied to the implementation of rules 40B-4.3010 and 40B-4.3030, F.A.C.

(j) (j) Boardwalks or stairs, waterward of the top of bank, which are no more than 5 feet in width. If landings are required, each shall be no more than 144 square feet.

(k) (k) The removal of non-native, invasive, dead or diseased vegetation.

(l) Temporary structures outside of the 75-foot setback, which are on the site for fewer than 180 consecutive days.

(m) Installation and placement of hydrologic monitoring equipment and associated decks no greater than 200 square feet of

walking surface within the regulatory floodway by federal, state, or local governmental entities.

(2) No change.

(3) An exemption from these rules shall not relieve any person or entity from compliance with the requirements of Chapter 62-330, F.A.C., incorporated by reference in Rule 40B-4.1090, F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 FS. Law Implemented 373.084, 373.085, 373.086, 373.406, 373.416, 373.426 FS. History—New 9-25-85, Amended 2-1-89, 12-22-92, 9-13-04, 8-11-10, 10-14-13, [DATE].

40B-4.3035 Minimum Operation and Maintenance Standards.

The permittee or operation and maintenance entity shall regularly inspect and maintain the work or development to ensure ~~insure~~ that:

(1) through (3) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113 FS. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.042, 373.084, 373.085, 373.086, 373.117, 373.409, 373.416, 373.426 FS. History—New 10-14-13, [DATE].

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Economic Self-Sufficiency Program

RULE NO.: 65A-1.603 RULE TITLE: Food Assistance Program Income and Expenses

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Amend to update the standard utility allowance, basic utility allowance, and telephone standard used to determine an assistance group’s benefits.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Federal benefits

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 414.45, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 414.31, F.S.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Elizabeth Floyd. Elizabeth can be reached at Elizabeth.Floyd@myflfamilies.com.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FROM THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE.

Section II Proposed Rules

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-14.095 Site Determined Baccalaureate Access

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Update language in rule, and language in forms incorporated in rule, to be consistent with changes made during the 2022 legislative session related to Florida College System (FCS) institutional accrediting agencies via Senate Bill (SB) 7044. Additionally, make non-substantive technical changes to rule language, including relocating terms throughout the rule and incorporated documents.

SUMMARY: Updates to rule language, and the forms incorporated in rule, remove specific reference to The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and replace it with language to reflect institutional accrediting agencies more broadly. Updates to the rule also formalizes the use of the preproposal notification system used by FCS and State University System (SUS) institutions known as APPRISe.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: This proposed rule is not expected to have any adverse impact on economic growth, business competitiveness or any other factors listed in s. 120.541(2)(a), F.S., and will not require legislative ratification. No increase in regulatory costs are anticipated as a result of this rule. This is based upon the nature of the proposed rule.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1007.33(6), 1003.491(5), 1001.02, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1007.33, 1003.491(5), F.S.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: January 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Nassau County School Board Office, 1201 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Mike Sfiropoulos, Ph.D., Division of Florida Colleges, (850)245-9523, or Mike.Sfiropoulos@fldoe.org

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

6A-14.095 Site Determined Baccalaureate Access.

(1) No change.

(2) Definitions. For the purposes of this rule and forms incorporated herein, the following definitions shall be used.

(a) No change.

(b) “Board of Trustees” means a Florida College System institution board of trustees.

~~(c) “CIP to SOC Crosswalk” means the coding system developed by the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics that links instructional programs to occupations. A CIP to SOC relationship indicates that programs classified in the CIP code category prepare individuals for jobs classified in the Standard Occupational Classification category or “SOC.” The crosswalk is located at <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/resources.aspx?y=55>.~~

~~(c)(d)~~ “Classification of Instructional Programs” or “CIP code” refers to the taxonomic scheme developed by the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics and located at <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55>.

~~(d)(e)~~ “College” means an institution within the Florida College System.

~~(f) “Common Prerequisites Manual,” pursuant to Section 1007.25(5), F.S., means courses and course substitutions required for each baccalaureate degree program found in Florida’s public universities and colleges.~~

~~(e)(g)~~ “Completed proposal” means a college’s final submission of a baccalaureate program proposal to the Division for consideration by the State Board of Education.

~~(f)(h)~~ “Division” means the Division of Florida Colleges.

~~(g)(i)~~ “Initial proposal” means a college’s first submission of a baccalaureate program proposal to the Division for review.

~~(j) “Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System” means that portion of the information center created and maintained by the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics, created pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 9541, that collects and analyzes data related to postsecondary education. The system is found at <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter>.~~

~~(h)(k)~~ “Institutional educational accrediting body” means the body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher

education institutions. ~~“SACSCOC” means the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.~~

~~(4) “STEM” means science, technology, engineering or mathematics.~~

~~(i)(m)~~ “Service district” means the geographical area served by a college identified in Section 1000.21, F.S.

~~(n) “Statewide Articulation Agreement” means the agreement provided for in Rule 6A-10.024, F.A.C.~~

(3) Baccalaureate notice of intent process. Notice of intent.

(a) Notification using APPRiSe. First, a Florida College System institution proposing a new baccalaureate degree program shall enter the prospective program in APPRiSe to provide state colleges and universities information regarding the new degree program. The APPRiSe notification shall be made prior to the submission of the notice of intent. The information submitted to APPRiSe must include at least: the program location, the program name, the program level, the CIP code family, the anticipated beginning term, a narrative description, and a primary contact name.

(b) Notice of intent. Once the APPRiSe notification has been made, then Pursuant to Section 1007.33(5)(a), F.S., a college seeking consideration of approval by the State Board of Education for a new baccalaureate degree proposal must complete and submit the Notice of Intent, Form No. BAAC-01 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-42154>) which is hereby incorporated by reference in this rule effective February 2023 ~~October 2020~~. A copy of the form may be found at <http://fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/baccalaureate-degree-proposal-process.shtml> or by writing to the Division at 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1244, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

1. (a) The notice of intent will remain valid for two (2) years from its receipt by the Division.

2. (b) If the initial proposal is not received within two (2) years of receipt of the notice of intent, the college must begin the approval process set forth in Section 1007.33(5), F.S., anew, beginning with submission of a new APPRiSe notification and notice of intent.

(4) Baccalaureate proposal process, alternative proposals and objections. Alternative proposals and objections to the proposed baccalaureate degree may be submitted by a Florida state university or a regionally accredited private college or university that is accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Alternative proposals must be submitted to the Chancellor of the Florida College System and must address all criteria specified in Section 1007.33(5)(c), F.S., and specifically include a calculation of the total tuition and fees for a student starting as a first-time, freshman student in the program and a calculation of the total tuition and fees for completing the last two (2) years of the program. Both calculations must be based on the total hours required for the

baccalaureate degree. A state university or regionally accredited private college or university that is accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education may also submit an objection to a proposed new program to the Division, pursuant to Section 1007.33(5)(b), F.S. State universities have sixty (60) days following the receipt of the notice of intent to submit alternative proposals and objections. Subsequent to the sixty (60) day submission window for state universities, regionally accredited private colleges have thirty (30) days to submit alternative proposals and objections.

(5) Baccalaureate proposal process, application. Proposals for a baccalaureate degree. A college seeking consideration of approval by the State Board of Education for a new baccalaureate degree proposal must complete and submit the Baccalaureate Proposal Application, Form No. BAAC-02 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-42155>) which is hereby incorporated by reference in this rule effective February 2023 ~~October 2020~~. A copy of the form may be found at <http://fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/baccalaureate-degree-proposal-process.shtml> or by writing to the Division at 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1244, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

(a) through (c) No change.

(6) Baccalaureate accountability process. Each college with one (1) or more baccalaureate programs shall annually submit one College-Level Baccalaureate Accountability Report, BAAC-03, and a Program-Level Baccalaureate Accountability Report, BAAC-04, for each active baccalaureate degree program.

(a) The College-Level Baccalaureate Accountability Report, Form No. BAAC-03 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-42156>), effective February 2023 ~~October 2020~~, is hereby incorporated by reference and may be accessed at <http://fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/baccalaureate-degree-proposal-process.shtml> or by writing to the Division at 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1244, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

(b) The Program-Level Baccalaureate Accountability Report, Form No. BAAC-04, (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-42157>) effective February 2023 ~~October 2020~~, is hereby incorporated by reference and may be accessed at <http://fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/baccalaureate-degree-proposal-process.shtml> or by writing to the Division at 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1244, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

(c) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02, 1007.33(6), 1003.491(5) FS. Law Implemented 1007.33, 1003.491(5) FS. History—New 8-8-10, Amended 9-16-12, 8-26-15, 10-27-20.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Mike Sfiropoulos, Ph.D., Division of Florida Colleges.
NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE
PROPOSED RULE: Manny Diaz Jr., Commissioner,
Department of Education.
DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY
HEAD: December 08, 2022
DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT
PUBLISHED IN FAR: November 1, 2022

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: 6A-20.001
RULE TITLE: Definitions of Terms for State Student Aid Programs

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Amending rule language to be consistent across all rules with regard to clock hour equivalence to credit hours; college-preparatory courses, remedial courses, and developmental courses; general education credits; full-time enrollment, three-quarter-time enrollment, half-time enrollment; undergraduate student; amending the clock hour to credit hour conversion rate and amending the definition of associate in applied science and arts degree and the definition for a baccalaureate degree.

SUMMARY: Definitions of full-time, part-time, and three-quarter-time enrollment in credit hours of postsecondary instruction and clock hour to credit hour conversion will be updated based on input from the Florida Department of Education's Office of the General Counsel. Definitions of enrollment, college-preparatory courses, remedial courses, general education credits, undergraduate student, the definition of associate in applied science and applied arts degrees, and the definition of a baccalaureate degree will be updated based on input from the Office of the Florida College System.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: Based upon the nature of the changes, this proposed rule is not expected to have any adverse impact on economic growth, business competitiveness or any other factors listed in s. 120.541(2)(a), F.S., and will not require legislative

ratification. No increase in regulatory costs are anticipated as a result of this rule change.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 295.01(4), 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1009.50(5), 1009.505(5), 1009.51(5), 1009.52(6), 1009.53(3), 1009.55(2), 1009.66(9), 1009.67(6), 1009.72(1), 1009.73(10), 1009.77(9), 1009.89(2), (7), 1009.893(14), 1009.894(1), 1009.95(7), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 295.01, 295.015, 295.02, 295.03, 295.04, 295.05, 1009.40, 1009.50, 1009.505, 1009.51, 1009.52, 1009.53, 1009.531, 1009.532, 1009.533, 1009.534, 1009.5341, 1009.535, 1009.536, 1009.538, 1009.55, 1009.60, 1009.66, 1009.67, 1009.701, 1009.72, 1009.73, 1009.77, 1009.89, 1009.893, 1009.894, 1009.95, F.S.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: January 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Nassau County School Board Office, 1201 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Parker Campbell, Director, State Scholarships and Grants, Florida Department of Education, Suite 1344, Turlington Building, (850)410-5185.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

6A-20.001 Definitions of Terms for State Student Aid Programs.

These definitions apply to the administration of state scholarship and grant programs described in Rules 6A-20.001 through 6A-20.099, F.A.C., and are not applicable to rules outside of these including, but not limited to, rules governing enrollment or reporting, and are also not applicable to federal aid programs or requirements.

(1) Academic term. A semester, trimester, quarter, or a summer session(s) ~~that which~~ is equal to a semester, trimester, or a quarter, or to the equivalent of three hundred sixty (360) ~~four hundred fifty (450)~~ full-time clock hours during the school year.

(2) Academic year. A period of time, from one fall term to the next, in which a full-time student is expected to complete the equivalent of two (2) semesters, two (2) trimesters, or three (3) quarters at institutions using credit hours or seven hundred twenty (720) ~~nine hundred (900)~~ clock hours for each program at institutions using clock hours.

(3) No change.

(4) Associate in applied science and associate in applied arts degrees. ~~Terminal Degrees~~ that which are consistent with

the definition accepted by the Commission for Independent Education and Florida colleges, which are awarded for study ~~that which~~ is occupationally oriented; and requires a minimum of sixty (60) semester credits, or the equivalent, requires a percentage of the total credits to be in general education, and for the Commission for Independent Education only, ~~and which~~ requires a minimum 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

(5) Associate in arts degree. A degree awarded for study ~~that which~~ is the primary basis for admission of transfer students to upper division study in a baccalaureate program, and which requires a minimum of sixty (60) semester credits, or the equivalent, of academic work exclusive of occupational courses, requires a minimum of thirty-six (36) semester credits, or the equivalent, to be in general education, and requires a minimum 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

(6) Associate in science degree. ~~A terminal D~~degrees that are which is consistent with the definition accepted by the state universities, Florida colleges, and the Commission for Independent Education, which are is awarded for study and which prepares a student for employment, requires a minimum of sixty (60) semester credits, or the equivalent, requires a percentage of the total credits to be in general education, and ~~which~~ requires a minimum 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

(7) No change.

(8) Baccalaureate degree or bachelor's degree. A degree ~~that which~~ is consistent with the definition accepted by the state universities, Florida colleges, and the Commission for Independent Education, and which requires a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) semester credits, or the equivalent, requires a percentage of the total credits to be in general education, and ~~which~~ requires a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

(9) No change.

(10) Clock-to-credit hour conversion rate. An institution that is established for reporting purposes as a credit-hour institution and also offers clock-hour credit must convert the clock hours to credit hours at a rate of thirty (30) clock hours to one (1) credit hour and report only credit hours, unless otherwise specified.

~~(11)(10)~~ College-level program. A program of academic study ~~that which~~ leads to the awarding of a graduate degree, a bachelor's degree, an associate in arts degree, an associate in science degree, an associate in applied arts degree, or an associate in applied science degree.

(12)(11) College preparatory course. A course as defined by the state universities and Florida colleges as necessary for a student to acquire the skills or knowledge to perform successfully in college-level courses. College preparatory courses are also referred to as developmental education or remedial courses.

~~(13)(12)~~ Cost of education. The average cost for a student to attend a postsecondary educational institution for one academic year, which includes the cost of tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, transportation, and personal expenses.

~~(14)(13)~~ Default. The condition of a borrower of an educational loan when the borrower's payments are one hundred twenty (120) days or more past due.

~~(15)(14)~~ Department. Florida Department of Education.

~~(16)(15)~~ Early admission student. An early admission student is a full-time college level student who is counted as FTE only by the college or university and who is responsible for payment of all fees and instructional materials.

(17)(16) Enroll or enrollment. Registered for credit instruction in which the student earns credit toward an approved degree or certificate program.

(18)(17) Full-time enrollment. For undergraduate students, enrollment in twelve (12) or more credit hours, or ~~three hundred sixty (360) four hundred fifty (450)~~ or more clock hours, during an academic term. For graduate students, enrollment in nine (9) or more credit hours during an academic term. This definition is only applicable for the purposes of state scholarship and grant programs.

(19)(18) General education credits. Courses in the areas of communication, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences ~~language, humanities, mathematics, natural science, and social science.~~

~~(20)(19)~~ Graduate student. A student who is enrolled in a degree program leading to a master's degree, doctoral degree, or any post-baccalaureate certificate at an institution of higher education, and has been classified as a graduate student by the institution.

(21)(20) Half-time enrollment. For undergraduate students, enrollment in six (6) to eight (8) credit hours, or ~~one hundred eighty (180) two hundred twenty five (225)~~ to ~~two hundred sixty-nine (269) three hundred forty nine (349)~~ clock hours, during an academic term, or the quarter-based equivalent. This definition is only applicable for the purposes of state scholarship and grant programs.

(22)(21) Minority. Any individual belonging to one of the following race/ethnic categories: Black, not of Hispanic Origin; Hispanic; Asian or Pacific Islander; American Indian, or Alaska Native.

~~(23)(22)~~ Net financial need. The difference between the student's cost of education and the expected family contribution and other financial resources available to the student to meet this cost.

~~(24)(23)~~ Refund. State aid funds for which the educational institution shall be responsible for returning to the department.

~~(25)(24)~~ Reinstatement student. A student who was eligible for a specific state aid program but did not receive an award

during the previous academic year(s) and wishes to reestablish use of the scholarship.

~~(26)~~~~(25)~~ Remedial course. A course defined by a Florida college or state university as necessary for a student to acquire the necessary skills or knowledge to perform successfully in college-level courses. Remedial courses are also referred to as college preparatory education or developmental courses.

~~(27)~~~~(26)~~ Renewal student. A student who received an award the previous academic year and ~~who~~ met the program eligibility requirements for a specific state aid program.

~~(28)~~~~(27)~~ Repayment. Money received from state aid that ~~which~~ a student is required to return to the educational institution; or an amount of money received from a state scholarship loan that ~~which~~ a student is required to return to the state.

~~(29)~~~~(28)~~ Residency. The legal status that ~~which~~ a person acquires as the result of establishment of a domicile with the intent to permanently remain in that domicile other than for temporary absences. However, any domicile established solely or primarily for the purpose of obtaining an education or of obtaining financial aid from the state shall not constitute residency.

~~(30)~~~~(29)~~ Restoration student. A student who lost eligibility for a specific state aid program that provided for restoration due to a low renewal grade point average, but earned the required grade point average in a subsequent academic year.

~~(31)~~~~(30)~~ Returning student. ~~Refers to~~ All categories of students classified as a renewal, reinstatement, or ~~and~~ restoration students.

~~(32)~~~~(31)~~ Satisfactory academic progress. A satisfactory rate of student course -completion that is determined using qualitative and quantitative measures in the institution's financial aid ~~written~~ measurable progress policy, which ~~that~~ complies with Title IV requirements.

~~(33)~~~~(32)~~ School year. The period of time beginning with the academic year from one fall term to the next fall term.

~~(34)~~~~(33)~~ Three-quarter-time undergraduate enrollment. Undergraduate enrollment in nine (9) to eleven (11) credit hours, or in two hundred seventy (270) three hundred fifty (350) to three hundred fifty-nine (359) four hundred forty nine (449) clock hours during an academic term, or the quarter-based equivalent. This definition is only applicable for the purposes of state scholarship and grant programs.

~~(35)~~~~(34)~~ Undergraduate student. A student who is in the process of attaining a degree or certificate and has yet to complete a first bachelor's or baccalaureate degree.

Rulemaking Authority 295.01(4), 1001.02(1), ~~(2)n~~, 1009.50~~(5)(4)~~, 1009.505(5), 1009.51~~(5)(4)~~, 1009.52~~(6)(7)~~, 1009.53(3), 1009.55(2), 1009.66(9), 1009.67(6), 1009.72~~(1)(7)~~, 1009.73~~(10)(4)~~, 1009.77~~(9)(7)~~, 1009.89(2), ~~(7)~~, ~~4009.891(2)~~, 1009.893~~(14)(12)~~, 1009.894(1), 1009.95(7) FS. Law Implemented 295.01, 295.015, 295.02, 295.03, 295.04, 295.05, ~~4001.02~~, 1009.40, 1009.50, 1009.505,

1009.51, 1009.52, 1009.53, 1009.531, 1009.532, 1009.533, 1009.534, 1009.5341, 1009.535, 1009.536, 1009.538, 1009.55, 1009.60, 1009.66, 1009.67, 1009.701, 1009.72, 1009.73, 1009.77, 1009.89; ~~4009.894~~, 1009.893, 1009.894, 1009.95 FS. History--New 12-9-86, Amended 10-15-02, 9-22-08.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Parker Campbell, Director, State Scholarships and Grants.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Manny Diaz Jr., Commissioner, Department of Education.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 08, 2022

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 2, 2022

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-20.031 Florida Public Student Assistance Grant

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Amending rule language to reference enrollment terminology as defined in rule 6A-20.001, F.A.C. Definitions of full-time, part-time, and three-quarter-time will no longer be defined in rule 6A-20.031, F.A.C., but instead, will rely upon the reference to the definitions set forth in rule 6A-20.001, F.A.C.

SUMMARY: General eligibility requirements for the Florida Public Student Assistance Grant will be clarified.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: Based upon the nature of the changes, this proposed rule is not expected to have any adverse impact on economic growth, business competitiveness or any other factors listed in s. 120.541(2)(a), F.S., and will not require legislative ratification. No increase in regulatory costs are anticipated as a result of this rule change.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1009.50(5), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1009.40, 1009.50, F.S.
 A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:
 DATE AND TIME: January 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
 PLACE: Nassau County School Board Office, 1201 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.
 THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Parker Campbell, Director, State Scholarships and Grants, Florida Department of Education, Suite 1344, Turlington Building, 850-410-5185.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

6A-20.031 Florida Public Student Assistance Grant.

(1) General Eligibility Requirements. To receive aid, a student shall meet the provisions of Sections 1009.21, 1009.40, and 1009.50, F.S., and Rules 6A-20.001, 6A-20.003, and 6A-20.0371, F.A.C., and:

- (a) No change.
- (b) Be enrolled full-time, three-quarter-time, or half-time, as defined in Rule 6A-20.001 F.A.C., at the end of the drop-add period for each academic term in which the award is received, with award amounts commensurate with the level of enrollment; for a minimum of twelve (12) credits for a full-time award, nine (9) credit hours for a three-quarter time award, or six (6) credit hours for a half-time award at the end of the drop-add period for each academic term in which the award is received.

- (c) through (f) No change.
- (2) through (7) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1009.50(5)(6) FS. Law Implemented 1009.40, 1009.42, 1009.50 FS. History—New 12-18-90, Amended 3-24-92, 10-18-94, 10-15-02,

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Parker Campbell, Director, State Scholarships and Grants.
 NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Manny Diaz Jr., Commissioner, Department of Education.
 DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 08, 2022
 DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 2, 2022

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
 6A-20.032 Florida Private Student Assistance Grant
 PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Amending rule language to reference enrollment terminology as defined in Rule 6A-20.001, F.A.C. The meaning of full-time enrollment will no longer be defined in rule 6A-20.032, F.A.C., but instead, will

rely upon the reference to the definitions in rule 6A-20.001, F.A.C.

SUMMARY: General eligibility requirements for the Florida Private Student Assistance Grant will be clarified.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: Based upon the nature of the changes, this proposed rule is not expected to have any adverse impact on economic growth, business competitiveness or any other factors listed in s. 120.541(2)(a), F.S., and will not require legislative ratification. No increase in regulatory costs are anticipated as a result of this rule change.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1009.51(5), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1009.40, 1009.51, F.S.
 A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: January 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
 PLACE: Nassau County School Board Office, 1201 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.
 THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Parker Campbell, Director, State Scholarships and Grants, Florida Department of Education, Suite 1344, Turlington Building, (850)410-5185.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

6A-20.032 Florida Private Student Assistance Grant.

(1) General eligibility requirements. To receive aid, a student shall meet the provisions of Sections 1009.21, 1009.40, and 1009.51 F.S., and Rules 6A-20.001, 6A-20.003, and 6A-20.0371, F.A.C., and:

- (a) No change.
- (b) Be enrolled full-time, as defined in Rule 6A-20.001, F.A.C., at the end of the drop-add period for each academic term in which the award is received; for a minimum of twelve

~~(12) credit hours for full-time award at the end of the drop-add period for each academic term in which the award is received.~~

- (c) through (f) No change.
- (2) through (7) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), ~~(2)(n)~~, 1009.50~~(5)(6)~~ FS. Law Implemented 1009.40, 1009.42, 1009.51 FS. History—New 12-18-90, Amended 3-24-92, 10-18-94, 11-3-02.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Parker Campbell, Director, State Scholarships and Grants.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Manny Diaz Jr., Commissioner, Department of Education.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 08, 2022

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 2, 2022

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-20.033: Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Amending rule language to reference enrollment eligibility terminology as defined in rule 6A-20.001, F.A.C. The meaning of full-time enrollment will no longer be defined in rule 6A-20.033, F.A.C., but instead, will rely upon the reference to the definitions in rule 6A-20.001, F.A.C.

SUMMARY: General eligibility requirements for the Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant will be clarified.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: Based upon the nature of the changes, this proposed rule is not expected to have any adverse impact on economic growth, business competitiveness or any other factors listed in s. 120.541(2)(a), F.S., and will not require legislative ratification. No increase in regulatory costs are anticipated as a result of this rule change.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1009.52(6), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1009.40, 1009.52, F.S.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: January 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Nassau County School Board Office, 1201 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Parker Campbell, Director, State Scholarships and Grants, Florida Department of Education, Suite 1344, Turlington Building, (850)410-5185.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

6A-20.033 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant.

(1) General eligibility requirements. To receive aid, a student shall meet the provisions of Sections 1009.21, 1009.40, and 1009.52, F.S., and Rules 6A-20.001, 6A-20.003, and 6A-20.0371, F.A.C., and:

- (a) No change.
- (b) Be enrolled full-time, as defined in Rule 6A-20.001, F.A.C., at the end of the drop-add period for each academic term in which the award is received; for a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours, for full-time award at the end of the drop-add period for each academic term in which the award is received.
- (c) through (f) No change.
- (2) through (7) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), ~~(2)(n)~~, 1009.52~~(6)(7)~~ FS. Law Implemented 1009.40, 1009.42, 1009.52 FS. History—New 12-18-90, Amended 3-24-92, 10-18-94, 11-3-02.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Parker Campbell, Director, State Scholarships and Grants.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Manny Diaz Jr., Commissioner, Department of Education.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 08, 2022

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 2, 2022

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-20.0071 Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Amending rule language to reference enrollment terminology as defined in rule 6A-20.001, F.A.C., and amending statutory references. Definitions of full-time, part-time, and three-quarter-time will no longer be

defined in rule 6A-20.0071, F.A.C., but instead, will rely upon the reference to the definitions in rule 6A-20.001, F.A.C.

SUMMARY: General eligibility requirements for the Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant will be clarified.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: Based upon the nature of the changes, this proposed rule is not expected to have any adverse impact on economic growth, business competitiveness or any other factors listed in s. 120.541(2)(a), F.S., and will not require legislative ratification. No increase in regulatory costs are anticipated as a result of this rule change.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1009.505(5), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1009.40, 1009.505, F.S.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: January 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Nassau County School Board Office, 1201 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Parker Campbell, Director, State Scholarships and Grants, Florida Department of Education, Suite 1344, Turlington Building, (850)410-5185.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

6A-20.0071 Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant.

(1) General Eligibility Requirements. To receive aid, a student shall meet the provisions of Sections 1009.21, 1009.40, and 1009.505, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rules 6A-20.001, 6A-20.003, and 6A-20.0371, F.A.C., and:

(a) Be enrolled at a Florida College System institution as set forth in Section ~~1000.021~~(3), F.S., or a career center operated by a school district as set forth in Section 1001.44,

F.S., in a certificate program as defined in Section 1009.505(2)(c), F.S. that consists of four hundred fifty (450) or more clock hours;

(b) Be enrolled ~~for a minimum equivalent of four hundred fifty (450) clock hours for a full-time, award, or three hundred thirty seven (337) clock hours for a three-quarter time, award, or two hundred twenty five (225) clock hours for a half-time, award as defined in Rule 6A-20.001, F.A.C., at the end of the drop-add period for each academic term in which the award is received, with award amounts commensurate with the level of enrollment;~~

(c) through (f) No change.

(2) through (8) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1009.505(5) FS. Law Implemented 1009.40, 1009.505 FS. History—New 5-3-22,

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Parker Campbell, Director, State Scholarships and Grants.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Manny Diaz Jr., Commissioner, Department of Education.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 8, 2022

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 2, 2022

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Early Learning

RULE NO.: 6M-9.300
 RULE TITLE: Child Care Resource and Referral and Consumer Education

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update information included in annual early learning provider profile updates submitted to the child care resource and referral (CCR&R) state network to align the rule to new statutory requirements and to further clarify the responsibilities of the CCR&R organization.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes responsibilities of CCR&R organizations and an early learning provider profile that identifies existing public and private child care programs and ongoing documentation requirements of profiles and requests for services via the single statewide information system.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the

statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The economic analysis of the adverse impact or potential regulatory costs of the proposed rule does not exceed any of the criteria established in s. 120.541(2)(a), F.S. and will not require legislative ratification.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1002.92, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1002.92, F.S.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: January 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Nassau County School Board Office, 1201 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Katerina Maroney, Deputy Director of Programs and Policy, Division of Early Learning, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)717-8614; Katerina.maroney@del.fldoe.org.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

6M-9.300 Child Care Resource and Referral and Consumer Education.

(1) The Division of Early Learning, Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) state network, ~~must shall~~ ensure delivery of CCR&R services as defined in the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014, ~~45 C.F.R. Title 45 Part 98 Code of Federal Regulations, and Section 1002.92, Florida Statutes (F.S.).~~

(2) Definitions.

(a) “Business hours” refers to the hours during which a CCR&R organization has staff available to provide services to customers via telephone, ~~through~~ email, or in person.

~~(b) “Child care listing” refers to the customized list of child care providers that best meet a family’s needs generated from the single statewide information system.~~

~~(b)(e)~~ “CCR&R organization” refers to any early learning coalition or other contracted entity providing CCR&R services to customers pursuant to Section 1002.92, F.S.

~~(c)~~ “Child care listing” refers to the customized list of child care providers generated from the single statewide information system that best meets a family’s needs.

~~(d)~~ “Community outreach” refers to activities in the CCR&R service area that increase awareness of CCR&R services, such as involvement in community events, establishing community partnerships, displaying program

materials in public spaces and on social media platforms, and marketing activities.

~~(e)(d)~~ “Community resources” refers to social service and financial assistance programs that a family may be eligible for, such as provider discounts and scholarships, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Office on Homelessness, home visiting programs, mental health services, the School Readiness Program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Head Start and Early Head Start, as well as any organization or service that a family may qualify for that will support the family’s financial independence, assist with developmental concerns, and help fill an unmet need.

~~(e)~~ “Community outreach” refers to activities in the CCR&R service area that increase awareness of CCR&R services. ~~This can include involvement in community events, establishing community partnerships, displaying program materials in public spaces and on social media platforms, and marketing activities.~~

(f) “Consumer education” refers to information and resources that assist an individual or family in making informed decisions regarding quality child care and cost of care.

(g) No change.

(h) “Family engagement” refers to the systematic inclusion of families as partners in their children’s child’s development, learning, and wellness, enabled by positive relationships between families and staff in coalitions and early learning programs.

(i) “Legally operating provider” refers to any child care, early learning, or school-age provider that is either licensed, registered, or has a qualifying exemption from licensure from the Florida Department of Children and Families, including before-school and after-school programs, summer recreation and summer day camp programs, and recreational facilities.

(j) “Quality child care” refers to child care programs that maintain a degree of excellence, going above and beyond minimum ~~standards for~~ health and safety standards and training, and that maintain a high level of positive teacher-child interactions, promoting the health and well-being of all children physically, socially, emotionally, and developmentally.

(k) through (l) No change.

~~(m)~~ “Single statewide information system” refers to the statewide early learning data system used to capture and provide critical information to early learning coalitions, parents, partners, and providers.

~~(n)(m)~~ “Standard business hours” refers to operating hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

~~(n) "Single statewide information system" refers to the statewide early learning data system used to capture and provide critical information to early learning coalitions, parents, partners and providers.~~

(3) Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Services.

CCR&R services must shall be locally administered, coordinated, and overseen by early learning coalitions or their contracted entities in accordance with Section 1002.92, F.S. Early learning coalitions or their contracted CCR&R organizations must shall:

(a) Offer CCR&R services including child care listings, consumer education, and information regarding community resources, as identified in subsection (7), of this rule below, to each family ~~applying for or~~ requesting CCR&R, the School Readiness Program, or VPK Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program services, without regard to age, level of income, or individual circumstances.

(b) Provide CCR&R services without cost to the family ~~applying for or~~ requesting services within two (2) business days of the request.

(c) through (d) No change.

(4) Accessibility of Information and Services.

(a) Each CCR&R organization must shall provide the Division of Early Learning (DEL) with an annual accessibility report, in the DEL-designated location, no later than the last business day in August, identifying how CCR&R services are made accessible to families and providers within its service area, including families who have limited access to telephone services, internet services, or transportation. The report must shall also outline the CCR&R organization's plan for family engagement and community outreach. The CCR&R organization must shall coordinate with other community entities in order to expand the accessibility of services and document such coordination in the accessibility report.

(b) Each CCR&R organization must shall maintain a website and at least one other form of outreach and awareness within its service area. The outreach and awareness must include a statement of CCR&R and services offered through the program. The home page of the website for the ~~early learning coalition and the contracted~~ CCR&R organization, if applicable, must shall clearly display, at a minimum, a brief description of CCR&R family and provider services, the primary family and provider telephone number(s), and hours of operation.

(5) Location and Hours of Service.

(a) At least one physical location for CCR&R services must shall be available in each CCR&R organization's service area.

(b) Each CCR&R organization must shall have staff members available to provide CCR&R services via telephone,

email, and in person for a minimum of forty (40) hours each week during the organization's business hours.

(c) If the CCR&R organization is closed at any time during standard business hours, the CCR&R organization must shall provide a message on its their family services line and home page of its website, with its hours of operation and contact information for an alternative organization that can assist families during emergency situations, such as those outlined in paragraph (3)(c)(~~d~~), of this rule ~~above~~.

(d) CCR&R organizations are shall be permitted to reduce the number of weekly hours of in-person and telephone availability by a maximum of eight (8) hours for each local, state, or federal holiday and each business day during which a local, state, or federal emergency is declared that makes the CCR&R organization unable to operate.

(6) Customized Child Care Listings.

(a) CCR&R services, including listings, may be offered in person, via telephone, or using other electronic means.

(b) Child care listings must shall be generated using the single statewide information system maintained by the DEL Division of Early Learning.

(c) CCR&R organizations must shall provide or send each family requesting services a list of legally operating ~~child care~~ providers in their service area within two (2) business days and by the means in the format requested by the family. Each list must shall be customized according to information provided by the family requesting services, or, at a minimum, by must include entering the following information:

1. through 8. No change.

(d) Child care listings must shall include a minimum of six (6) providers matching the criteria identified by the family requesting services unless fewer than six (6) providers match the criteria. The CCR&R organization must document when fewer than six (6) providers match the family's criteria. Listings must shall also include contact information for the CCR&R organization if additional listings or resources are needed by the family.

(e) The following consumer education information must shall be included with each customized provider listing:

1. through 4. No change.

(f) Additional consumer education and community resources, as identified in subsection (7) of this rule, must shall be included with each customized listing, unless declined by the family.

(7) Consumer Education and Community Resources.

(a) CCR&R organizations must shall offer information regarding and access to consumer education and community resources to all families ~~applying for or~~ requesting CCR&R services, unless declined by the family.

(b) Consumer education must shall include:

1. No change.

2. Information on the full range of child care provider types available, whether licensed or license-exempt, such as family child care homes, child care facilities centers, before or after school programs, public or nonpublic schools, faith-based, and recreational facilities;

3. Child care licensing and inspection requirements for each ~~type of~~ provider type;

4. No change.

5. Research and best practices regarding children's social-emotional, physical, and cognitive development, developmentally appropriate practices, and meaningful parent and family engagement;

6. State policies regarding the social-emotional and behavioral health of children; and

7. Information on where parents can receive a developmental screening for their child(ren).

(c) Each CCR&R organization must shall maintain a current directory of ~~or access to~~ community resources, which must shall include:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Federal, state, and local partners, including state agencies and social services organizations;

4. through 6. No change.

7. Resources provided by the DEL Division of Early Learning or identified through collaboration with other entities; and

8. No change.

(8) Provider Profile Updates.

(a) Each CCR&R organization must shall ensure that contracted and non-contracted provider information for each legally operating ~~child care, early learning or school age~~ provider, and each provider receiving state or federal funds ~~within the CCR&R organization's service area~~, is updated and approved between January 1 and May 31 of each calendar year in the single statewide information system maintained by the DEL Division of Early Learning.

(b) Provider information for providers seeking with an active contract to provide School Readiness ~~services~~ or VPK services the ~~Voluntary Prekindergarten Education program~~ must be updated and approved prior to contract execution renewal.

(c) At a minimum, the CCR&R organization must shall ensure that the following information, ~~as applicable~~, is updated for each provider:

1. Type of Program;

2. 1. Contact information;

3. 2. Gold Seal designation under Section 1002.945, F.S., and accreditation status, if applicable;

4. 3. Quality rating;

5. 4. Program schedule;

6. 5. Ages served;

7. 6. Group sizes and ratios;

8. 7. Enrollment information;

9. 8. Private pay rates charged;

10. 9. Registration, differential, and other fees charged, if applicable;

10. Differential fees charged, if applicable;

11. through 19. No change.

20. The components of the VPK Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program performance metric calculated under Section 1002.68, F.S., which must consist of the composite program assessment ~~composite~~ score, learning gains score, achievement score, and the provider's designations, if applicable;

21. The School Readiness composite program assessment ~~composite~~ score and program assessment care level composite score results delineated by infant, toddler ~~classrooms~~, and preschool classrooms results under Section 1002.82, F.S., if applicable;

22. No change.

23. Participation in School Readiness child assessment under Section 1002.82, F.S.; and

24. The average annual costs associated with curriculum, materials, food, maintenance, and any regulatory fees or operational costs per child under Section 1002.895(6)(b), F.S., if applicable.

(d) Regardless of being contracted or non-contracted, child care facilities licensed under Section 402.305, F.S., and licensed and registered family day care homes must, at a minimum, provide the following information annually: type of program, hours of service, ages of children served, fees and eligibility for services and data required under Section 1002.895, F.S., pursuant to Section 1002.92(4), F.S.

(e)(d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (8)(a) and (8)(b) of this rule, ~~above~~, the CCR&R organization must shall ensure that provider information updated outside of the annual provider update ~~time~~ period is approved within fifteen (15) calendar days of being submitted by the provider into the single statewide information system.

(f)(e) Legally operating providers must shall be included in the provider update process upon request by the provider. ~~The early learning coalition must review and approve the provider profile submitted within the single statewide information system.~~

(9) The CCR&R organization must shall document each request for CCR&R services described in subsection (6) of this rule ~~above~~ in the single statewide information system. Monthly, the CCR&R organization must shall review the DEL Division of Early Learning specified data report(s) to monitor CCR&R customer intake data in the single statewide information system. If DEL determines through its quarterly review that the organization's data is not representative of CCR&R services

offered, the CCR&R organization ~~must shall~~ review procedures to determine if revisions are needed to increase the number of CCR&R customer intakes in the single statewide information system.

~~(10) Technical Assistance.~~

~~(a) The CCR&R organization shall provide technical assistance to existing and potential providers, as requested. Technical assistance may include information and resources regarding:~~

- ~~1. Early learning program types and available services;~~
- ~~2. Health and safety requirements;~~
- ~~3. Available training and professional development opportunities;~~
- ~~4. Effective business practices to help providers maximize their ability to serve children and families; and~~
- ~~5. Initiating new child care services, including how to access information regarding zoning and local child care ordinances, program and budget development, becoming a licensed provider, and other resources as needed and appropriate to assist the provider.~~

~~(10)(11) Staff Training Requirements.~~

~~(a) The CCR&R organization must shall ensure all CCR&R staff, including staff in blended positions who provide CCR&R services, are trained by a CCR&R Coordinator or designated trainer, in customer service, consumer education, community resources, financial assistance programs for families, and available types of child care and early learning providers and programs, specific to their service area, and have successfully completed the CCR&R Specialist Evaluation within four (4) months of employment as a CCR&R Specialist. Designated trainers for the CCR&R program, if not the Coordinator, must comply with the Coordinator training requirements.~~

~~(b) Each CCR&R organization must have a designated CCR&R Coordinator. The designated CCR&R Coordinator must successfully complete the CCR&R Specialist Evaluation and CCR&R Coordinator Evaluation within four (4) months of employment as the designated CCR&R designated Coordinator.~~

~~(c) Each CCR&R organization must shall accurately complete and submit the staff list to the DEL-designated location by the established deadline. Staff lists may shall not be changed or removed from the its designated location once submitted. The CCR&R organization must shall provide email notification and an updated staff list to the CCR&R state network office within five (5) business days of a change in the designated CCR&R Coordinator position.~~

~~(d) Each CCR&R organization must shall complete assessments on fifty (50) percent of its CCR&R staff by December 31 and complete assessments on the remaining fifty (50) percent of CCR&R staff by June 30. The organization must~~

~~shall deliver training to CCR&R staff based on assessment results for quality assurance and. The organization shall retain records of completed assessments, and trainings, and staff assessment data for each CCR&R staff member on its the staff list.~~

~~(11)(12) Each CCR&R organization must shall establish written procedures for training CCR&R staff on serving families and providers, including offering technical assistance to providers, monitoring CCR&R program data, completing provider profile updates, and completing CCR&R customer intakes in the single statewide information system, and technical assistance provided in accordance with subsection (10) of this rule.~~

~~(12)(13) Early learning coalitions and CCR&R organizations are prohibited from charging a provider or other organization a fee for identifying the provider or other organization through the single statewide information system. Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1),(2)(n), 1002.92 FS. Law Implemented 1002.92 FS. History—New 8-10-09, Formerly 60BB-9.300, Amended 9-1-15, 10-21-18, 11-23-21.~~

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Katerina Maroney, Deputy Director of Programs and Policy, Division of Early Learning.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Manny Diaz Jr., Commissioner, Department of Education.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 08, 2022

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 28, 2022

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Early Learning

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
6M-10.001	Gold Seal Quality Care Program
6M-10.002	Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Associations

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The rules are being amended to add a definition for violation, clarify definitions for Class I, II, and III violations, clarify requirements for obtaining and maintaining a Gold Seal Quality Care designation, make technical changes, add standards for child care facilities that were inadvertently omitted in the last rule promulgation, remove the reconsideration language, and clarify the information required in the accrediting association annual self-assessment survey, and amend the timeframe for providers to obtain a new accreditation, and clarify other requirements as necessary.

SUMMARY: The rules and incorporated forms outline the Gold Seal Quality Care Program requirements for child care providers and accrediting associations.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The office's economic analysis of the adverse impact or potential regulatory costs of the proposed rule does not exceed any of the criteria established in section 120.541(2)(a), F.S. and will not require legislative ratification.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1002.945, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1002.945, F.S.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: January 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Nassau County School Board Office, 1201 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Katerina Maroney, Deputy Director of Programs and Policy, (850)717-8614 or email: Katerina.Maroney@del.fldoe.org.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

6M-10.001 Gold Seal Quality Care Program.

(1) Definitions.

(a) No change.

(b) "Class I Violation" is an incident of noncompliance with a Class I standard as described by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) ~~on CF FSP Form 5316 and CF FSP Form 5427 in Rule 65C 22.010, F.A.C., and CF FSP Form 5318, and CF FSP Form 5317 in Rule 65C 20.012, F.A.C. or the local licensing agency.~~ Class I violations are the most serious in nature.

(c) "Class II Violation" is an incident of noncompliance with an individual Class II standard as described by the DCF ~~on CF FSP Form 5316 and CF FSP Form 5427 in Rule 65C 22.010, F.A.C., CF FSP Form 5318, and CF FSP Form 5317 in Rule 65C 20.012, F.A.C. or the local licensing agency.~~ Class II violations are less serious in nature than Class I violations. A

Class II standard violation resulting in death or serious harm to a child shall escalate to a Class I violation.

(d) "Class III Violation" is an incident of noncompliance with an individual Class III standard as described by the DCF ~~on CF FSP Form 5316 and CF FSP Form 5427 in Rule 65C 22.010, F.A.C., CF FSP Form 5318, and CF FSP Form 5317 in Rule 65C 20.012, F.A.C. or the local licensing agency.~~ Class III violations are less serious in nature than Class I or Class II violations.

(e) "Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association" means an accrediting association that has applied to and been approved by the Division of Early Learning (DEL) as an accrediting association for the purpose of Gold Seal Quality Care designation pursuant to Section 1002.945(3), F.S.

~~(f)(e)~~ "Gold Seal Quality Care Provider" means a child care facility, family day care home, or large family child care home regulated by the DCF, local licensing agency authority, or the United States Department of Defense, that meets the accreditation compliance requirements in Section 1002.945(1), F.S.

~~(f)~~ "~~Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association~~" means an accrediting association that has applied to and been approved by the DEL as an accrediting association for the purpose of Gold Seal Designation pursuant to Section ~~1002.945(3), F.S.~~

(g) "Violation" means noncompliance with a licensing standard as described in an inspection report resulting from an inspection under Section 402.311, F.S.

(2) Gold Seal Quality Care Provider Requirements.

(a) Gold Seal Quality Care Provider Designation. A child care facility, licensed family day care home, or large family child care home seeking designation as a Gold Seal Quality Care provider ~~must shall~~ apply to the DEL on Form DEL-GS05, Gold Seal Quality Care Provider Application, ~~February 2023~~ ~~May 2022~~, which is hereby incorporated by reference, and provide all supporting documentation required by the form. This form may be obtained from the DEL's website at www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14188. Once reviewed and approved by the DEL, the designation will be issued in the legal name of the provider. The designation will be effective on the date approved by the DEL through the duration of the provider's accreditation certification, up to a maximum of five (5) years, unless terminated by the DEL or voluntarily surrendered by the provider, or if accreditation is revoked by the accrediting association.

(b) A child care facility, licensed family day care home, or large family child care home operating on a military installation must submit to the DEL copies of any inspection reports conducted by the United States Department of Defense within fifteen (15) business days from the date of the inspection. The

DEL will review the inspection to determine compliance with criteria for the issuance and maintenance of an active Gold Seal Quality Care Provider ~~d~~Designation.

(c) In order to obtain and maintain Gold Seal Quality Care designation, the provider applicant must:

1. Be operational and attended by children for a minimum of one (1) year. Providers with other locations that are in good standing with the accrediting association, that meet the criteria outlined in Section 1002.945(4), F.S., is inspected for health and safety standards as prescribed by the DCF, the local licensing agency, or the United States Department of Defense, and that have been operational with children in attendance for a minimum of one (1) year shall be exempt from the one (1) year requirement at any new locations.

~~2.~~ 2. Be accredited by an approved Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association. The name and address on the accrediting association certificate required by Form DEL-GS05 must be the same as that on the provider's license. A list of approved accrediting associations may be obtained from the DEL's website at www.floridaearlylearning.com.

~~3.~~ 2. Be inspected for compliance with health and safety standards, as prescribed by the DCF, the local licensing agency authority, or the United States, Department of Defense, prior to approval for the Gold Seal Quality Care Program and ~~to~~ meet the criteria outlined in Section 1002.945(4), F.S. The most recent inspection cannot be older than two (2) years from the date of application.

(d) To renew a Gold Seal Quality Care designation, the provider must submit Form DEL-GS05 at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to expiration of the current designation. The DEL cannot guarantee that late-filed renewal forms will be processed in time to avoid a lapse in the designation. Designations are effective on the date the application is approved.

(3) Gold Seal Quality Care Enforcement.

(a) Gold Seal Quality Care providers must maintain accreditation and continuously meet the standards established by their Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association in order to retain their designation. A provider's Gold Seal Quality Care designation will be terminated upon expiration of its accreditation, or when its accreditation is surrendered or lost. The Gold Seal Quality Care designation termination will be effective on the expiration date or on the date the accrediting association no longer acknowledges the provider's accreditation.

(b) A provider's Gold Seal Quality Care designation will be terminated if the Department of Children and Families, ~~or~~ local licensing agency, or the United States Department of Defense determines the provider has committed a disqualifying minimum standards violation as defined in Section 1002.945(4), F.S. The termination will be effective as of the

date of final agency action on the termination. Providers are eligible to reapply for the Gold Seal Quality Care Program in accordance with the timeframes specified in Section 1002.945(4), F.S.

~~(c) The DEL will notify Pproviders that are accredited by a Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Aassociation that has lost its status as an approved accrediting association entity and will be notified by the DEL and be afforded afford one year such providers one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of notification, to obtain a new accreditation certificate from an approved Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association. The DEL will thereafter terminate the Gold Seal Quality Care designation of any provider that is not accredited by an approved accrediting association at the conclusion of the one (1) year 180-day period.~~

~~(d) In the event that a provider receives notice that the Department intends to revoke the current Gold Seal designation, or deny the provider's application for a Gold Seal designation, as a result of a Class I violation being committed within the preceding two (2) years of receiving the notice, the provider may request that the Department recommend to the State Board that the provider be permitted to maintain its Gold Seal designation based on the grounds established in Section 1002.945(4)(b), F.S.~~

~~1. The provider must submit a written request and the following documentation to the Department:~~

~~a. The owner of the child care facility, family day care home, or large family child care home, which may be an individual, partnership, limited liability company (LLC), corporation, or other business or ownership entity recognized by the State of Florida, must provide documentation of being continuously in business and licensed or license exempt by the DCF, the local licensing authority, or the United States, Department of Defense for at least five (5) years prior to date of the notice; and~~

~~b. The child care facility, family day care home, or large family child care home must provide documentation of inspections that support there are no other Class I violations recorded by the DCF, the local licensing authority, or the United States, Department of Defense.~~

~~2. The provider must submit the written request and documentation within twenty one (21) days of the date of the notice. The Department may request additional information from providers to supplement their request to address any deficiencies identified by the Department.~~

Rulemaking Authority 1002.945 FS. Law Implemented 1002.945 FS. History—New 5-1-08, Amended 1-13-10, 7-7-15, 10-25-17, 6-12-19, Formerly 65C-20.014, Amended 5-3-22.

6M-10.002 Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Associations.

(1) Definitions.

~~(a) Gold Seal Quality Care Provider means a child care facility, family day care home, or large family child care home regulated by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), local licensing authority, or the United States, Department of Defense that meets the accreditation compliance requirements in Section 1002.945(1), F.S.~~

~~(a)(b)~~ “Accrediting Association” means an entity that certifies early and school-age care providers and accredits programs that meet or exceed heightened standards, following self-study and observation that standards are met and continue to be met during the period of accreditation.

~~(b)(e)~~ “Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association” means an accrediting association that has applied to and been approved by the Division of Early Learning (DEL) as an accrediting association for the purpose of Gold Seal Quality Care Designation pursuant to Section 1002.945(3), F.S.

~~(c) “Gold Seal Quality Care Provider” means a child care facility, family day care home, or large family child care home regulated by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), local licensing agency, or the United States Department of Defense, that meets the accreditation compliance requirements in Section 1002.945(1), F.S.~~

(2) Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association Requirements.

(a) An accrediting association seeking recognition as a Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association must:

1. Have been active and accrediting child care facilities, ~~licensed~~ family day care homes, or large family child care homes in Florida for a period of five (5) years immediately prior to submission of an application to the DEL.

2. through 3. No change.

4. Submit a crosswalk of the ~~a~~Accrediting ~~a~~Association’s standards with the DEL’s Gold Seal Quality Care ~~s~~Standards.

(b) No change.

(c) An application and all supporting documentation submitted by an accrediting association for approval as a Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association will be evaluated in the manner described in Form DEL-GS07, Gold Seal Quality Care Program Review Process and Procedures, May 2022, which is incorporated by reference. ~~Form DEL-GS07 and~~ may be obtained from the DEL’s website at www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14190.

(d) Applicants must obtain an overall compliance percentage of 85% or higher of the standards outlined on Form DEL-GS02, Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association Evaluation Manual for Family Day Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes, ~~February 2023~~ ~~May 2022~~, or Form DEL-GS04, Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association

Evaluation Manual for Child Care Facilities, ~~February 2023~~ ~~May 2022~~. These forms are incorporated by reference and ~~copies a copy~~ may be obtained from the DEL’s website at www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14191. An ~~a~~Accrediting ~~a~~Association approved by the DEL as a Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association under this rule must ensure, when issuing accreditations to Florida child care providers for the purposes of Gold Seal Quality Care designation, that the child care providers have met an overall compliance percentage of 85% or higher under the association’s accreditation standards.

(e) The DEL’s Gold Seal Quality Care ~~s~~Standards are established in Form DEL-GS03, Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Standards for Child Care Facilities, ~~February 2023~~ ~~May 2022~~, and Form DEL-GS01, Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Standards for Family Day Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes, ~~February 2023~~ ~~May 2022~~. ~~These forms which~~ are incorporated by reference and copies may be obtained from the DEL’s website at www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14192.

(f) No change.

(g) A Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association must annually submit the Attestation page of ~~Form DEL-GS06, the~~ Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association Application, ~~Form DEL-GS06~~, on or before July 1st. If changes have occurred, the appropriate supporting documentation of the change must accompany the Attestation.

(h) The following acts or omissions are grounds for revocation of an accrediting association’s approval:

1. Failure to notify the DEL of a change in the ~~accrediting~~ association’s administration, corporate structure, or any condition under which the ~~accreditation~~ association was initially approved by the DEL.

2. Any changes resulting in the ~~accrediting~~ ~~a~~Association’s inability to meet the criteria provided in Section 1002.945(3), F.S.

3. Contracting with or otherwise authorizing any other entity or parties, including affiliated groups, ~~and~~ membership groups, or subgroups, to issue accreditations to Florida child care providers for the purposes of Gold Seal Quality Care designation.

4. Acts of fraud committed by an accrediting association.

(i) A Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association must notify the DEL, in writing, within fifteen (15) ~~calendar~~ days following ~~of~~ a revocation or expiration of the accreditation of a child care facility, family day care home, or large family child care home in Florida. The notification must include a copy of the revocation or expiration letter issued to the provider, stating

the specific reasons for revocation or expiration. Failure to provide the DEL such written notification will be grounds for terminating the association’s approval as a Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association, and the association will be precluded from reapplying for approval for a period of two (2) years.

(j) Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Associations must apply to renew approval by submitting Form DEL-GS06, Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association Application, a minimum of six (6) months prior to end of the five-year approval period.

(k) through (l) No change.

(m) An accrediting association approved by the DEL as a Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association may not contract with or otherwise authorize any other entity or parties, including affiliated groups, ~~and~~ membership groups, or subgroups, to issue accreditations to Florida child care providers for the purposes of Gold Seal Quality Care designation.

(n) Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Associations must submit quarterly reports as required in section V of ~~the~~ Form DEL-GS06, Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association Application, that includes the name and full address of each accredited child care program, the effective accreditation date ~~effective~~ and expiration date for each program, and any programs for which accreditation has expired or been terminated during the quarter. Failure to submit quarterly reports of accredited child care programs will be grounds for terminating the accrediting association’s approval as a Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association. DEL will provide ~~recommend~~ the reason and recommend the length of the termination to the State Board.

(o) Any accrediting associations that were designated as a Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association without being required to apply must submit an application and all supporting documentation by December 31, 2022 for approval as a Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association. Child care providers accredited by these associations will ~~shall~~ remain eligible to use their accreditation to obtain and maintain a Gold Seal Quality Care designation until the accrediting association has been approved or denied by the DEL. Child care providers accredited by these associations will remain subject to the requirements outlined in Rule 6M-10.001, F.A.C.

(3) Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association Audits.

(a) No change.

(b) Results from the audit shall be provided to the accrediting association upon DEL’s determination that the audit is complete. Any issue of noncompliance with the criteria in Section 1002.945(3)(a)4., F.S., will ~~shall~~ result in corrective

action or termination as a Gold Seal Quality Care ~~Accrediting Association~~.

1. If the DEL determines that an accrediting association is not in compliance with Section 1002.945(3)(a)4., F.S., the accrediting association will be notified of corrective action requirements and the deadline to implement and comply with such requirements. Failure to comply with corrective actions within the timeframe indicated in the corrective action notice will ~~shall~~ result in termination as a participating Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association.

2. The DEL shall notify an accrediting association of termination as a participating Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the termination date. Termination from participation as a Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association will ~~shall~~ be in effect for a minimum of two (2) years but not more than five (5) years. DEL will provide ~~recommend~~ the reason and recommend the length of the termination to the State Board.

(c) A Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association must annually submit Form DEL-GS08, ~~the~~ Gold Seal Accrediting Associations Annual Self-Assessment Survey, ~~Form DEL-GS08, February 2023~~ May 2022, on or before October 1st. This form is incorporated by reference and a copy may be obtained from the DEL’s website at www.floridaearlylearning.com or from the following link: (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14193>). If changes have occurred since the previous submission, the appropriate supporting documentation of the change must accompany the survey.

Rulemaking Authority 1002.945 FS. Law Implemented 1002.945 FS. History—New 5-1-08, Amended 1-13-10, 8-1-13, 7-7-15, 10-25-17, 6-12-19, Formerly 65C-22.009, Amended 5-3-22.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Katerina Maroney, Deputy Director of Programs and Policy.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Manny Diaz Jr., Commissioner, Department of Education.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 08, 2022

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: November 1, 2022

Section III Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Division of Workers' Compensation

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
69L-7.501 Florida Workers' Compensation
 Reimbursement Manual for Hospitals
 NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 48 No. 164, August 23, 2022 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The Florida Workers' Compensation Reimbursement Manual for Hospitals, incorporated by reference into Rule 69L-7.501, is amended as follows:

On Page 7, under the heading "Emergency Services and Care," the language is amended to read:

Emergency services and care, defined in section 395.002, F.S., do not require authorization at the time they are rendered. A hospital that renders emergency care must notify the carrier by the close of the third state of Florida business day after it has rendered such care.

When an emergency medical condition requires or results in a hospital inpatient admission, the hospital must notify the carrier within 24 hours of the initial treatment.

When it is determined that an emergency medical condition, as defined in section 395.002, F.S., does not exist or no longer exists and only nonemergency services are required, any related follow-up care or treatment or referral must be authorized by the carrier prior to the provision of the additional treatment or care, pursuant to section 440.13(3), Florida Statutes.

Section IV Emergency Rules

NONE

Section V Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule Variance or Waiver

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION**

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
61C-1.004 General Sanitation and Safety Requirements

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 14, 2022, the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, received a petition for A Routine Variance for paragraph 61C-1.004(1)(a), Florida Administrative Code and Paragraph 5-202.11(A), 2017 FDA Food Code from Levy Premium Foodservice Limited Partnership located in Miami. The above referenced F.A.C. addresses the requirement that each establishment have an approved plumbing system installed to transport potable water and wastewater. They are requesting to utilize holding tanks to provide potable water and to collect wastewater at the handwash sink.

The Division of Hotels and Restaurants will accept comments concerning the Petition for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. To be considered, comments must be received before 5:00 p.m.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Daisy.Lee@myfloridalicense.com
Division of Hotels and Restaurants, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1011.

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION**

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
61C-4.010 Sanitation and Safety Requirements

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 14, 2022, the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, received a petition for A Routine Variance for paragraph 3-305.11(A)(2), 2017 FDA Food Code, Section 3-305.14, 2017 FDA Food Code, Section 6-202.15, 2017 FDA Food Code, Section 6-202.16, 2017 FDA Food Code, subsection 61C-4.010(1), Florida Administrative Code, and Paragraph 61C-4.010(6), Florida Administrative Code from Del Flaco LLC located in Palmetto. The above referenced F.A.C. addresses the requirement for proper handling and dispensing of food. They are requesting to dispense bulk time/temperature control for safety foods from an open air mobile food dispensing vehicle.

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Section VI
Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Board of Chiropractic Medicine
The Board of Chiropractic Medicine announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 2:30 p.m.
PLACE: 1(888)585-9008/ 136-103-141#
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Probable Cause Panel
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: https://floridaschiropracticmedicine.gov.
Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).
If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.
For more information, you may contact: MQA.Chiropractic@flhealth.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Board of Chiropractic Medicine
The Board of Chiropractic Medicine announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: Thursday, March 2, 2023, 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: St. Augustine Beach, Florida 32080
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General board business, to include licensure and discipline
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: https://floridaschiropracticmedicine.gov.
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proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.
For more information, you may contact: MQA.Chiropractic@flhealth.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Board of Hearing Aid Specialists
RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
64B6-5.001 Continuing Education as a Condition for Renewal
The Board of Hearing Aid Specialists announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: January 27, 2023, to commence immediately following the general board meeting, or as soon thereafter as can be heard.
PLACE: Please join goto/meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. https://meet.goto.com/663175941
Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: https://meet.goto.com/install
You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 663-175-941, United States (Toll Free): 1(877)309-2073, United States: (571)317-3129
Join from a video-conferencing room or system. Meeting ID: 663-175-941
Dial in or type: 67.217.95.2 or inroomlink.goto.com
Or dial directly: 663175941@67.217.95.2 or 67.217.95.2##663175941
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: A rule hearing on the above rule, as noticed in Vol. 48, No. 234, December 5, 2022, issue of the Florida Administrative Register, will be held to discuss proposed text of the rule.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, Board of Hearing Aid Specialist, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258.
Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least five days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, at the address listed above. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Board of Hearing Aid Specialists
RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
64B6-6.001 Thirty-Day Trial Period
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GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: A rule hearing on the above rule, as noticed in Vol. 48, No. 235, December 6, 2022, issue of the Florida Administrative Register, will be held to discuss proposed text of the rule.

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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Florida Department of Children and Families announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 23, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Virtual Meeting via computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://meet.goto.com/SolicitationAdministration> or phone: (Toll Free) 1(866)899-4679, or (571)317-3116, Access Code: 687-621-357

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The purpose of the Bid Opening is to open vendor bids in response to DCF ITB 2223 060. The Department encourages all prospective Vendors to participate in the Bid Opening DCF ITB 2223 060 – Florida State Hospital Waste-Water Treatment Plant – Fencing Project. The solicitation advertisement can be accessed on the Vendor Information Portal (VIP): <https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/>.

The Department will post notice of any changes or additional meetings within VIP. Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- I. Introductions
- II. Public Comments
- III. Opening of Responses
- IV. Adjournment

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: LeAnn.Clayton@myflfamilies.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: LeAnn.Clayton@myflfamilies.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: LeAnn.Clayton@myflfamilies.com.

Section VII
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Declaratory Statements

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Florida Department of Corrections issued a Final Order dated December 9, 2022, disposing of the Petition for Declaratory Statement filed by Bradley Lamb filed on September 16, 2022. The following is a summary of the agency’s disposition of the petition: The Petition fails to meet the legal prerequisites for the issuance of a declaratory statement under section 120.565, Florida Statutes. Copies of the Order Disposing the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: FDC Rule Correspondence, 501 S. Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

Please refer all comments to: Amy Matlock, 501 S. Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

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The Department lacks jurisdiction to issue declaratory statements concerning the issues the Petitioner raised in his petition. Copies of the Order Disposing the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: FDC Rule Correspondence, 501 S. Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

Please refer all comments to: Amy Matlock, 501 S. Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

Section VIII
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding the Validity of Rules

Notice of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Notice of Disposition of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Section IX
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Non-rule Policy Challenges

NONE

Section X
Announcements and Objection Reports of
the Joint Administrative Procedures
Committee

NONE

Section XI
Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and
Purchasing

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
YELLOW RIVER (METT’S BLUFF RESTORATION)
BID NO: FWC 22/23-52C
TITLE: YELLOW RIVER (METT’S BLUFF RESTORATION)

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is seeking competitive pricing to construct a wood revetment and other bank stabilization measures at the Mett’s Bluff area of the Yellow River using tree material from the proposed tree harvest locations and plantings (Removed soil to be disposed of at borrow pit B-11) IN OKALOOSA COUNTY, in accordance with the contract documents and Chapter 255 of the Florida Statutes.

To review the bid details:

Visit <https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/>

Select Search Advertisements.

Enter FWC 22/23-52C into the Agency Advertisement Number box.

Click the Search button.

Select the solicitation to view the advertisement details.

Download files made available in the advertisement details page.

NOTE: The MyFloridaMarketPlace Vendor Information Portal (link provided above) is the posting location for all new and changing information regarding this solicitation. Interested bidders should continue to monitor this site for the entirety of the solicitation process.

Direct all questions to the Procurement Manager: Weston McKain, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, 1875 ORANGE AVENUE EAST, Tallahassee, FL 32311–6160, Weston.McKain@MyFWC.com, (850)617-9692.

Section XII
Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraph 120.55(1)(b)6. – 7., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Thursday, December 7, 2022 and 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
5J-17.022	12/7/2022	12/27/2022
5J-17.029	12/7/2022	12/27/2022
5J-17.037	12/7/2022	12/27/2022
5J-17.039	12/7/2022	12/27/2022
5J-17.086	12/7/2022	12/27/2022
55-11.003	12/13/2022	1/2/2023
55-11.005	12/13/2022	1/2/2023

61G7-10.002	12/13/2022	1/2/2023
61G19-6.0085	12/9/2022	12/29/2022
61J2-17.011	12/12/2022	1/1/2023
64B21-504.001	12/9/2022	12/29/2022
65C-28.009	12/7/2022	12/27/2022
65C-42.001	12/14/2022	1/3/2023
65C-42.002	12/14/2022	1/3/2023
65C-42.003	12/14/2022	1/3/2023
LIST OF RULES AWAITING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL SECTIONS 120.541(3), 373.139(7) AND/OR 373.1391(6), FLORIDA STATUTES		
Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
5K-4.020	12/10/2021	**/**/****
5K-4.035	12/10/2021	**/**/****
5K-4.045	12/10/2021	**/**/****
60FF1-5.009	7/21/2016	**/**/****
62-6.001	5/10/2022	**/**/****
62-600.405	11/16/2021	**/**/****
62-600.705	11/16/2021	**/**/****
62-600.720	11/16/2021	**/**/****
64B8-10.003	12/9/2015	**/**/****
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****
69L-7.020	10/22/2021	**/**/****
64B8-10.003	12/9/2015	**/**/****

estimated construction cost is \$319,688,000. The project may qualify for Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loans composed of federal and state funds. DEP will consider public comments about the environmental impacts of the proposed amendments to the project that are postmarked or delivered at the address below within 30 days of this notice. A full copy of the FLORIDA FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT can be obtained by writing to: Catherine Murray, SRF Program, Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS#3505, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 or calling (850)245-2966 or emailing to catherine.m.murray@dep.state.fl.us.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Office of the Secretary
Florida State Clearinghouse

The state is coordinating reviews of federal activities and federally funded projects as required by Section 403.061(42), F.S. This includes Outer Continental Shelf activities and other actions subject to federal consistency review under the Florida Coastal Management Program. A list of projects, comments and deadlines, and the address for providing comments, are available at: <https://fldep.dep.state.fl.us/clearinghouse/>. For information, call (850)717-9076. This public notice fulfills the requirements of 15 CFR 930.

Section XIII Index to Rules Filed During Preceding Week

NOTE: The above section will be published on Tuesday beginning October 2, 2012, unless Monday is a holiday, then it will be published on Wednesday of that week.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
FLORIDA FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
City of Panama City

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has determined that the City of Panama City’s project involving rehabilitation and upgrade of the Millville and St. Andrews Wastewater Treatment Plants and replacement and repair of portions of the City’s wastewater collection/transmission and drinking water distribution systems is not expected to generate controversy over potential environmental effects. The total