

Section I

Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Division of State Fire Marshal

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
69A-3.012 Standards of the National Fire Protection
Association and Other Standards Adopted

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: This rulemaking will update the Florida Fire Prevention Code to include the most recently adopted National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards and promulgate the triennial update of the Florida Fire Prevention Code with Florida-specific amendments, as directed by section 633.202(1), F.S.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: NFPA and other standards adopted as part of Florida's uniform fire safety standards.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 633.104, 633.202, 633.206, 633.222, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 633.104, 633.202, 633.206, 633.222, 791.012, 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: Elijah Flowers, Senior Code Analyst, Division of State Fire Marshal at DSFM.Rules@myfloridacfo.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-23.010 Preapprenticeship Programs

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: This rule sets forth standards for preapprenticeship programs. The effect of this amendment is to update requirements for Registered Preapprenticeship Programs, including Preapprenticeship Standards, the Preapprenticeship Agreement and the requirements for registration and deregistration. This amended rule also adds new incorporated documents, including a Partnering

Sponsorship MOU, Registered Preapprenticeship Training Standards, Preapprenticeship Agreement and a Participating Employer Agreement.

SUMMARY: This rule is being revised to update requirements for Registered Preapprenticeship Programs and to add incorporated documents in order to improve articulation of Preapprentices into Registered Apprenticeship Programs.

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 rule is not expected to have any adverse impact on economic growth or business competitiveness, increase regulatory costs, or any other factor set forth in s. 120.541(2), F.S. and will not require legislative ratification. This is based on the nature of the 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: 446.032(1), 446.041(13), 1001.02(1), (2)(n), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 446.032, 446.041, 446.052, F.S.

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

DATE AND TIME: February 20, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: The College of the Florida Keys, 5901 College Road, Tennessee Williams Theatre, Key West, FL 33040

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Ashley Meros, Ph.D., Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education, Ashley.Yopp@fldoe.org or (850)245-9062

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

Substantial rewording of Rule 6A-23.010 follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

6A-23.010 Preapprenticeship Programs.

(1) Purpose and Scope. The primary objective of the preapprenticeship program is to provide Florida residents with educational and training opportunities to enable them, upon completion of preapprenticeship training, to obtain entrance into a registered apprenticeship program, based upon the

selection criteria established by a Registered Apprenticeship Program Sponsor. Pursuant to Sections 446.011 and 446.052, F.S., this rule sets forth the uniform minimum standards for preapprenticeship programs in apprenticeable occupations, including requirements for program registration, operation, deregistration, and reinstatement.

(2) Definitions. In addition to the definitions provided in Rule 6A-23.002, F.A.C., the following definitions are specific to preapprenticeship:

(a) "Certificate of Completion" means the official document issued by the Department to an individual who has successfully completed preapprenticeship training as verified by the Program Sponsor.

(b) "Foundational skills" means basic skills related to an apprenticeable occupation or occupational grouping. Training on foundational skills prepares individuals for the entry into a Registered Apprenticeship Program.

(c) "Occupation" means an apprenticeable occupation approved by the U.S. Department of Labor or the Florida Department of Education (Department) for registered apprenticeship.

(d) "Occupational Grouping" means two or more occupations requiring common foundational skills within the same industry, such as construction, health care, manufacturing, information technology, or automotive.

(e) "Partnering Registered Apprenticeship Program Sponsor" (Partnering RAPS) means a Florida Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) that is actively training apprentices in the same occupation or occupational grouping and that agrees to support the registered preapprenticeship program to create career pathways into registered apprenticeship.

(f) "Preapprentice" means any person sixteen (16) years of age or over engaged in any course of instruction in the public school system or elsewhere, which coursework is registered as a preapprenticeship program with the Department and who has signed a Preapprenticeship Agreement.

(g) "Preapprenticeship Agreement" means a written agreement between the preapprentice and the Preapprenticeship Program Sponsor, containing the terms and conditions of training and incorporating the registered program standards as part of the agreement.

(h) "Preapprenticeship Committee" (Committee) means those persons designated by the preapprenticeship sponsor to administer the program which must include at least one representative of each Partnering RAPS. A committee may be either joint or non-joint, as defined in Rule 6A-23.002, F.A.C.

(i) "Preapprenticeship Program" means an organized course of instruction in an apprenticeable occupation or occupational grouping, in the public school system or elsewhere, which is designed to prepare a person sixteen (16)

years of age or older to enter a registered apprenticeship program, and which is approved and registered with the Department and sponsored by a Partnering RAPS. Preapprenticeship programs include Related Technical Instruction (RTI) and may include On-the-Job Training (OJT). Preapprenticeship programs fall into one of the following categories:

1. "High school preapprenticeship program" is one occurring in a public high school and includes secondary Career and Technical Education program coursework. Preapprenticeship programs do not qualify for dual enrollment under s. 1007.271, F.S; and

2. "Adult preapprenticeship program" is one designed to serve individuals outside of high school. The program operates outside of the PK-12 school system.

(j) "Preapprenticeship Sponsor" means any committee, a group of employers, an employer, a group of employees, an educational institution, a local workforce board, a community or faith-based organization, an association, or any combination thereof, in whose name the preapprenticeship program is registered or approved and is responsible for the administration and operation of the program to offer preapprenticeship training as approved in the Preapprenticeship Standards.

(k) "Registered Preapprenticeship Standards" means the minimum requirements established for each occupation or occupational grouping under which a preapprenticeship program is administered and includes standards of admission, training goals, training objectives, curriculum outlines, and objective standards to measure successful completion of the preapprenticeship program.

(l) "Participating Employer" means a business entity which:

1. Is actively engaged by and through its own employees in the actual work of the occupation being trained;

2. Employs, hires, and pays the wages of the preapprentice and the journeyworker training the preapprentice;

3. Evaluates the preapprentice; and

4. Is signatory to a Participating Employer Agreement with the Preapprenticeship Program Sponsor registered with the Department;

(m) "Preapprenticeship Participating Employer Agreement" is an agreement between the participating employer and the Preapprenticeship Program Sponsor where both parties agree to follow the Standards of Preapprenticeship that are approved by the Department for the program; and

(n) "Partnering Sponsorship Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)" is an agreement between a Preapprenticeship Program Sponsor and each Partnering RAPS which states each party's responsibilities related to preapprenticeship, including provision of training and related services, and outlines the granting of credit for RTI and OJT, if

applicable, for students continuing into a registered apprenticeship program with the Partnering RAPS.

(3) Eligibility and Procedure for Program Registration.

(a) The following requirements must be met for a preapprenticeship program to receive initial and continued approval as a registered preapprenticeship program:

1. The preapprenticeship program must conform to the Standards of Preapprenticeship, set forth in subsection (4);

2. The preapprenticeship program must be established in an apprenticeable occupation or occupational grouping, and be designed to prepare individuals for entry into registered apprenticeship programs;

3. The preapprenticeship program must identify as either a high school or adult preapprenticeship program;

4. The preapprenticeship program must ensure that preapprentices are at least sixteen (16) years old by the time of signing the Preapprenticeship Agreement, and must require signature by a parent or guardian for preapprentices under age eighteen (18);

5. The preapprenticeship program must not award credit for prior learning or work experience;

6. The preapprenticeship program must include one or more apprenticeable occupations or occupational groupings that articulate into registered apprenticeship; and

7. Each preapprenticeship program occupation or occupational grouping must be directly sponsored by one (1) or more Partnering RAPS, as evidenced by a partnering sponsorship MOU. A representative from the Partnering RAPS must serve on the preapprenticeship committee.

(b) Procedure for New Preapprenticeship Program Registration.

1. To apply for program registration, prospective Preapprenticeship Program Sponsors must submit completed Standards of Preapprenticeship, a partnering sponsorship MOU for each Partnering RAPS that will be sponsoring the preapprenticeship program, and if applicable, any Participating Employer Agreements to the Department through the Apprenticeship Training Representative (ATR) for the county in which the program will be located. A list of ATRs can be found at: <https://www.fl DOE.org/academics/career-adult-edu/apprenticeship-programs/>.

2. The Department will conduct a review of the documents submitted and will notify the sponsor, through the ATR, within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of receipt whether the application is approved or denied.

3. Preapprenticeship programs that are approved will receive a Certificate of Registration that is valid for five (5) years.

4. If an application has missing or deficient elements, the sponsor will be notified of the deficiency and given ten (10)

calendar days to submit supplemental information or documentation to address the deficit(s).

5. A denial notice must identify the reason(s) for the denial and any deficiencies in the application. A program that receives a denial may reapply for registration in accordance with this subsection.

(c) Procedure for Existing Registered Preapprenticeship Programs. Preapprenticeship programs registered with the Department prior to the effective date of this rule will be notified of the date by which the program must demonstrate compliance with the requirements in this rule. Program Sponsors will be provided at least ninety (90) calendar days notice prior to their submission deadline. On or before the due date, registered programs must submit updated Standards of Preapprenticeship, a partnering sponsorship MOU for each Partnering RAPS that is sponsoring the preapprenticeship program, and if applicable, any Participating Employer Agreements. These submissions will be reviewed in accordance with paragraph (3)(b).

(d) Renewal of Registered Preapprenticeship Programs. Program registrations must be renewed at least every five (5) years. Program Sponsors must apply for renewal to the Department by submitting updated Standards of Preapprenticeship, partnering sponsorship MOUs for each Partnering RAPS, and if applicable, any Participating Employer Agreements to the appropriate ATR at least ninety (90) calendar days prior to the end of the current term of program registration. Applications for renewal will be reviewed in accordance with paragraph (3)(b). If approved, the Department will issue a new certificate of registration for the next five (5) years.

(4) Standards of Preapprenticeship. To be eligible for approval and registration by the Department, all preapprenticeship programs standards must include the following:

(a) The program must have an organized, written plan embodying the terms and conditions of training, including employment and supervision when on-the-job training is incorporated;

(b) Each registered preapprentice, and the parent or guardian in the case of a minor, must have the right to obtain and review a copy of the registered program standards at any time, including during signing of the Preapprenticeship Agreement;

(c) Instruction for the preapprentice in safety and health related work practices, including an assurance that the preapprentice will be trained in facilities and other environments which comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act;

(d) Assurances of compliance with 29 C.F.R. Part 570, Subpart C, and Rules 61L-2.003, F.A.C., 61L-2.004, F.A.C., and 61L-2.005, F.A.C.

(e) The composition and duties of the preapprenticeship committee and frequency of meetings. The committee must include at least one representative of each Partnering RAPS;

(f) A term of preapprenticeship established by the committee and designed to prepare the preapprentice for entry or transition into a registered apprenticeship training program. A minimum of 144 hours of related technical instruction is required, plus any OJT hours, if applicable. The term of preapprenticeship shall be presented in hours of related technical instruction, plus OJT hours, if applicable;

(g) Organized RTI in technical subjects related to the occupation or occupational grouping. The standards must include the name and address of school or location where the training will occur;

(h) The location of program records if records are not maintained on the respective school campus and a statement that records related to OJT and RTI are available for review by the Department upon request;

(i) Maintenance of preapprenticeship records in accordance with subsection (9) of this rule;

(j) The required minimum qualifications for individuals entering into the preapprenticeship program;

(k) A plan for resolving differences between the preapprentice and Program Sponsor;

(l) Reasons why a Preapprenticeship Agreement may be terminated, including for cause;

(m) At least five (5) business days notice to the preapprentice of any adverse action and cause therefore, with stated opportunity to the preapprentice for corrective action during such period;

(n) Responsibility to engage in Equal Employment Opportunity to include:

1. Procedures for dissemination of program openings and opportunities; and,

2. A selection process that does not discriminate against any individual on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or age;

(o) The placement of a preapprentice under a Preapprenticeship Agreement with the Sponsor;

(p) Provision for registration, cancellation and deregistration of the program; and the requirement of submission of any amendment or modification of program standards to the Department through the appropriate ATR;

(q) Provision for notifying the Department of all actions (registrations, cancellations and completions) regarding registered preapprentices within forty-five (45) days;

(r) Provision for requesting issuance of a preapprenticeship completion certificate from the Department;

(s) Assurance that a certificate of completion will only be issued to preapprentices that complete all components outlined in the Standards of Preapprenticeship; and

(t) If OJT is incorporated into a preapprenticeship program, the standards must include:

1. An outline of work processes in which the preapprentice will receive supervised work experience and on-the-job training and allocation of the approximate time to be spent in each process. OJT for preapprenticeship must be time based.

2. A wage rate must be included that is not less than the minimum wage prescribed for in the Fair Labor Standards Act or by s. 448.110, F.S., whichever is greater.

3. Preapprentice to journeyworker ratios for preapprenticeship programs must be outlined and conform with the ratios outlined in the Partnering RAPS standards. Assurance of qualified journeyworkers and personnel to train the preapprentices. Apprentices cannot serve as journeyworkers to preapprentices. The combination of apprentices and preapprentices trained by journeyworkers must not exceed the ratio of supervision apprentice(s) to journeyworker(s) as approved on the Standards of Apprenticeship for the Partnering RAPS.

4. List of participating employers. If the program has multiple employers, a preapprenticeship participating employer's agreement form must be provided for each employer.

(5) Amendments to the Standards of Preapprenticeship. The Standards of Preapprenticeship may be amended or modified by the Preapprenticeship Committee or Sponsor, with the approval of the Department. Any such amendments must be submitted to the Department for approval through the appropriate ATR.

(a) The Department will notify the sponsor, through the ATR, within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of receipt whether the amended standards are approved.

(b) If the amended standards are not approved, the denial notice must identify the reason(s) for the denial and any deficiencies. The Sponsor or Committee may resubmit its proposed amended standards to the Department in accordance with this subsection.

(c) Upon approval, all preapprentices must be provided a copy of the amended Standards of Preapprenticeship.

(6) Preapprenticeship Agreement. Preapprentices will be individually registered in one (1) occupation or occupational grouping with an agreement which shall be registered with the Department. Each preapprentice must sign a Preapprenticeship Agreement between the preapprentice and the Program Sponsor. A parent or guardian must also sign the agreement if the preapprentice is a minor. The Standards of Preapprenticeship are incorporated into the Preapprenticeship Agreement and must be provided to the preapprentice prior to signing the agreement.

(7) Deregistration of Registered Preapprenticeship Programs. Deregistration of a program may occur upon the

request of the sponsor or upon notice by the Department to the sponsor stating cause:

(a) Cancellation by request of the sponsor. The sponsor must request cancellation of its registered program in writing by submitting such request to the Department through the appropriate ATR. Upon receipt, the Department will cancel the registration of a preapprenticeship program by a written acknowledgement to the sponsor stating that:

1. The registration is cancelled at sponsor's request and giving the effective date of such cancellation; and,

2. That, within fifteen (15) days of the date of the acknowledgment, the sponsor must notify all preapprentices of such cancellation and the effective date; that such cancellation automatically deprives the preapprentice of his or her individual registration.

(b) Deregistration by the Department. The Department will initiate deregistration proceedings in accordance with Rule 6A-23.006, F.A.C., for a preapprenticeship program, occupation or occupational grouping when the preapprenticeship program:

1. Is not conducted, operated, or administered in accordance with the registered standards or the requirements of Chapter 6A-23, F.A.C.;

2. Fails to begin actively training preapprentices within one (1) year of registration;

3. Is inactive, meaning it failed to train preapprentices for twelve (12) consecutive months;

4. Fails to articulate any preapprentices into a registered apprenticeship program within one (1) year of completion;

5. Fails to secure a new Partnering RAPS, and notify the Department of such change, within thirty (30) days of the cancellation of an existing Partnering RAPS; or

6. Fails to report preapprentice actions (registrations, cancellations and completions) to the Department within forty-five (45) days over the program year.

(8) Program Completers.

(a) The Partnering Sponsorship MOU must state that the Partnering RAPS will give primary consideration for admission to completers of the preapprenticeship program.

(b) The preapprenticeship completers who enter a registered apprenticeship program must be exempt from repeating any related course of instruction, and if OJT is included in the preapprenticeship program, credit for OJT hours shall be awarded according to the partnering sponsor MOU.

(c) Preapprentices who are accepted into the Partnering RAPS prior to completing RTI and OJT outlined in the Standards of Preapprenticeship must be reported as completers.

(9) Maintenance of preapprenticeship records. All preapprenticeship program records pertaining to the administration, selection, training, and employment of preapprentices (test scores, attendance records, transcripts, progress evaluations, etc.) are the sole maintenance

responsibility of the Preapprenticeship Program Sponsor. Preapprenticeship records must be maintained according to the schedule below and must be made available to the Department upon request.

(a) Preapprentice records must be maintained for at least two (2) years following the preapprentice's date of departure from or completion of the program. Records that must be maintained include records relating to the administration, selection, training, and employment of preapprentices (test scores, attendance records, transcripts, and progress evaluations), signed Preapprenticeship Agreements, evidence of minimum qualifications met, RTI attendance records and, if applicable, OJT records.

(b) Program records must be maintained for at least two (2) years. Records that must be maintained include Partnering Sponsorship MOUs, Participating Employer Agreements, Committee meeting minutes, and documentation of efforts to connect preapprentices with registered apprenticeship programs.

(c) Maintenance of and access to education records must be in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and its implementing regulations (34 C.F.R. Part 99), and related state privacy laws, including Sections 1002.22, 1002.221, 1002.222, and 1002.225, F.S., and Rule 6A-1.0955, F.A.C.

(10) Required reporting. Preapprenticeship Program Sponsors must report data on preapprentice registration, cancellation, and completion to the Department within forty-five (45) days of such actions occurring, and must report data that is needed for the Department to calculate retention rates, completion rates, and wage progression metrics pursuant to subsection 6A-23.011(3), F.A.C. The Department will provide reporting instructions at least twice a year. Local education agency (LEA) partners must also report enrollment and completion data to state data reporting systems.

(11) The following documents are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. Copies may be obtained from the Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400, or at the websites listed below.

(a) Partnering Sponsorship Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19107>), effective March 2026.

(b) Registered Preapprenticeship Standards Template (<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19108>), effective March 2026.

(c) Preapprenticeship Agreement Form APPR-401 (<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19109>), effective March 2026.

(d) Preapprenticeship Participating Employer Agreement Form APPR-303 (<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19110>), effective March 2026.

(e) 29 C.F.R. Part 570, Subpart C, (<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19111>), effective July 19, 2010.

(f) Rule 61L-2.003, F.A.C., (<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19112>), effective June 12, 2016.

(g) Rule 61L-2.004, F.A.C., (<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19113>), effective October 7, 1993.

(h) Rule 61L-2.005, F.A.C., (<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19114>), effective February 18, 2025.

Rulemaking Authority 446.032, 446.041(12) FS. Law Implemented 446.052 FS. History—New 6-9-81, Formerly 38C-16.10, Amended 8-18-94, 4-8-96, Formerly 38C-16.010, Amended 1-25-98, 3-15-98, 4-27-98, Formerly 38H-16.010, Amended 3-29-11.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:

Ashley Meros

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Anastasios Kamoutsas

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: January 20, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 2, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
33-404.106	Admission to Infirmiry Mental Health Care, Transitional Care, or Crisis Stabilization
33-404.201	Operation, Administration, and Designation of Corrections Mental Health Treatment Facilities
33-404.2095	Placement in Mental Health Treatment Facilities
33-404.2096	Emergency Placement in Mental Health Treatment Facilities
33-404.2097	Discharge From Mental Health Treatment Facilities
33-404.2098	Continued Placement in Mental Health Treatment Facilities
33-404.210	Corrections Mental Health Treatment Facilities - Consent to Treatment

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Rulemaking is required due to the legislative amendment of sections 945.41-.48, Florida Statutes. The proposed rules implement the statutes as amended by clarifying and updating the Department's procedures for involuntary placement in and discharge from mental health facilities.

SUMMARY: The proposed amendments clarify and update the Department's procedures related to inpatient mental health treatment. As part of these updates, the Department intends to repeal Rules 33-404.2096 and 33-404.2098, Florida Administrative Code.

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 Department used an itemized checklist to conduct an economic analysis and determine if there is an adverse impact or regulatory cost associated with this rule that exceeds the criteria. Upon review of the proposed changes to the rule, the Department has determined that the amendments will not exceed any one of the economic analysis criteria in a SERC as set forth in s. 120.541(2)(a), F.S.

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: 944.09(1) and (e), 945.49(2), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 944.09, 945.41, 945.42, 945.43, 945.44, 945.47, 945.48, 945.49, F.S

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Amy Matlock, Office of the General Counsel, 501 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)717-3605, FDCRuleCorrespondence@fdc.myflorida.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

33-404.106 Admission to Infirmiry Mental Health Care, Transitional Care, or Crisis Stabilization.

~~(1) The right to refuse health care is inherent for all inmates committed to the custody of the department, except in cases in which refusal of care poses a serious threat to the inmate's health or safety or the health or safety of other inmates or staff.~~

~~(1)(2) Inmates may not refuse placement in Admission to infirmary mental health care, crisis stabilization, or transitional care for inpatient treatment may not be refused.~~

(2) Inmates retain the right to refuse mental health treatment except as provided in sections 945.43, 945.44, and 945.48, F.S.

~~(3) An inmate's refusal of mental health treatment or services must evaluation or treatment and all observations and assessments regarding the refusal shall be documented in accordance with Rule 33-401.105, F.A.C. properly documented in the inmate's health record.~~

Rulemaking Authority 944.09, 945.49 FS. Law Implemented 944.09, 945.48, 945.49 FS. History—New 5-27-97, Formerly 33-40.006, Amended 3-1-11, _____.

33-404.201 Operation, Administration, and Designation of Corrections Mental Health Treatment Facilities.

~~(1) The Department is responsible for the operation and administration of Corrections Mental Health Treatment Facilities, which are established to provide for the extended treatment of inmates who have a mental illness disorder requiring intensive mental health treatment at the hospital level.~~

~~(2) The assistant secretary for health services designates mental health treatment facilities at the following institutions:~~

~~(a) No change.~~

~~(b) Suwannee Correctional Institution (males);~~

~~(c) through (d) renumbered (b) through (c) No change.~~

Rulemaking Authority 944.09, 945.49 FS. Law Implemented 944.09, 945.41, 945.42, 945.49 FS. History—New 11-3-85, Formerly 33-23.01, Amended 10-9-96, Formerly 33-23.001, Amended 10-19-03, 3-1-11, 10-6-14, 12-22-15, 7-27-16, _____.

33-404.2095 Involuntary Examination, Placement, and Treatment in Mental Health Treatment Facilities.

~~(1) An inmate must shall be considered for placement in a Corrections Mental Health Treatment Facility when he or she is mentally ill and in need of care and treatment as defined in Section 945.42, F.S.~~

(2) An inmate who appears to meet the criteria in section 945.44, F.S., for involuntary placement and treatment in a Corrections Mental Health Treatment Facility must be transferred to a Corrections Mental Health Treatment Facility for an involuntary examination in accordance with section 945.43, F.S. Placement in a corrections mental health treatment facility can only be made from a crisis stabilization unit and, except for emergencies as described in Rule 33-404.2096, F.A.C., all placements must be accompanied by a court order obtained in accordance with Section 945.43, F.S.

~~(3) If it is determined that the inmate is in need of care and treatment after the evaluation, the psychiatrist must propose a recommended course of treatment, and the warden must initiate proceedings with the court for the involuntary placement and treatment of the inmate in the Corrections Mental Health Treatment Facility as specified in sections 945.43 and 945.44, F.S. The warden of the institution in which the crisis stabilization unit is housed shall recommend placement of an inmate in a corrections mental health treatment facility in accordance with Section 945.43, F.S.~~

(4) A court order authorizing involuntary placement and treatment in a Corrections Mental Health Treatment Facility will authorize the placement and treatment for a period not to exceed six months following the date of the order.

(5) If inmate remains in need of care and treatment after the initial six months, the warden must file a notice with the court requesting a status hearing to authorize continued involuntary placement and treatment for another period not to exceed six months. This process must be repeated until the inmate is no longer in need of care and treatment and is discharged from the Corrections Mental Health Treatment Facility.

Rulemaking Authority 944.09, 945.49 FS. Law Implemented 945.42, 945.43 FS. History—New 3-1-11, _____.

33-404.2096 Emergency Placement in Mental Health Treatment Facilities.

Rulemaking Authority 944.09, 945.49 FS. Law Implemented 945.42, 945.44 FS. History—New 3-1-11, Repealed _____.

33-404.2097 Discharge from Mental Health Treatment Facilities.

(1) When an inmate is no longer in need of care and treatment as defined in Section 945.42(7) 945.42(6), F.S., he or she must shall be discharged from treatment in a Corrections Mental Health Treatment Facility and transferred to a lower level of care for the provision of appropriate mental health services to a transitional care unit for at least thirty days prior to being transferred to a less restrictive setting.

(2) The warden of the mental health treatment facility must notify the court in writing when an inmate is discharged from the Corrections Mental Health Treatment Facility because he or she is no longer in need of care and treatment, has been transferred to another institution of the Department, or has been released from the Department's custody.

Rulemaking Authority 944.09, 945.49 FS. Law Implemented 945.42, 945.47 FS. History—New 3-1-11, Amended _____.

33-404.2098 Continued Placement in Mental Health Treatment Facilities.

Rulemaking Authority 944.09, 945.49 FS. Law Implemented 945.42, 945.45 FS. History—New 3-1-11, Repealed _____.

33-404.210 Corrections Mental Health Treatment Facilities – Consent to Treatment.

(1) ~~Mentally competent inmates must Before treatment is initiated within a corrections mental health treatment facility as defined in Rule 33-404.103, F.A.C., the inmate shall be asked to give express and informed written consent for offered mental health such treatment within the Department, in accordance with Section 945.41 945.48, F.S.~~

~~(2) If the inmate is placed in a corrections mental health treatment facility by order of a court and refuses treatment deemed necessary for the appropriate care and safety of the inmate or others, the warden shall petition the circuit court serving the county in which the corrections mental health treatment facility is located for an order authorizing the treatment of the inmate in accordance with Section 945.48, F.S.~~

~~(2)(3) For inmates placed in a Corrections Mental Health Treatment Facility in accordance with section 945.44, F.S., wWhen the express and informed consent of the inmate cannot be obtained or the inmate is incompetent to consent treatment, the warden of the Corrections Mental Health Treatment Facility, or his or her designee, under the direction with the concurrence of the inmate's attending physician, may authorize nonpsychiatric, emergency surgical treatment or other routine non-psychiatric medical treatment if such treatment is deemed lifesaving or if there is a situation threatening serious bodily harm to the inmate.~~

Rulemaking Authority 944.09, 945.49 FS. Law Implemented 945.41 945.48 FS. History–New 4-30-91, Formerly 33-23.026, Amended 3-1-11, _____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Clayton Weiss, Health Services Director

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Ricky Dixon, Secretary

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: January 13, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: July 31, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**Board of Medicine**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B8-11.001 Advertising

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendment will update the American Board of Physician Specialties, which is related to the American Association of Physician Specialists, Inc., to conform with updated statutory language.

SUMMARY: To update the rule text due.

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: During discussion of the economic impact of this rule at its Board meeting, the Board concluded that this rule change will not have any impact on licensees and their businesses or the businesses that employ them. The rule will not increase any fees, business costs, personnel costs, will not decrease profit opportunities, and will not require any specialized knowledge to comply. This change will not increase any direct or indirect regulatory costs. Hence, the Board determined that a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) was not necessary and that the rule will not require ratification by the Legislature. No person or interested party submitted additional information regarding the economic impact at that time.

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: 458.309 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.072(1)(t), 458.331(1)(d), (l), (n), (o), 458.3312 FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Morgan Rexford, MPH, Executive Director, Board of Medicine/MQA, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C03, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3253, (850)245-4131 or Morgan.Rexford@flhealth.gov

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

64B8-11.001 Advertising.

(1) through (7) No change.

(8) The recognizing agencies currently approved by the Board of Medicine include:

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) ~~American Association of Physician Specialists, Inc./American Board of Physician Specialties (Approved February 2002).~~

(d) through (g) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 458.309 FS. Law Implemented 456.072(1)(t), 458.331(1)(d), (l), (n), (o), 458.3312 FS. History–New 3-31-80, Formerly 21M-24.01, Amended 11-15-88, Formerly 21M-24.001, Amended 12-5-93, Formerly 61F6-24.001, Amended 4-3-95, 4-16-96,

5-29-97, 5-7-97, Formerly 59R-11.001, Amended 1-31-01, 9-1-02, 1-16-07, 10-17-10, 11-20-12, 3-2-15, 9-4-17, 2-26-18, 11-16-20, ____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Rules/Legislative Committee, Board of Medicine
NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE
PROPOSED RULE: Board of Medicine
DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY
HEAD: September 26, 2025
DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT
PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 13, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Medicine

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B8-13.005 Continuing Education for Biennial Renewal
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update continuing education requirements to add an additional provider for the controlled prescribing course.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule will add an additional provider for the controlled substance prescribing course.

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.

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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: 456.013, 456.031, 456.033, 458.309, 458.319 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.013, 456.031, 456.033, 458.319 FS.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Morgan Rexford, MPH, Executive Director, Board of Medicine/MQA, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C03, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3253, (850)245-4131 or Morgan.Rexford@flhealth.gov

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

64B8-13.005 Continuing Education for Biennial Renewal.

(1) Every physician licensed pursuant to Chapter 458, F.S., shall be required to complete 40 hours of continuing medical education courses approved by the Board in the 24 months preceding each biennial renewal period as established by the Department.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) A licensee who is registered with the United States Drug Enforcement Agency and is authorized to prescribe controlled substances is required to complete a 2-hour course on prescribing controlled substances at each biennial renewal of licensure as required by Section 456.0301, F.S. The Board approves the controlled substance prescribing courses offered by the Florida Medical Association, the Florida Academy of Family Physicians, the Florida College of Emergency Physicians, Baptist Health South Florida/Quality Network, InforMed, Florida Psychiatric Society, Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, the University of Florida, NetCE, The Doctors Company, CE Group, AchieveCE, the University of Central Florida (UCF) College of Medicine, Integris Group, and White Coat Institute d/b/a GetMyCME, and Orlando Health for the purpose of meeting this continuing education requirement.

(2) through (10) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 456.013, 456.031, 456.033, 458.309, 458.319 FS. Law Implemented 456.013, 456.031, 456.033, 458.319 FS. History—New 9-7-86, Amended 11-17-87, 11-15-88, 1-31-90, 9-15-92, Formerly 21M-28.002, Amended 12-5-93, Formerly 61F6-28.002, Amended 3-1-95, 1-3-96, 1-26-97, Formerly 59R-13.005, Amended 5-18-99, 2-7-01, 6-4-02, 10-8-03, 5-4-04, 5-20-04, 4-5-05, 4-25-06, 12-26-06, 1-16-08, 5-6-08, 11-25-08, 7-6-09, 2-23-10, 4-3-12, 3-12-14, 5-15-14, 10-26-14, 2-29-16, 2-26-18, 9-10-18, 4-29-19, 3-2-20, 3-2-22, 3-7-24, 9-25-24, 4-13-25, 6-4-25, 11-24-25, ____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Rules/Legislative Committee, Board of Medicine
NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE
PROPOSED RULE: Board of Medicine

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY
HEAD: September 26, 2025
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PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 13, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**Family Safety and Preservation Program**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
65C-45.009 Changes During the Licensed Year for all
Levels of Licensure

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Amendments are required to streamline the licensure application process for a licensed foster parent who is in good standing to align with Chapter Law 2025-63.

SUMMARY: Amendments include: (1) clarifying the rule, (2) includes referral for services, (3) removes FSFN and changes to CCWIS, (4) adds fingerprint requirements for minors upon turning 18, (5) updates requirements for change of location, (6) updates requirements for transfer of foster home license, (7) adds requirements for licensed out-of-home caregiver is good standing, and (8) updates transfer documentation requirements. 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 Department used a checklist to conduct an economic analysis and determine if there is an adverse impact or regulatory costs associated with this rule that exceeds the criteria in section 120.541(2)(a), F.S. Based upon this analysis, the Department has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to 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: 409.175(5) F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 409.175(5) F.S.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Elizabeth Floyd. Elizabeth can be

reached at Elizabeth.Floyd@myflfamilies.com or (850)488-2381.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

Substantial rewording of Rule 65C-45.009 follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

65C-45.009 Changes During the Licensed Year for all Levels of Licensure

(1) Law Enforcement Involvement. The licensed out-of-home caregiver shall report any household member's involvement with law enforcement over the course of the licensed year to the supervising agency within one business day of the occurrence. Law enforcement involvement includes Florida and out of state arrests, incidents of domestic violence, driving infractions, and any local law enforcement response to the home involving incidents that threaten the safety of any children.

(2) When a licensed out-of-home caregiver makes a formal request to place the home on hold, no new children shall be placed in the home. Licensed out-of-home caregivers shall submit a written request to include the date at which they would like to accept children in their home.

(3) Household Circumstance Changes. In addition, the caregiver shall report to the community-based care lead agency within one (1) business day:

(a) A change in household composition, including plans for changes in sleeping arrangements;

(b) A change of physical address;

(c) Changes in financial situation, such as bankruptcy, repossessions, and evictions;

(d) A physical or mental health concerns that impact the ability to provide care for the child;

(e) A change in contact information;

(f) A change in employment or significant change in work or school schedule. A significant change is defined as one that impacts the ability to provide care for the child; and

(g) A change in marital or relationship status, including reconciliation or separation.

1. When a licensed out-of-home caregiver marries, moves in with, or reconciles with an unlicensed spouse or partner, the unlicensed spouse or partner shall submit fingerprints for background screening prior to moving into the residence, unless previously completed within the past five years and the background screenings remain in good standing.

a. The unlicensed spouse or partner shall also attend parent preparation pre-service training if not previously completed within the last five years and meet all licensing requirements. The unlicensed spouse or partner shall have three months from the date of marriage, moving in together, or reconciliation to complete pre-service training. If a determination has been made

and documented by the child welfare professional in the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) as to the unavailability of a pre-service training class, the unlicensed spouse or partner shall complete pre-service training within six months.

b. Upon completion of pre-service training, the unlicensed spouse or partner shall complete and submit an “Application for License to Provide Out-of-Home Care for Dependent Children,” incorporated by reference in Rule 65C-45.003, F.A.C. Failure to meet the licensing and background screening provisions which may threaten the safety of any child in care or place the home in violation of the licensing standards is grounds for denial or revocation of an application or license.

c. The home shall remain licensed and previously placed children may remain in the home pending the outcome of the Unified Home Study assessment and approval of the license application.

(I) No new children shall be placed in the home until the application has been completed and approved.

(II) The supervising agency will update the Unified Home Study, including interviews with all children in the home, verification of satisfactory background screening, and verification of income and expenses, and submit to the community-based care lead agency within 30 calendar days of marriage, moving in together, or reconciliation.

2. In cases of separation, divorce, or death of a spouse or partner, the supervising agency shall update the Unified Home Study submit to the Regional Licensing Authority a summary and assessment of the impact to the children placed in the home within 30 calendar days of the change in marital status.

a. The child welfare professional must offer and refer household members for services based on the outcome of the assessment.

b. The Unified Home Study shall summarize the satisfaction of licensing requirements and shall include interviews with the children, if age appropriate, verification of income and expenses, and the remaining caregiver’s plan to meet all financial obligations.

c. The updated Unified Home Study shall be completed in the CCWIS.

(4) The supervising agency shall assess and document the impact on the household within two (2) business days of learning one of these events has occurred or is likely to occur.

(5) All new household members age 18 and older shall be fingerprinted prior to moving into the residence, and those fingerprints shall be submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement within five (5) business days of the receipt of the fingerprints by the supervising agency. All household members shall meet the requirements for background screening.

(6) All minor household members residing in the residence shall be fingerprinted immediately upon turning 18 years of age.

(7) The supervising agency shall submit a new “Application for License to Provide Out-of-Home Care for Dependent Children,” incorporated by reference in Rule 65C-45.003, F.A.C., to the Regional Licensing Authority for the issuance of an amended license.

(8) Change of Location. A licensed out-of-home caregiver shall notify the supervising agency no less than 30 calendar days prior to the expected date of the relocation.

(a) The supervising agency shall assist the licensed out-of-home caregiver in identifying a new supervising agency.

(b) The current supervising agency shall notify the new agency of the licensed out-of-home caregivers’ intent to transfer within two business days of being notified by the caregiver. The new supervising agency shall accept the transfer request within two business days and be assigned to initiate the transfer process.

(c) When a licensed out-of-home caregiver is in good standing and requests a transfer of their family foster home license within the state, the new supervising agency shall initiate licensing process for transfer within 15 calendar days of accepting the transfer request from the current supervising agency. All background screenings, trainings, and required forms previously completed under the current supervising agency shall be transferred and accepted for licensure by the new supervising agency or accessed through CCWIS.

(d) Within 15 calendar days of the licensed out-of-home caregiver’s physical relocation, the new supervising agency shall have all remaining transfer requirements outlined in subsection (9) completed.

(e) To be deemed in good standing the licensed out of home caregiver must meet the following criteria:

1. No current or past corrective action plan in the last 12 months of the relocation notification.

2. No pending administrative actions.

3. No open abuse report or special conditions referral.

4. No background screening related concerns to include the issuance of a background screening exemption.

(f) For licensed out-of-home caregivers that do not meet the criteria in paragraph (8)(e) the new supervising agency shall complete all transfer requirements for a licensed out-of-home caregiver within 30 calendar days of the family relocating to the new residence.

(9) Transfer Documentation Requirements. The following are requirements for an in-state relocation of a family foster home.

(a) Preservice Training. When the preservice training for the licensed caregiver was completed more than five years prior to the transfer, the caregiver’s training remains valid throughout

the transfer of licensure process and considered to have met the training requirements outlined in subsection 65C-45.002(12), F.A.C.

(b) Florida Sexual Offender and Predator records check (neighborhood search) shall be conducted on the licensed out-of-home caregiver's new residence.

(c) Unified Home Study Addendum.

(d) Application for License to Provide Out-of-Home Care.

(e) Release of Information.

(f) Foster home inspection checklist.

(g) Disaster preparedness plan.

(h) Evacuation plan.

(10) The new supervising agency shall complete at least one home visit prior to licensure.

(11) The amended application packet shall be submitted to the Regional Licensing Authority for review and issuance of an amended license within two business days of completion of the transfer requirements.

(12) If approved, an amended license shall be issued and shall expire on the same date as the previous license.

(13) If licensure of the new home is not recommended and there are children currently placed in the home, the primary case manager shall assess whether alternative placement is necessary within four hours of being notified by the supervising agency.

(14) If the decision is made to deny the new application, the Regional Licensing Authority will notify the applicant and supervising agency by certified mail within five (5) business days of the decision to deny, identifying the reasons for the denial of the license, the statutory authority for the denial of the license, and the applicant's right of appeal pursuant to Chapter 120, F.S. The denial and reason(s) for denial shall be recorded in CCWIS by the supervising agency. If there are any children who moved with the caregiver from the former region, the Regional Licensing Authority will notify the new supervising agency within 24 hours of the decision to deny the application. The new supervising agency shall notify the former supervising agency and the contracted service provider responsible for courtesy supervision within 24 hours of receiving the notice. All possible placement options, the possible risk to the children, and their best interest shall be considered, and a decision made regarding their placement within 24 hours of receipt of the notification. The removal and placement of the children is the responsibility of the former supervising agency and the contracted service provider with primary responsibility for supervision of the children.

(15) Out of State. If there are children to move out of state with the licensed out-of-home caregiver, the primary case manager is required to initiate an Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children request pursuant to Section 409.401, F.S.

Rulemaking Authority 409.175(5) FS. Law Implemented 409.175(5) FS. History--New 4-26-20, Amended 11-9-20,____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Vanessa Snoddy

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Taylor N. Hatch

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: January 16, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: July 30, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Family Safety and Preservation Program

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

65C-46.026 Standards for Physically Secure Shelter

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Department will create a licensure type for physically secure shelters to be licensed as a child-caring agency for use by Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ).

SUMMARY: Rule addresses: (1) admission and discharge, (2) client services, (3) training, (4) ratio and supervision, (5) physical security features, (6) youth searches, (7) audio and video recordings, (8) contraband, (9) elopements, and (10) visitation.

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.

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RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 409.175(5) F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 409.175(5) F.S.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Elizabeth Floyd. Elizabeth can be reached at Elizabeth.Floyd@myflfamilies.com or (850)488-2381.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

65C-46.026 Standards for Physically Secure Shelter.

(1) Child-caring agencies providing services as a physically secure shelter to children adjudicated as a child in need of services as defined in Section 984.03, F.S., shall comply with the licensing requirements set forth in Rules 65C-46.001 through 65C-46.0141, F.A.C., in addition to the program requirements outlined in this rule.

(2) Each child-caring agency shall submit a copy of an executed contractual agreement with the Department of Juvenile Justice prior to initiating licensure as a physically secure shelter. The child-caring agency may submit an award from the Department of Juvenile Justice to begin licensure and shall submit the executed contract no later than seven business days from issuance of a license.

(3) Admission and Discharge.

(a) Each child admitted to the child-caring agency shall be court ordered into the physically secure shelter pursuant to Section 984.226, F.S.

1. A copy of the court order must be placed in the child's file.

2. The child-caring agency may accept children under the age of 10 if the court orders placement of the child in the physically secure shelter.

(b) The child-caring agency shall maintain a waitlist that must be submitted to the Department and the Department of Juvenile Justice upon request. The waitlist shall outline:

1. Child's name, date of birth, address of residence,

2. Judicial Circuit with jurisdiction of the child in need of services,

3. Name of the referring individual, agency, email, and phone number,

4. Date of referral, and

5. Outcome of referral and date outcome was rendered.

(c) Transfer of Custody to the Department.

1. The child-caring agency shall participate in the multidisciplinary team staffing in accordance with Rule 65C-30.023, F.A.C., when a child is transferred to the custody of the Department pursuant to Chapter 984, F.S.

2. The child-caring agency shall prepare for and coordinate the child's discharge from the physically secure shelter within 24 hours of the court ordering the child's transfer to the custody

of the Department, and in alignment with Social Security Act 471(a)(37).

(4) Client Services. The child-caring agency shall provide the following services for children based on the assessment completed at admission and services ordered by the courts:

(a) Family and individual counseling;

(b) Substance abuse and mental health screening;

(c) Vocational or educational supports;

(d) Behavioral health care with a focus on trauma informed care.

(5) Training.

(a) The child-caring agency shall ensure all direct care staff complete pre-service training requirements in paragraph 65C-46.011(10)(c), F.A.C., and receive an additional 12 hours of Department-approved, specialized training on behaviors and trauma. The specialized training must be completed within two months from the completion of pre-service training. Staff who complete pre-service training are permitted to have unsupervised contact with children during the completion of the specialized training. Training topics shall include:

1. Emotional disturbance in children and common behavioral problems exhibited;

2. Suicide awareness and prevention;

3. Discipline, limit-setting, logical consequences, problem-solving, and relationship-building skills;

4. Crisis intervention and emergency procedures;

5. Mental health and substance abuse;

6. Trauma response practices.

(b) Of the 40 hours of annual in-service training required in paragraph 65C-46.011(10)(d), F.A.C., eight hours shall be focused on behaviors and trauma.

(c) Staff conducting youth searches required in subsection 65C-46.026(8), F.A.C., shall complete training on how to conduct a frisk.

(6) Ratio and Supervision.

(a) The child-caring agency shall have at least one bedroom for every two children.

(b) There shall always be at least one direct care staff member to every four children.

(c) The agency shall ensure 24-hour-a-day supervision of the children in its care.

(d) Staff shall account for the whereabouts of children under their supervision at all times. Staff shall conduct and document resident counts minimally at the beginning of each shift, after each outdoor activity, and during any emergency and elopement.

(e) The child-caring agency shall track daily census to include, at a minimum, the total daily census count, new admissions, releases or direct discharges, transfers, and children temporarily away from the program.

(f) If at any time the child-caring agency cannot account for any child's whereabouts or discrepancies are found between resident counts and the tracking of daily census, staff shall reconcile immediately and take follow-up action as outlined in the child-caring agency's procedures for missing children.

(g) The child-caring agency shall ensure that staff observe children at least every hour while they are in their bedroom, either during sleep time or at other times, such as during an illness or room restriction. Staff shall conduct the observations in a manner to ensure the safety and security of each child and shall document real-time observations manually or electronically.

(7) Physical Security Features.

(a) The child-caring agency shall provide physical security features that are environmentally secure, staff secure, and hardware-secure with locking doors. The child-caring agency may use walls and fencing as additional hardware features if the child-caring agency is the only home or facility located on the premises. Child-caring agencies shall not use walls and fencing as the feature for security if there are other licensed homes or facilities on the premises.

(b) Each child-caring agency shall have the following features:

1. Electronic search equipment.
2. Door locks on entry, exit, and passage doors, with a manual override capability if locks are electronic.
3. Secure windows of break-resistant or screened glass, or secured through alarms.
4. Camera surveillance system.
5. Exterior security lighting, and
6. Radio or cellular phone communication devices for staff.

(8) Youth Searches.

(a) The child-caring agency shall complete a screening to search the child and the child's belongings at admission to the program, when returning from outings, and when there are concerns for the safety and well-being of the child in the shelter.

(b) Authorized staff conducting a screening shall prepare the children by explaining the purpose of the search and what it entails. Staff shall not use physical force on children and shall treat the child with dignity and respect to minimize the child's stress and embarrassment.

(c) Frisk searches shall be conducted outside the child's clothing by a single staff member of the same sex. The single staff member must be supervised by an additional staff member of the same sex. All frisk searches shall be documented on a tracking log and placed in the child's file.

(d) Use of electronic search equipment is authorized to supplement any frisk search authorized in this rule section. A single staff member may conduct electronic searches on a child of the opposite sex. The single staff member must be supervised by an additional staff member of the same or opposite sex. All

electronic searches shall be documented on a tracking log and placed in the child's file.

(9) Audio or Video Recordings.

(a) Each child-caring agency that has any on-site video or audio system with recording capability shall maintain at least a 90-day history of recordings unless the equipment does not have the capacity to maintain a 90-day history, in which case the program shall maintain the recordings to the extent of the equipment's capacity, but no less than 30 days. Recording shall be made available to the Department and Department of Juvenile Justice upon request.

(b) The child-caring agency shall not place video or audio in bedrooms or bathrooms.

(10) Key Control. Each child-caring agency shall establish a key control system that, at a minimum, addresses the following:

(a) Key assignment and usage, including restrictions on usage;

(b) Inventory and tracking of keys;

(c) Secure storage of keys not in use;

(d) Procedures addressing missing or lost keys; and

(e) Reporting and replacement of damaged keys.

(11) Contraband. The child-caring agency shall develop a policy and procedure for contraband. The policy and procedure shall address the following areas:

(a) Illegal Contraband: At no time shall illegal contraband and prohibited items, as defined in Section 985.711, F.S., be allowed in the child-caring agency. The policy and procedure shall address the requirements of and limitations on staff use of provider issued cellular phones or portable communication devices, with documentation maintained designating the allowable device type as issued to the specific staff member. The policy and procedure may allow specified staff, medical and mental health personnel, school board personnel, vocational education personnel, emergency services personnel, and designated subcontracted staff to possess a non-facility-issued cellular phone or portable communication device for work purposes only.

(b) The child-caring agency shall develop a process for documenting contraband incidents, searches, and the result of each search. Any item or situation that may compromise safety or security shall be reported immediately to the program director or designee. Programs shall ensure that a staff member is designated for this purpose 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

(12) Elopements. The child-caring agency shall follow the Department's missing child procedures outlined in Rule 65C-30.019, F.A.C.

(13) Visitation.

(a) The child-caring agency shall develop visitation procedures that must be reviewed with the child upon

placement in the physically secure shelter. The procedures must include the requirement for visitors to provide identification and refrain from bringing contraband and phones into the facility. The Department and the Department of Juvenile Justice are exempt from the visitor procedures.

(b) The child-caring agency shall maintain a visitation log for each child that is placed in the child's file.

Rulemaking Authority 409.175(5) FS. Law Implemented 409.175 FS. History--New.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Vanessa Snoddy

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Taylor N. Hatch

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: January 16, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: September 30, 2025

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Vessel Registration and Boating Safety

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

68D-36.102 Definitions

68D-36.103 Minimum Requirements for Training Facilities and Instructors

68D-36.104 Minimum Standards for Boating Safety Courses

68D-36.106 Violator Courses

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this rulemaking effort is to update the language "Training Facility" to the language "Course Provider" to align with the modern delivery methods of how approved Florida boating safety courses are delivered as well as add language to provide consistency with the language in Florida statutes.

SUMMARY: The language of "Training Facility" within the rule is outdated and will be replaced with language which would be inclusive of online course providers. Other rule amendments edit language necessary for consistency between statute and rule.

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 nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required.

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: 327.04, 327.39, 327.395, 327.54, 327.731 FS

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 327.39, 327.395, 327.54, 327.731 FS
IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Captain Rachel Bryant, Division of Law Enforcement, Boating and Waterways Section, 620 South Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)488-5600, rachel.bryant@myfwc.com

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68D-36.102 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Photographic identification" for purposes of this chapter, means a form of identification issued by a governmental agency, employer, course provider training facility, or educational institution which includes the following for the individual to whom it is issued:

(a) through (d) No change.

(e) The name of the governmental agency, employer, educational institution, or course provider training facility that issued the identification.

(2) "Course provider Training facility" means a school or other sponsoring organization that offers to the public boating safety courses that meet the minimum standards established by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. *Rulemaking Authority 327.04, 327.39, 327.395, 327.54, 327.731 FS. Law Implemented 327.39, 327.395, 327.54, 327.731 FS. History--New 6-9-05, Amended 8-1-24,_____.*

68D-36.103 Minimum Requirements for Course Providers Training Facilities and Instructors.

(1) Course Provider Training Facility Requirements.

(a) "Course provider Training facility" means a school or other sponsoring organization that offers to the public boating safety courses that meet the minimum standards established by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

(b) Each course provider training facility shall ensure that all instructors meet the qualifications set forth in subsection (2).

(c) Course providers Training facilities should make maximum use of the existing cadre of qualified instructors who

have been trained through state boating safety programs, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, the United States Power Squadrons, the American National Red Cross, the Young Men's Christian Association, ~~the United States Coast Guard's National Boating Safety Course~~, and other similar public and private boating safety oriented programs.

(d) Each course provider training facility is responsible for maintaining an ongoing quality control program. Course providers Training facilities should periodically update or recertify their instructors. Quality of instruction will be assured through this means with each course provider training facility, or the course provider's training facility's sponsoring organization, auditing its own program.

(e) Each course provider training facility must teach a course of instruction, the content of which has received the prior approval of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. This approval is valid for three years. Each course provider training facility or its sponsoring organization must resubmit course materials for continuing approval so as to avoid a lapse of approved status.

(2) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 327.04, 327.395, 327.731 FS. Law Implemented 327.395, 327.731 FS. History—New 6-9-05, Amended 8-1-24,_____.

68D-36.104 Minimum Standards for Boating Safety Courses.

(1) Each boating safety course taught, whether in a classroom setting or online, pursuant to Section 327.395 or 327.731, F.S., must maintain current approval from the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

(2) In addition to minimum course content adopted by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, boating safety courses approved for use in the State of Florida shall contain state-specific information covering the following topics.

(a) through (e) no change.

(f) Human-powered Vessels Regulated. Human-powered vessel restriction of operation within the marked channel of the Florida Intracoastal Waterway. Boating Restricted Areas, Manatee Protection Zones, and other areas within which boating is prohibited or in which boating speed is regulated. Regulatory markers including Idle Speed, Slow Speed, and mile per hour restrictions and aids to navigation shall also be covered.

(g) Boating Restricted Areas, Manatee Protection Zones, and other areas within which boating is prohibited or in which boating speed is regulated. Regulatory markers including Idle Speed, Slow Speed, and mile per hour restrictions and aids to navigation shall also be covered.

(g) through (l) renumbered as (h) through (m) No change.

(3) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 327.04, 327.395, 327.731 FS. Law Implemented 327.395, 327.731 FS. History—New 6-9-05, Amended 1-31-23,_____.

68D-36.106 Violator Courses.

(1) Any person convicted of a ~~two~~ non-criminal boating violation ~~violations~~ listed in Section 327.731, F.S., ~~within a twelve-month period~~ must thereafter successfully complete a boating safety course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the State of Florida. Proof of successful completion must be filed with the Commission, as provided in Rule 68D-36.105, F.A.C., within 90 days of completion.

(2) through (3) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 327.04, 327.395, 327.731 FS. Law Implemented 327.395, 327.731 FS. History—New 6-9-05, Amended 8-1-24,_____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Captain Rachel Bryant, Division of Law Enforcement, Boating and Waterways Section, 620 South Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 5, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 15, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Division of Economic Development

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

73A-7.001	Definitions
73A-7.002	Applications
73A-7.003	Certification
73A-7.004	Tax Credits
73A-7.005	Revocation
73A-7.006	Waiver
73A-7.007	Program Exit
73A-7.008	Reporting

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of these rules is to implement section 288.062, Florida Statutes (F.S.), which requires the Department of Commerce ("Department") to adopt rules to administer the Rural Community Investment Program.

SUMMARY: 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.

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 Agency has previously reviewed the statutory requirements and determined that the proposed new rules will not have an adverse impact or associated regulatory cost that exceeds any of the criteria set forth in section 120.541(2)(a), F.S.

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: 288.062(13), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 288.062, F.S.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Bradley Dillon, Office of General Counsel, Department of Commerce, 107 East Madison Street, MSC 110, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, Bradley.Dillon@commerce.fl.gov, (850)245-7157.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

73A-7.001 Definitions.

(1) Applicability of statutory definitions. The definitions in section 288.062, F.S., apply to these rules. For the purpose of administering section 288.062, F.S., and these rules, the following additional definitions apply:

(a) “Average Salary” means the arithmetic mean of annualized cash wages for all Full-Time Employment Positions employed at any time during the Reporting Period, excluding employer-paid benefits and payroll taxes. For partial-year employment, cash wages are annualized based on wages paid during the period of employment.

(b) “Capital Investment” means a commitment of financial resources, such as cash, equipment, buildings, or land, made to acquire, improve, or expand an eligible business.

(c) “Completed Application” means an application on either Form COM-73-001, Application for Certification as a Rural Fund (effective date xx, 2026), which is incorporated by reference and available online at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19141>, or in the Department’s electronic system that contains all elements

required by section 288.062(3), F.S., subsection 73A-7.002(2), F.A.C., and includes all attachments and supporting documentation required to be deemed complete.

(d) “County Attribution” means the Florida county of the employee’s primary work location. For employees who work remotely, County Attribution is the physical address on file for payroll purposes.

(e) “Days” means business days unless otherwise stated.

(f) “Department” means the Florida Department of Commerce.

(g) “Eligible Business” means a business that, at the time a rural fund initially invests in the business:

1. Has fewer than 250 employees;
2. Has its principal business operations located in this state;
3. Has its principal business operations located in a rural community in this state, unless this requirement is waived by the department pursuant to section 288.062(8), F.S.; and
4. Is not a foreign entity as defined in section 288.0071, F.S.

(h) “Executive Officer” means the chairman of the board of directors, chief executive officer, chief financial officer, president, vice chairman, or executive vice president.

(i) “Equity Investment” means the purchase of ownership interests in an eligible business.

(j) “Full-Time Employment Position” means for purposes of reporting under these rules, a position requiring at least 35 hours of work per week for a 12-month period.

(k) “Investor” means taxpayer as that term is defined in section 288.062(2)(m), F.S.

(l) “Jobs” Created means new Full-Time Employment Positions established and filled by the eligible business during the Reporting Period which did not exist as of the first day of the Reporting Period. Transfers of existing positions between locations are not counted as jobs created unless the transfer results in a net increase in positions in this state.

(m) “Primary Residence” means the dwelling where an employee regularly lives as their main home. It is the place the employee intends to return after work, and it is the address used for tax filings, driver’s license, voter registration, or other official records.

(n) “Program” means the Rural Community Investment Program.

(o) “Reporting Period” means, for reports required by section 288.062(11), F.S., the 12-month period beginning on the day after the prior anniversary of the Credit Certification Date and ending on the day before the current anniversary.

(p) “Revenue Impact Assessment” means the analysis described in section 288.062(3)(e), F.S. The assessment should include methodologies, assumptions, and data sources sufficient to permit verification; upon request, the preparer must provide such information to the Department.

(q) “Salary Range” means, for all Full-Time Employment Positions employed at any time during the Reporting Period, the lowest and highest annualized cash wages paid, excluding employer-paid benefits and payroll taxes.

Rulemaking Authority 288.062(13) FS. Law Implemented 288.062 FS. History—New xx-xx-26.

73A-7.002 Applications.

(1) Application Period. Applications for certification will open on November 1, 2025, and will remain open until the maximum amount of investment authority permitted by section 288.062, F.S., is reached.

(2) Application. Applicants must complete and submit Form COM-73-001, Application for Certification as a Rural Fund (effective date xx, 2026), which is incorporated by reference and available online at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19142>, and accompanying documents. Applications must be submitted electronically to RCIP@commerce.fl.gov or via the application portal identified on the Department’s website. An application is received on the date, hour and minute recorded by the Department’s server of record, Eastern Time (U.S.). Accompanying documents include:

(a) The investment authority sought by the applicant.

(b) A copy of the applicant’s license as a rural business investment company under 7 U.S.C. § 2009cc or as a small business investment under 15 U.S.C. § 681, and a certificate submitted on Form COM-73-002, Investment License Certification Statement (effective date xx, 2026), which is incorporated by reference and available online at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19143>, and executed by an executive officer of the applicant attesting that such license remains in effect and has not been revoked.

(c) Evidence that, as of the date the application is submitted, the applicant has invested through itself, or together and with its affiliates that at least \$100 million in nonpublic companies located in counties within the United States with a population of less than 75,000 as of the United States Decennial Census of 2020.

1. The applicant must provide proof of the \$100 million investment amount by providing bank statements reflecting outgoing funds tied to the investment, audited financial statements of the applicant showing the \$100 million investment, or purchase/loan agreement with the investment amounts clearly stated.

2. The applicant must provide the name of the nonpublic companies, the amount of investment provided to each nonpublic company, and the county and state in which the nonpublic companies have their principal business operations in.

3. The applicant must provide an attestation via a notarized affidavit submitted on Form COM-73-003 (effective date xx, 2026), Affidavit of Investment, which is incorporated by reference and available online at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19144>, signed by an executive officer of the applicant that the applicant has invested at least \$100 million in nonpublic companies located in counties within the United States with a population of less than 75,000 as of the United States Decennial Census of 2020.

(d) An estimate of the total number of new annual jobs that will be created and total jobs retained over the life of the program in the state because of the applicant’s proposed eligible investments.

(e) A business plan that includes a revenue impact assessment projecting state and local tax revenues to be generated, as well as state expenditures to be reduced, by the applicant’s proposed eligible investments, which is prepared by a nationally recognized third-party independent economic forecasting firm using a dynamic economic forecasting model that analyzes the applicant’s business plan over the 10 years after the date the application is submitted to the Department. The revenue impact assessment must result in a positive fiscal impact to the state over the 10-year period. The assessment must verify that the positive economic impact will exceed the cumulative amount of the applicant’s requested tax credit. The assessment must include accounting for the costs for existing state tax incentives utilized by potentially eligible businesses. The business plan must also include information on how the applicant will ensure that at least 70 percent of the eligible investments will be made to rural communities.

(f) Organization chart showing the ownership structure and relationship for the rural fund, its affiliates, and its investors.

(g) Affidavit submitted using Form COM-73-004 (effective date xx, 2026), Foreign Entity Compliance, which is incorporated by reference and available online at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19145>, and signed by an executive officer of the applicant under penalty of perjury attesting that the applicant is not a foreign entity in accordance with section 288.0071, F.S.

(h) Names of the executive officers of the applicant and the affiliates of the applicant.

(i) If the applicant has or will have employees working in the State, a copy of the applicant’s signed E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

(j) A signed application certification statement submitted using Form COM-73-005 (effective date xx, 2026), Application for Certification Statement, which is incorporated by reference and available online at:

<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19147>, and signed by an executive officer of the applicant.

(k) Any other information requested by the Department.

(3) Complete Application. An application will be deemed complete when the Department determines that all required information and documentation has been provided to the Department. The Department may request additional information from the applicant. The applicant will have 10 calendar days to submit additional information requested by the Department. An application will be deemed incomplete if the additional information requested is not provided within 10 calendar days of the Department's request. The 60-day review period will not commence until the Department receives all information necessary to constitute a completed application. If the Department requests additional information after the 60-day period has begun, the running of the 60-day period is tolled from the date of the Department's request until the applicant provides the requested information. The Department's failure to act within the 60-day period does not constitute approval of the application.

(4) Amendments. An application cannot be amended once it has been submitted to the Department other than for the Department's request for additional information. An applicant may withdraw and resubmit its application if the applicant needs to amend its application. An applicant must notify the Department in writing of its intent to withdraw its application.

(5) Upon receipt of an application for certification of a rural fund, the Department shall review the application for completeness and compliance with section 288.062(3), F.S., and subsection (2) of this rule.

(6) Failure to complete and submit any of the documents listed in subsection (2) of this rule will result in the application being deemed incomplete.

(7) Within 60 days after receipt of a completed application, the Department shall approve or deny the application.

Rulemaking Authority 288.062(13) FS. Law Implemented 288.062 FS. History—New xx-xx-26.

73A-7.003 Certification.

(1) The Department will certify rural funds in the order completed applications were received or deemed received by the Department. Applications accepted by the Department on the same day will be considered as submitted simultaneously. The Department will certify applications submitted simultaneously in proportionate percentages based on the ratio of the amount of investment authority requested in an application to the total amount of investment authority requested in all applications submitted simultaneously. Completed applications "received on the same day" are those received between 12:00:00 a.m. and 11:59:59 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on the same calendar day. The Department shall

cumulatively certify up to \$140 million in investment authority during the existence of the Program.

(2) Applications shall be denied if:

(a) The applicant fails to satisfy all statutory requirements;

(b) The applicant fails to demonstrate that the applicant's revenue impact assessment will result in a positive economic impact on the state of Florida over a ten-year period that exceeds the cumulative amount of tax credits that would be issued to the applicant if the application were approved; or

(c) The Department has already approved the maximum amount of investment authority of \$140 million.

(3) The Department will provide written notice of certification to the applicant within 60 days of receipt of a completed application. The Department's certification will:

(a) Certify the applicant as the rural fund.

(b) Certify the amount of the rural fund's investment authority. The rural fund's investment authority will be established by the Department.

(c) Certify the amount of tax credits available to persons who make investor contributions in the rural fund. The certified tax credits must equal 25% of the rural investment authority authorized by the Department in the notice of certification.

(d) Include a statement that tax credits may not be taken against state tax liability until the rural fund receives a final order from the Department.

Rulemaking Authority 288.062(13) FS. Law Implemented 288.062 FS. History—New xx-xx-26.

73B-7.004 Tax Credits.

(1) Within 90 calendar days of the applicant receiving the Department's notification of certification, the rural fund shall collect all investor contributions. The investor contributions collected must equal the investment authority specified in the Department's notification of certification to the applicant.

(2) If the rural fund does not receive investor contributions in an amount equal to its investment authority within 90 calendar days after receiving the notification of certification, the Department will revoke the rural fund's certification. A revoked certification shall revert to the Department and shall be reissued pro rata to each rural fund that was awarded less than the investment authority for which it applied and then to new applicants in accordance with the application process.

(3) Within 95 calendar days after certification, the rural fund must file Form COM-73-006 (effective date xx, 2026), Investor Contributions Notice, which is incorporated by reference and available online at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19148>, with the Department electronically to RCIP@commerce.fl.gov, which must include:

(a) The total amount of investor contributions collected;

(b) The date on which each investor contribution was collected;

(c) For each investor, the investor's legal name, taxpayer identification number, and amount contributed to the rural fund;

(d) Evidence of receipt of the rural fund receiving investor contributions, such as bank statements or other financial institution documentation acceptable to the Department;

(e) The name, mailing address, and tax identification number of each investor who is eligible to claim a tax credit and the amount of credits that may be claimed by each investor;

(f) An affidavit submitted using Form COM-73-004 (effective date xx, 2026), Foreign Entity Compliance, which is incorporated by reference and available online at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19146>, and signed by executive officer from each investor attesting, under penalty of perjury, that the investor is not a foreign entity in accordance with section 288.0071, F.S.; and

(g) Any other information required by the Department.

(4) The rural fund's failure to timely transmit complete documentation shall result in revocation of the rural fund's certification. A revoked certification shall revert to the Department and shall be reissued pro rata to each rural fund that was awarded less than the investment authority for which it applied and then to new applicants in accordance with the application process.

(5) Final Orders Certifying Tax Credits. After the Department timely receives the rural fund's Form COM-73-006 (effective date, xx, 2026), Investor Contributions Notice, which is incorporated by reference and available online at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19148>, and complete, supporting documentation, the Department shall issue a final order. The Department's final order will include:

(a) The taxpayer's legal name;

(b) The taxpayer's identification number;

(c) The amount of tax credit certified;

(d) The Credit Certification Date; and

(e) A reference to the applicable rural fund certification.

The Department will transmit a copy of the final order to the Department of Revenue and to the rural fund. The rural fund is responsible for providing the final order to the taxpayers listed in the final order.

(6) Investor Contribution Records. Rural funds must maintain documentation for each investor contribution, including bank wire confirmations or canceled checks and an executed agreement for the equity or debt instrument.

(7) Transfer of Tax Credits. A taxpayer must notify the Department of its intent to transfer any earned credit under section 288.062(6)(b)2., F.S., to an affiliate of the rural fund within 30 calendar days of the transfer.

(8) Request for Written Opinion. A rural fund may request a written opinion from the Department as to whether a business

the rural fund proposes to invest in meets the definition of eligible business as defined in section 288.062(2)(d), F.S. The Department will issue a written determination to the rural fund within 15 days after the Department receives the request. If the rural fund submits insufficient information for the Department to make a determination, the Department will issue an inconclusive determination letter. The rural fund must submit its request using Form COM-73-007 (effective date xx, 2026), Eligible Business Determination Form, which is incorporated by reference and available online at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19149>. The request for written opinion shall include the following documentation:

(a) Information proving that the business maintains its principal business operations in a rural community, as defined in section 288.062(2)(j), F.S., in the state.

(b) Information proving that the business has fewer than 250 Full-Time Equivalent Employees.

(c) The location where at least 60 percent of the business's employees work.

(d) Physical locations of the business and any related business under the same federal employer identification number.

(e) Type of investment- capital or equity.

(f) Amount that a rural fund is considering investing in the business.

(g) The federal employer identification number of each business planned to receive an eligible investment.

(h) Annual payroll at each location if the determination of eligibility will be based on payroll. If determination will not be based on payroll, this is not needed.

(i) Information sufficient to identify any affiliates of the business.

(9) Claiming Credits.

(a) Upon receipt of a final order from the Department, a taxpayer earns a vested right to a credit against such entity's state tax liability that may be utilized in each of the tax years containing the first through fifth credit certification date of such investment in an amount equal to the applicable percentage set forth below for such credit certification date multiplied by the purchase price paid to the rural fund for the investment. The applicable percentages that may be claimed are:

1. Credit Allowance Year Number 1 – 20 percent;

2. Credit Allowance Year Number 2 – 20 percent;

3. Credit Allowance Year Number 3 – 20 percent;

4. Credit Allowance Year Number 4 – 20 percent; and

5. Credit Allowance Year Number 5 – 20 percent.

(b) The amount of the credit claimed by a taxpayer or transferee shall not exceed the amount of such entity's state tax liability for the tax year for which the credit is claimed. Any amount of credit that a taxpayer or transferee is prohibited from

claiming in a taxable year may be carried forward for use in a subsequent taxable year until the tax year containing the 11th credit certification date.

Rulemaking Authority 288.062(13) FS. Law Implemented 288.062 FS. History—New xx-xx-26.

73A-7.005 Revocation.

(1) The Department will recapture, from a taxpayer, the credit allowed under section 288.062, F.S., if:

(a) The rural fund does not invest 60 percent of its investment authority in eligible businesses in the state of Florida before the rural fund's second credit certification date;

(b) The rural fund does not invest 100 percent of its investment authority in eligible businesses before its third credit certification date, with at least 70 percent of such eligible investments made in a rural community;

(c) Should the rural fund fail to meet the conditions of paragraph (1)(b) in any year after the rural fund's third credit certification date and until the rural fund exits the Program in accordance with section 288.062(10), F.S., the Department shall recapture credits based upon the following schedule:

1. If the rural fund fails to invest or fails to maintain investment authority in eligible businesses at a percentage of at least 90 percent, all credits will be subject to recapture.

2. If the rural fund fails to invest or fails to maintain investment authority in eligible businesses at a percentage above 90 percent, but below 100 percent, the percentage subject to recapture will be equal to the amount by which the rural fund failed to achieve 100 percent investment.

(d) The rural fund, before exiting the Program in accordance with section 288.062(10), F.S., makes a distribution or payment that results in the rural fund having less than 100 percent of its investment authority invested in eligible businesses;

(e) The rural fund invests in an eligible business that directly, or indirectly through an affiliate, owns, has the right to acquire an ownership interest in, makes a loan to, or makes an investment in the rural fund of an affiliate of the rural fund or an investor in the rural fund;

(f) The rural fund submitted false or misleading, or materially incomplete information in its application or in subsequent reports; or

(g) The rural fund does not submit a report required by section 288.062, F.S., these rules, or submits incomplete information in the reports.

(2) Enforcement of the recapture provisions of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of subsection (1) herein shall be subject to a six-month cure period. No recapture shall occur until the rural fund has received notice of noncompliance and has been afforded six months from the date of receipt of such notice to cure the noncompliance. The Department will also

provide notice of noncompliance to the taxpayer(s) or transferee, as applicable, and the Department of Revenue. The Department's notice of noncompliance will identify the statutory or rule provision at issue, the facts constituting the deficiency, the corrective action required, and the six-month cure deadline.

(3) The Department must issue a final order recapturing the tax credits if the rural fund fails to cure a deficiency by the 6-month cure deadline.

(4) A revoked tax credit shall not be claimed, transferred, or carried forward.

Rulemaking Authority 288.062(13) FS. Law Implemented 288.062 FS. History—New xx-xx-26.

73A-7.006 Waiver.

(1) The Department will consider a waiver request under section 288.062(8), F.S., from a rural fund. The rural fund must provide evidence to the Department that the business is located on land classified as agricultural under section 193.461, F.S., or that the primary residence of a majority of the business's employees is in a rural community as defined in section 288.062(2)(j), F.S.

(a) The rural fund must provide official property tax statements, online records from the applicable county property appraiser's office, recorded deed, or recorded plat map as evidence that the business is located on land classified as agricultural.

(b) The rural fund must provide copies of driver's licenses, voter registration cards, lease or mortgage statements, tax statements, recorded deeds, online records from the applicable county property appraiser's office, or utility bills that show the business's employee's primary residence is in a rural community. The rural fund must provide this documentation for a majority of the business's employees as evidence that the employees' primary residence is in a rural community. Majority of the business's employees means more than 50 percent of all full-time employees have their primary residence in a rural community.

(2) Effect of waiver. A waiver granted under section 288.062(8), F.S., does not alter the requirement in section 288.062, F.S., that at least 70 percent of the investment authority be invested in rural communities.

Rulemaking Authority 288.062(13) FS. Law Implemented 288.062 FS. History—New xx-xx-26.

73A-7.007 Program Exit.

(1) Application to exit. A rural fund may apply to exit the Program by submitting Form COM-73-008 (effective date xx, 2026), Rural Fund Exit Application, which is incorporated by reference and available online at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19150>.

electronically to RCIP@commerce.fl.gov to the Department on or after the sixth anniversary of its Credit Certification Date.

(2) The Department shall review each application to determine whether credits have been recaptured, whether the rural fund has received a notice of recapture that has not been cured, and whether there are any carryover credits or unused credits remaining.

(3) The Department shall approve or deny the completed application within 15 days after the Department's receives a completed Form COM-73-008 (effective date xx, 2026), Rural Fund Exit Application, which is incorporated by reference and available online at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19150>. Denial notices shall include the reason(s) for the determination. *Rulemaking Authority 288.062(13) FS. Law Implemented 288.062 FS. History—New xx-xx-26.*

73A-7.008 Reporting.

(1) The rural fund shall submit to the Department a report on or before the 15th business day after the second and third Credit Certification Dates. The reports shall be submitted electronically to RCIP@commerce.fl.gov in the format specified on Form COM-73-009 (effective date xx, 2026), Annual and Final Report, which is incorporated by reference and available online at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19151>, and include the information required by section 288.062(11)(a), F.S. Such report shall include the following for each eligible business:

(a) The name of each eligible business who received an eligible investment and the amount of eligible investment received;

(b) The county of each eligible business receiving an eligible investment;

(c) The percentage of eligible investments made in rural communities;

(d) The names of the eligible businesses located in rural communities that received eligible investments and the amount of eligible investment received;

(e) Financial documentation that the rural fund has invested the amounts required in section 288.062(7)(a), F.S. Acceptable financial documentation includes bank statements, wire transfers, or canceled checks.

(f) Bank statements of such rural fund evidencing each eligible investment;

(g) If requested of the Department, a copy of the written opinion of the Department that such business was an eligible business at the time of such eligible investment, or evidence that the Department failed to respond to a request for eligibility within 15 days of such request (as evidenced by a signed

certification of the fund manager of such request and the Department's failure to respond), as applicable;

(h) The number of jobs created as a result of each eligible investment;

(i) The number of jobs retained as a result of each eligible investment;

(j) An affidavit, using Form COM-73-010 (effective date xx, 2026), Affidavit for Jobs Retained, which is incorporated by reference and available online at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19152>, from each eligible business's chief executive officer providing that the jobs retained would have been eliminated but for the initial eligible investment;

(k) The average annual salary of jobs created as a result of each eligible investment;

(l) The average annual salary of jobs retained as a result of each eligible investment;

(m) The median salary of jobs created as a result of each eligible investment;

(n) The median salary of jobs retained as a result of each eligible investment;

(o) The salary range of jobs created as a result of each eligible investment;

(p) The salary range of jobs retained as a result of each eligible investment;

(q) The eligible businesses revenue or profit before the eligible investment;

(r) The eligible businesses revenue or profit after the eligible investment;

(s) Documentation of all distributions during the rural fund's first two years related to the reasonable costs and expenses of forming, syndicating, managing, and operating the rural fund. Such distributions include reasonable and necessary fees paid for professional services, including legal and accounting services, related to the formation and operation of the rural fund; and

(t) Any additional information requested by the Department.

(2) On or before the fourth Credit Certification Date and annually thereafter until Program exit the rural fund shall submit to the Department a report on or before the 15th business day after the second and third Credit Certification Dates. The reports shall be submitted electronically to RCIP@commerce.fl.gov in the format specified on Form COM-73-009 (effective date xx, 2026), Annual and Final Report, which is incorporated by reference and available online at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19151>, and include the information required by section 288.062(11)(b), F.S. Such report shall include:

(a) The name of each eligible business who received an eligible investment and the amount of eligible investment received;

(b) The county of each eligible business receiving an eligible investment;

(c) The percentage of eligible investments made in rural communities;

(d) The names of the eligible businesses located in rural communities that received eligible investments and the amount of eligible investment received;

(e) Financial documentation that the rural fund has invested the amounts required in section 288.062(7)(a), F.S. Acceptable financial documentation includes bank statements, wire transfers, or canceled checks;

(f) Bank statements of such rural fund evidencing each eligible investment;

(g) If requested of the Department, a copy of the written opinion of the Department that such business was an eligible business at the time of such eligible investment, or evidence that the Department failed to respond to a request for eligibility within 15 days of such request (as evidenced by a signed certification of the fund manager of such request and the Department's failure to respond), as applicable;

(h) The number of jobs created as a result of each eligible investment;

(i) The number of jobs retained as a result of each eligible investment;

(j) An affidavit from each eligible business's chief executive officer providing that the jobs retained would have been eliminated but for the initial eligible investment;

(k) The average annual salary of jobs created as a result of each eligible investment;

(l) The average annual salary of jobs retained as a result of each eligible investment;

(m) The median salary of jobs created as a result of each eligible investment;

(n) The median salary of jobs retained as a result of each eligible investment;

(o) The salary range of jobs created as a result of each eligible investment;

(p) The salary range of jobs retained as a result of each eligible investment;

(q) The eligible businesses revenue or profit before the eligible investment;

(r) The eligible businesses revenue or profit after the eligible investment;

(s) Documentation of all distributions during the rural fund's third, fourth, and fifth years related to the reasonable costs and expenses of forming, syndicating, managing, and operating the rural fund. Such distributions include reasonable and necessary fees paid for professional services, including

legal and accounting services, related to the formation and operation of the rural fund; and

(t) Any additional information requested by the Department.

(3) A rural fund must, upon the Department's request, provide the following to the Department:

(a) A schedule showing compliance with the 60% and 100% investment thresholds as of the second and third anniversaries of the Credit Certification Date;

(b) A maintenance schedule demonstrating that at least 70% of investment authority remains invested thereafter; and

(c) If any eligible investment is repaid or sold, documentation showing reinvestment within 12 months after receipt of capital or by the end of the following calendar year, whichever is later. Acceptable documentation includes, but is not limited to, bank statements, wire confirmations, general ledger extracts, cap tables, payoff statements, or executed agreements.

Rulemaking Authority 288.062(13) FS. Law Implemented 288.062 FS. History--New xx-xx-26.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:

Bradley Dillon, Assistant General Counsel

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: J. Alex Kelly, Secretary, Department of Commerce

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 17, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: July 31, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Division of Community Development

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

73C-62.001 Definitions

73C-62.002 Eligibility Criteria for Reimbursement

73C-62.003 Application Requirements

73C-62.004 Application Review and Reimbursement

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of these rules is to implement section 337.4031, Florida Statutes (F.S.), which requires the Department of Commerce ("Department") to adopt rules to administer the Utility Relocation Reimbursement Grant Program.

SUMMARY: These rules provide the procedures, administration, and eligibility criteria for the Utility Relocation Reimbursement Grant Program.

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 Agency has previously reviewed the statutory requirements and determined that the proposed new rules will not have an adverse impact or associated regulatory cost that exceeds any of the criteria set forth in section 120.541(2)(a), F.S.

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: 337.4031(3), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 337.4031, F.S.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Bradley Dillon, Office of General Counsel, Department of Commerce, 107 East Madison Street, MSC 110, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, Bradley.Dillon@commerce.fl.gov, (850)245-7157.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

73C-62.001 Definitions.

For the purpose of administering section 337.4031, F.S., and these rules, the following definitions apply:

(1) “Administrative costs” means expenses related to the general management or overhead of the Provider’s business that are not directly attributable to the physical relocation of the Provider’s facility. Administrative costs include, but are not limited to, salaries, office expenses, accounting, legal services, and indirect costs associated with the Provider’s overall operations rather than the relocation project itself.

(2) “Authority” means a county or municipality having jurisdiction and control of the rights-of-way of any public road.

(3) “Complete Application” means a submitted application that contains all of the information and documentation required by Rule 73C-62.003 F.A.C.

(4) “Department” means the Florida Department of Commerce.

(5) “Directly Attributable” means costs that are a necessary and reasonable consequence of the physical relocation of the Provider’s facility as requested by a county or municipal authority and that would not have been incurred but for the relocation. The term includes only those expenses that are

directly and demonstrably caused by the relocation activity and excludes Administrative Costs.

(6) “Eligible Costs” means actual, prudent, reasonable, and documented expenses directly attributable to the physical relocation of facilities required by a county or municipal authority. Eligible Costs do not include Administrative Costs.

(7) “Facility” or “Facilities” means a Provider’s permitted infrastructure within a planned or existing right-of-way of a public road or publicly owned rail corridor in Florida which requires relocation at the request of a county or municipal authority.

(8) “Provider” means a provider of communications services, as defined in section 202.11, F.S., that is subject to Chapter 202, F.S.

Rulemaking Authority 337.4031(3) FS. Law Implemented 337.4031 FS. History—New xx-xx-26.

73C-62.002 Eligibility Criteria for Reimbursement.

(1) To be eligible for reimbursement under section 337.4031, F.S., a Provider must:

(a) Lawfully operate and maintain a facility within the right-of-way of a public road or publicly owned rail corridor at the time relocation is requested by a county or municipal authority.

(b) Provide the written request from the county or municipal authority requiring relocation of the Provider’s facility in connection with a project located in a planned or existing right-of-way of a public road or publicly owned rail corridor.

(c) Submit a complete application and documentation sufficient to establish the Eligible Costs requested by the Provider are eligible.

(d) Request reimbursement for work completed on or after October 1, 2025.

(2) The following expenses are not eligible for reimbursement:

(a) Betterments, upgrades, or improvements to the facility not required by the relocation.

(b) Routine maintenance or repair costs.

(c) Administrative Costs or general business expenses of the Provider.

(d) Costs not supported by documentation.

(e) Costs incurred prior to receipt of a request to relocate the Provider’s facility.

(f) Costs for a relocation completed prior to October 1, 2025.

Rulemaking Authority 337.4031(3) FS. Law Implemented 337.4031 FS. History—New xx-xx-26.

73C-62.003 Application Requirements.

(1) To be considered for reimbursement, a Provider must submit a complete application to the Department using Form

COM-73C-URRGP-001, Utility Relocation Reimbursement Grant Program Application (effective date xx, 2026), which is incorporated by reference and available online at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19153>. Applications, and accompanying documentation listed in subsection (2), must be completed and submitted electronically via the Department's Broadband Grant Portal located at <https://floridacommerce.my.site.com/OfficeofBroadband/s/>. Providers must establish a user account within the Department's Broadband Grant Portal prior to submitting an application. Applications submitted by any method other than through the Department's Broadband Grant Portal will not be accepted. All inquiries regarding the Utility Relocation Reimbursement Grant Program or application process should be directed to URRGP@commerce.fl.gov.

(2) A complete application must include, at a minimum:

(a) A copy of the written notice from the county or municipal authority requiring the facility relocation, which must identify the public road improvement project necessitating the work.

(b) Detailed, itemized invoices from all third-party vendors, contractors, and engineers involved in the physical relocation of the facility.

(c) Legible proof of payment for all submitted invoices, such as cancelled checks or bank transaction statements.

(d) A detailed ledger of internal costs, including labor and equipment usage, directly attributable to the physical relocation of the facility, if applicable.

(e) A signed certification from an officer or authorized agent of the Provider attesting that the costs submitted are Eligible Costs.

(f) A sworn affidavit, executed under penalty of perjury, attesting that the Provider is not a "foreign entity" as defined in section 288.0071, F.S. The affidavit must be submitted using Form COM-73C-URRGP-002, Foreign Entity Compliance (effective date xx, 2026), which is incorporated by reference and available online at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19154>.

(g) A signed application certification statement submitted using Form COM-73C-URRGP-003, Application Certification Statement (effective date xx, 2026), which is incorporated by reference and available online at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19155>.

(h) Upon request by the Department, other supporting documentation necessary to verify the eligibility of the facility relocation and its costs, such as engineering diagrams, right-of-way permits, or detailed cost breakdowns for internally sourced labor and equipment.

Rulemaking Authority 337.4031(3) FS. Law Implemented 337.4031 FS. History—New xx-xx-26.

73C-62.004 Application Review and Reimbursement.

(1) The Department shall review complete applications in the order they are received. An application is deemed complete when the Department determines that all required information and documentation has been provided to the Department.

(2) The Department will notify the Provider of any deficiencies in the application. The Provider must cure any deficiencies identified by the Department for the application to be considered complete. The Department shall not approve an incomplete application.

(3) The Department shall approve a complete application, and provide reimbursement subject to the availability of funds, within 90 days after receipt of the complete application by the Department. The Department's failure to act within the 90-day period does not constitute approval of the application.

(4) Subject to the availability of funds and Legislative appropriation:

(a) The Department shall provide funds in an amount equal to the Provider's reimbursement request.

(b) If sufficient funds are not available to fully reimburse an approved Provider, the Department may provide full reimbursement to a later approved Provider for whom sufficient funds are available to reimburse in full.

(c) An approved Provider that does not receive funding due to insufficient funds will remain in the disbursement queue and will receive full reimbursement once additional funding becomes available.

Rulemaking Authority 337.4031(3) FS. Law Implemented 337.4031 FS. History—New xx-xx-26.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Bradley Dillon, Assistant General Counsel
NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE
PROPOSED RULE: J. Alex Kelly, Secretary, Department of
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Section III

Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Consumer Services

RULE NO.: 5J-21.003
RULE TITLE: Registration and Identification
NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following technical change has been made to the above rule:

5J-21.003 Labeling Registration and Identification.

(1) through (12) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 525.14, 570.07(23) FS. Law Implemented 525.01, 525.035, 525.037, 525.14 FS. History—New 12-31-74, Amended 2-13-80, 5-3-83, 4-22-85, Formerly 5F-2.03, Amended 11-28-89, 1-24-93, 11-24-94, 6-1-06, 5-6-08, 1-3-10, 1-7-15, Formerly 5F-2.003, Amended 11-15-20, 2-20-22, 9-2-24, Technical Change 1-26-26.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Drugs, Devices and Cosmetics

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61N-1.0241 Citation Authority

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rule in Vol. 51 No. 244, December 18, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The second sentence of section (1) provides what appears to be a link to Form DBPR-DDC-250, Uniform Nondisciplinary Citation. The apparent link is incorrect.

61N-1.0241 Citation Authority.

(1) In lieu of the disciplinary procedures contained in ss. 499.005, 499.051, and 499.066, F.S., the offenses enumerated in this rule may be resolved by the issuance of a nondisciplinary citation. The citation will be issued using Form DBPR-DDC-250, Uniform Nondisciplinary Citation, effective January, 2026, incorporated herein by reference, at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19047> ~~<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19026>~~. A copy of Form DBPR-DDC-250, Uniform Nondisciplinary Citation, can be obtained at <https://www.myfloridalicense.com> or by contacting the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Drugs, Devices and Cosmetics at 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1047, (850)717-1800.

(2) through (6) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 499.066(8), FS. Law Implemented 499.066(8), 499.005, FS. History—New _____.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Susan Hartmann Swartz, Rules Attorney, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)717-1252.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B4-5.007 Citations

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rule in Vol. 52 No. 8, January 13, 2026 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The changes are based upon written comments received by the staff of the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee.

64B4-5.007 Citations.

(1) Through (3) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 456.077, 491.004(5) FS. Law Implemented 456.072, 456.077 FS. History—New 1-7-92, Formerly 21CC-5.007, 61F4-5.007, 59P-5.007, Amended 12-11-97, 2-9-99, 10-18-99, 3-27-05, 8-10-17, _____.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Ashleigh K. Irving, Executive Director, Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, 4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-08, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3258, telephone: (850)488-0595, or by electronic mail – Ashleigh.Irving@flhealth.gov

**Section IV
Emergency Rules**

NOTE: The full text of Emergency Rules that are currently in effect can be viewed by going to <https://flrules.org/Notice/emergencyRules.asp>.

**Section V
Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule
Variance or Waiver**

DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

11B-30.006 State Officer Certification Examination General Eligibility Requirements

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 21, 2026, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, received a petition for a permanent waiver or variance of paragraph 11B-30.006(2)(a), F.A.C., by Director Rick Davis. Petitioner is seeking a waiver of paragraph 11B-30.006(2)(a) and wishes to waive the portion of the rule that states: "The following individuals are eligible to take the State Officer Certification Examination (SOCE) for the requested criminal justice discipline: (a) Individuals who, within four years of beginning basic recruit

training, have successfully completed a Commission-approved Basic Recruit Training Program, pursuant to Rule 11B-35.002, F.A.C.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, P.O. Box. 1489, Tallahassee, FL 32302 or via telephone at (850)410-7676.

Section VI Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

The Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: February 18 – 19, 2026; all meeting times, EDT (See Below): February 18, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Training Center Directors Association Business Meeting; February 18, 2026, 10: 00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Probable Cause Determination Hearings; February 19, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Criminal Justice Standards & Training Commission Business Meeting; February 19, 2026, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Criminal Justice Standards & Training Commission Officer Discipline Hearings

PLACE: ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD at Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary, Florida 32746; Front Desk Telephone: (407)995-1100

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The above meetings are held to discuss issues relating to standards, training, examinations, certification, de-certification, record management for law enforcement, correctional, and correctional probation officers, trust fund issues, Commission rules, officer discipline penalty guidelines, and certification and recertification of criminal justice training schools.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kim Rowell at (850)410-8662 or by e-mail at KimberlyRowell@fdle.state.fl.us.

If you have questions about the Officer Discipline Agenda, please contact Kamal Meshedi at (850)410-8632 or by e-mail at KamalMeshedi@fdle.state.fl.us.

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: Kim Rowell at (850)410-8662 or by e-mail at KimberlyRowell@fdle.state.fl.us. 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 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: Kim Rowell at (850)410-8662 or by e-mail at KimberlyRowell@fdle.state.fl.us.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

11B-18.010 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission Fiscal Program Audits and Instruction and Facility Evaluations

The Regional Training Council Meeting announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 12, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Microsoft Teams:

Meeting ID: 21764672075740

Passcode: gq7Qb26B

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Discuss interest and other relevant matters related to the Region XIV Trust Fund.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Christelle Cine (305)237-1329

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 24 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (305)237-1329. 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: (305)237-1329

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 5, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Gerald L. Gunter Building, Room 105, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Docket No. 20250032-EI – Review of Incentive Mechanisms for the Electric Investor-Owned Utilities. The purpose of this workshop is to present information gathered on the existing incentive mechanisms of electric investor-owned utilities, present a staff proposal for a generic incentive mechanism, and obtain public comment. One or more of the Commissioners of the Florida Public Service Commission may attend and participate in this meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: The Office of Commission Clerk, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, or by telephone at (850)413-6770.

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: the Office of Commission Clerk at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 or (850)413-6770. Assistive Listening Devices are available upon request from the Office of Commission Clerk, Gerald L. Gunter Building, Room 152. 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: Carlos Marquez, Esq. at (850)413-6212 or CMarquez@psc.state.fl.us by noon on Monday, February 2, 2026. Written comments must be filed with the Office of Commission Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2026, and should reference the docket and date of the workshop.

A recording of the workshop will be available at: <https://www.floridapsc.com/watch-archive-psc-events>.

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF MEETING

If a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the proceeding, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the parties. Notice of cancellation will also be provided on the Commission's website (<http://www.floridapsc.com>) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at (850)413-6199.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council

The Northeast Florida Regional Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 5, 2026: 9:00 a.m. Personnel, Budget & Finance Committee; 10:00 a.m. Board of Directors.

PLACE: 40 East Adams Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Regular Meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: (904)279-0880.

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: (904)279-0880. 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).

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Central Florida Regional Planning Council

The Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 2, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 555 E. Church Street Bartow, FL 33830

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Meeting of the Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC) Finance Committee to review annual budget items and FY 24-25 audit. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, income, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the CFRPC Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Indihra Chambers, (863)534-7130, or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by email: ichambers@cfrpc.org at least three (3) days before the workshop.

La participación pública es solicitada sin distinción de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad, discapacidad, religión o situación familiar. Las personas que requieren asistencia bajo la Ley sobre Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA) o la traducción de idiomas, de forma gratuita deben ponerse en contacto con la Coordinadora de Título VI / No Discriminación/ADA, Indihra Chambers, CFRPC a (863)534-7130, oa través de el Transmisión de la Florida 711, o por correo electronico ichambers@cfrpc.org al menos tres (3) días antes del evento o reunion.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Executive Director, jcodosalisbury@cfrpc.org, 1(863)534-7130, ext. 178.

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REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 5, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: City of Stuart Emergency Operations Center, 800 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Stuart, FL 34994

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Treasure Coast Local Emergency Planning Committee will hold its quarterly meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Liz Gulick at (772)221-4060 or lgulick@tcrpc.org

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: Liz Gulick at (772)221-4060 or lgulick@tcrpc.org. 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).

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REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 20, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Indian River State College Chastain Campus, Wolf High-Technology Center, 2400 SE Salerno Road, Stuart, FL 34997

Remote participation remains available:

<https://meet.goto.com/268592461>

By Phone: +1(646)749-3122 / Access Code: 268-592-461

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will hold its monthly board meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Liz Gulick at (772)221-4060 or lgulick@tcrpc.org

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REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Apalachee Regional Planning Council

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 05, 2026, 1:30 p.m., CT / 2:30 p.m., ET

PLACE: Calhoun County Public Library, 17731 NE Pear Street, Blountstown, FL 32424

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is a regularly scheduled meeting of the TAC.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Mary O'Brien, Regional Transportation Planning Manager at MOBrien@arpc.org, or posted on the R RTP website a week in advance. <https://www.arpc.org/regional-rural-transportation-plan>

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 5, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

Flood Protection Level of Service (FPLOS) Program C-7 Basin Adaptation and Mitigation Planning Study

PLACE: Main Library, Auditorium, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33130

Members of the public may participate and provide public comment in person or via Zoom, a media technology free for the public to use.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This public meeting will present the final findings and recommendations of the Flood Protection Level of Service (FPLOS) Program C-7 Basin Adaptation and Mitigation Planning Study. Recommendations from FPLOS Adaptation and Mitigation Planning Projects studies are incorporated into the District's Sea Level Rise and Flood Resiliency Plan. The recommended adaptation strategies span the primary, secondary, and tertiary flood control systems. Implementation will require collaboration among the District, counties, local governments, and other stakeholders responsible for managing and operating all three tiers of the water management system.

The public and stakeholders will have an opportunity to view and comment on the meeting by attending in person or utilizing the following link: <https://sfwmd.link/3NoP2Wj>. The link will go live at approximately 1:00 p.m. on February 5, 2026.

One or more members of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District may attend this meeting. No Governing Board action will be taken.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Nicole Cortez at (561)682-2597 or ncortez@sfwmd.gov. The agenda will be posted to the District's website, www.SFWMD.gov/meetings, seven days prior to the meeting. 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 seven days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Molly Brown, District Clerk, at mbrown@sfwmd.gov. 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: Nicole Cortez at (561)682-2597 or ncortez@sfwmd.gov.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

The Agency for Health Care Administration announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PLACE:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4466638896102931037>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Health Information Exchange Coordinating Committee (HIECC) provides guidance to the Agency as it develops and implements specific programs for the creation of a statewide health information exchange network, the adoption of electronic medical record systems, and ensuring the privacy and security of health information.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: (850)412-3763, crystal.ritter@ahca.myflorida.com, or by visiting the HIECC website: Health Information Exchange Coordinating Committee (myflorida.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 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Crystal Ritter at (850)412-3763, crystal.ritter@ahca.myflorida.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). 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: Crystal Ritter at (850)412-3763, crystal.ritter@ahca.myflorida.com.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Public Employees Relations Commission

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

60CC-1.001 Showing of Interest

The Public Employees Relations Commission announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 9, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: This meeting will be held via the Zoom platform, which can be accessed using the following information:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83608245916?pwd=n5n6czQ115gJr0WXg25ucuFedHfhx.F.1>

Passcode:337782

Join via audio:

+1(305)224-1968 US

+1(786)635-1003 US (Miami)

+1(386)347-5053 US

Webinar ID: 836 0824 5916

Passcode: 337782

International numbers available:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/kexCYWtEhk>

Those wishing to access the technology needed to participate in the meeting may appear at the Commission's headquarters at 4708 Capital Circle NW, Suite 300, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To accept public input on revisions to Rule 60CC-1.001, F.A.C., Showing of Interest.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: PERC Clerk at 4708 Capital Circle NW, Suite 300, Tallahassee, FL 32303, telephone (850)488-8641, or email PercRulesClerk@perc.myflorida.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: PERC Clerk at 4708 Capital Circle NW, Suite 300, Tallahassee, FL 32303, telephone (850)488-8641, or email PercRulesClerk@perc.myflorida.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: Leon Melnicoff, rules attorney, at (850)488-8641.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Pilot Commissioners

The Board of Pilot Commissioners announces a public meeting

to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Hampton Inn & Suites Tampa Northwest/Oldsmar, 4017 Tampa Road, Oldsmar FL 34677. (813)818-7202.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General Board Business.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Board of Pilot Commissioners, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)717-1982.

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For more information, you may contact: Board of Pilot Commissioners, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)717-1982.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Accountancy

The Board of Accountancy announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, February 20, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: 400 W. Robinson Street, Suite N901, Orlando, Florida 32801

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board will meet to consider enforcement proceedings including consideration of investigation officers' reports, rules, and other general business.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kevin Brown, (352)333-2505

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For more information, you may contact: Kevin Brown

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Medicine

The Board of Medicine - Probable Cause Panel South announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, February 13, 2026, 2:30 p.m., ET, or soon thereafter.

PLACE: You may join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone through the following link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/620057165>. You may also join the meeting using your phone at the following number: (872)240-3311, access code: 620-057-165. To maximize your access to the meeting, the Department highly recommends that you download the GoToMeeting app on your computer, tablet, or smartphone prior to the meeting.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The panel will conduct a meeting related to public disciplinary cases.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Sheila Autrey at (850)558-9813 or emailing her at sheila.autrey@flhealth.gov.

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For more information, you may contact: Sheila Autrey at (850)558-9813 or emailing her at sheila.autrey@flhealth.gov.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 30, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: 2830 Winkler Ave, Suite 112, Fort Myers, FL 33916

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Items related to AAASWFL business and Board of Directors oversight.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Executive Assistant at (239)652-6900

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participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Executive Assistant at (239)652-6900. 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: Executive Assistant at (239)652-6900

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

OIR – Insurance Regulation

RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:

69O-197.007 Additional Qualifications for Independent Professional Examiners

69O-197.008 Data Gathering

69O-197.009 NAIC Market Regulation Handbook

69O-197.010 Market Conduct Examination Reimbursement Expenses

69O-197.012 Examination Cycles for Pharmacy Benefit Managers

The Office of Insurance Regulation announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 3, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: 116 Larson Building, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida. To join by telephone, call (850)328-4354 and enter conference ID#309 879 431

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To clarify the office's approach to market conduct examinations and better allow the office to perform orderly and systematic examinations of regulated entities, the office is proposing six new rules under 69O-197. Rule 69O-197.007 provides for additional qualifications for independent examiners that the office selects. Rule 69O-197.008 provides the office's directions for compliance with office data gathering requests during examinations. Rule 69O-197.009 adopts the NAIC Market Regulation Handbook for use in the office's market conduct examinations. Rule 69O-197.010 provides guidelines for how the office would be reimbursed for in house work conducting market conduct exams. Rule 69O-197.012 provides for a hearing and fine under section 626.8828(6) when a pharmacy benefit manager refuses to provide contracts subject to section 626.8825. Rule 69O-197.012 details when examination periods for pharmacy benefit managers begin and close as well as what years fall within the scope of an examination.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Ryan Orbe, Chief Legal Counsel of Administration, Ryan.Orbe@flor.com, (850)413-4317.

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agency at least 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Ryan Orbe, Chief Legal Counsel of Administration, Ryan.Orbe@flor.com, (850)413-4317. 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: Ryan Orbe, Chief Legal Counsel of Administration, Ryan.Orbe@flor.com, (850)413-4317.

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

The Florida Association of Centers for Independent Living announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday January 30, 2026, 10:00 a.m., EST

PLACE:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3257750135?pwd=NnJ3S2laZGlsdXhHbnhGUG42TTdzZz09&omn=89221934176&jst=1>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Matters pertaining to the James Patrick Memorial Work Incentive Employment Assistance Program.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3257750135?pwd=NnJ3S2laZGlsdXhHbnhGUG42TTdzZz09&omn=89221934176&jst=1>

View meeting insights with Zoom AI Companion

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/edl?muid=bbb7cc22-ca20-45a5-a678-47958491a72c>

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Join instructions

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/edl?muid=bbb7cc22-ca20-45a5-a678-47958491a72c>

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kristen@floridacils.org

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For more information, you may contact:
Kristen@floridacils.org

CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING IN CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.

The Center For Independent Living in Central Florida, INC announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 30, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: 720 N Denning Drive Winter Park FL 32789

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
Board Meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Josue Obando (407)961-5539

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LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Florida Department of Transportation, District One announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: LIVE ONLINE February 3, 2026, 5:00 p.m.; IN PERSON February 5, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

PLACES:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8174726465262309728>

or First Baptist Church of Gillette, 3301 Moccasin Wallow Road, Palmetto, FL 34221

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a public hearing for the I-75 Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study from at Moccasin Wallow Road in Manatee County.

Live Online Option

Tuesday, February 3

5:00 p.m. Overview of project displays and Q&A with project team

5:30 p.m. Formal hearing and verbal comment period begins

Register in advance:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8174726465262309728>

Please plan to log in a few minutes early. Materials will be available on the project website for review prior to the hearing:
www.swflinterstates.com/north-corridor/454096-1

In-Person Option

Thursday, February 5

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Open House

6:00 p.m. Formal hearing and verbal comment period begins
First Baptist Church of Gillette, 3301 Moccasin Wallow Road, Palmetto, FL 34221

Project technical documents will be available for public viewing from January 13, 2026, to February 16, 2026, at the Rocky Bluff Branch Library, 6750 US Highway 301 North, Ellenton, FL 34222. They will also be available on the project website.

If you are unable to attend the hearing, you may still provide comment by February 16, 2026:

- Through the project website www.swflinterstates.com/north-corridor/454096-1

- By mail (Nicole Harris, P.E., Project Manager, 801 N. Broadway Ave. MS 1-6, Bartow, FL 33830)

- By email (Nicole.Harris@dot.state.fl.us)

*All statements/comments received through February 16, 2026 are considered equally regardless of method (spoken at formal hearing, written, or emailed).

This hearing is being conducted to present the preferred alternative and all analysis to date, as well as to give interested persons an opportunity to express their views. Public outreach is a priority.

The purpose for this project is to improve traffic operations and enhance safety along I-75 from north of I-275 to north of Moccasin Wallow Road, including at the I-75 and Moccasin Wallow Road interchange. This project includes modification of the existing interchange from a traditional diamond interchange to a diverging diamond interchange (DDI) and construction of a braided ramp between I-275 and Moccasin Wallow Road interchanges.

For more information, please visit the project website at www.swflinterstates.com/north-corridor/454096-1.

For questions, please contact the Project Manager, Nicole Harris, P.E., by email at Nicole.Harris@dot.state.fl.us or by phone at (863)519-2335.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by FHWA and FDOT.

Para información en español por favor comuníquese con nuestro representante, Luis Diaz, al (407)710-3341. Nos interesa mucho la opinión del público sobre este proyecto.

FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: I-75 Project Manager, Nicole Harris, P.E., by phone at (863)519-2983 or by email at Nicole.Harris@dot.state.fl.us

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: Cynthia Sykes, FDOT District One Title VI Coordinator by email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us or by phone at (863)519-2287.

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KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

The Flagler County announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Flagler County Commission Chambers - Government Services Building #2, located at 1769 E. Moody Boulevard, Bunnell, FL 32110

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This workshop will include an overview of site analysis, discussion of input to date, and overview of progress on the project's masterplanning.

Bulow Creek Headwaters Regional Park ('BCHRP') is a 1,185-acre existing nature preserve owned by Flagler County that surrounds and protects the headwaters of Bulow Creek, a Florida Outstanding Water. The site is defined by Bulow Creek to the east, Moody Boulevard/SR 100 to the north, various parcels fronting Old Kings Road to the west, and the Polo Club neighborhood to the south. The park is surrounded by other regional recreational areas such as Graham Swamp Preserve and Bulow Plantation Ruins Historic State Park and future County projects including the Old Kings Road Multiuse Trail, the Eco-Discovery Center, and the Eco-Discovery Trailhead. Proposed improvements include resource-based passive recreational improvements such as a multi-use trail, a trailhead, fishing piers and kayak/canoe launch, picnic areas, and wildlife observation platforms. Flagler County has received Local Agency Project (LAP) funding from the Florida Department of Transportation District 5 (FDOT) that funds the current planning phase of this project.

The County's goals for BCHRP include continuing to manage BCHRP as a nature preserve, create a regional destination for resource-based passive recreation, propose improvements that celebrate the area's cultural history, and support the County's overall tourism and economic development mission.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: There is not an agenda for this event due to the open house format of this workshop.

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: Amy Stroger, LEED AP – Flagler County Project Manager, 1769 E. Moody Boulevard, Building 2, Bunnell, FL 32110, Office: (386)313-4047, E-mail: astroger@flaglercounty.gov. 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: Amy Stroger – Flagler County Project Manager, 1769 E. Moody Boulevard, Building #2, Bunnell, FL 32110, Office: (386)313-4047, E-mail: astroger@flaglercounty.gov.

CARPE DIEM COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, INC.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (CST)

PLACE: Virtual (Online): Register at www.nwflroads.com/calendar

In-person: Charity Chapel, Fellowship Hall, 5820 Montgomery Avenue, Pensacola

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold a hybrid public meeting to present information concerning the U.S. 90 (Mobile Highway) at Houston Avenue intersection safety project in Escambia County. This hybrid public meeting is being held both virtually and in-person to provide interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the proposed improvements. Those who are unable to participate virtually may attend the meeting in-person. Interested persons may visit the project website at www.nwflroads.com/calendar and register for one viewing option (virtual or in-person). The same materials will be presented for each format. If you have any questions or issues registering, please contact Jimmy Smith, P.E., Project Manager, at (850)372-4126, or via email at jsmith@ceteris.org.

Maps, drawings, and other information is available for review online beginning at 12:00 noon (CST), Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at www.nwflroads.com/calendar.

Project materials may also be viewed by contacting the Project Manager at the information provided above.

The intent of this project is to improve safety at the intersection of U.S. 90 (Mobile Highway) and Houston Avenue.

Planned safety improvements include:

- Converting the existing directional median opening at Houston Avenue into a full-access median opening.
- Installing a traffic signal at the Houston Avenue intersection.
- Adding directional access control at the Boulder Avenue median opening.

No additional right of way is required. Bids for construction are scheduled to occur early 2027.

Representatives will be available to discuss proposed improvements, answer questions, and receive comments.

Persons wishing to submit written comments may do so at the meeting or may contact the Project Manager using the information provided above. The deadline to submit official public comments related to this project is Friday, February 20, 2026.

Public participation is held without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: the Project Manager using the information provided above.

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 seven days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the Project Manager using the information provided 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).

For more information, you may contact: Ian Satter, FDOT District Three Public Information Director, toll-free at (888)638-0250, ext. 1205, or via email at ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us.

Section VII

Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Declaratory Statements

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares and Mobile Homes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, State of Florida has received the petition for declaratory statement from Rolling Greens Village, Rolling Greens Homeowners Association, Inc. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of sections 723.031, 723.037, and 723.012(9), Florida Statutes as it applies to the petitioner.

The petition seeks clarification as to whether a park owner may enforce or rely upon charge headings, escalation formulas, or rent-increase factors that are not distinctly disclosed,

indeterminate, or otherwise expressly set forth in the Prospectus, consistent with Chapter 723's consumer-protection and fairness objective. Case No. 2026-003204.

A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Division Clerk, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1030.

Please refer all comments to: Zaynab Salman, Deputy Chief, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1030. Email: zaynab.salman@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61G20-1.001 Florida Building Code Adopted

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Florida Building Commission has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by Initial Engineers, P.A., on September 29, 2025. The following is a summary of the agency's disposition of the petition:

Petitioner requested an answer to the following question, based upon the project described within its petition: When the smoke detector and the refrigerant leak detector are both activated, should the 606.4 shut down requirement supersede the ASHRAE 15 run requirement? On December 9, 2025, the Commission provided the following answer: In response to Petitioner's question, the answer is yes. Pursuant to section 102.4.1 of the Florida Building Code, Building, 8th Edition (2023), where conflicts occur between provisions of the Florida Building Code and referenced codes and standards, the provisions of the Florida Building Code shall apply. Therefore, for the project in question, when the smoke detector and the refrigerant leak detector are both activated, the shutdown requirement of section 606.4 of the Florida Building Code, Mechanical, 8th Edition (2023), supersedes that of the ASHRAE 15 run requirement.

A copy of the Order Disposing of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk's Office, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)921-0342, AGC.Filing@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61G20-1.001 Florida Building Code Adopted

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Florida Building Commission has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by CfiFOAM, Inc. on October 29, 2025. The following is a summary of the agency's disposition of the petition:

Petitioner requested an answer to the following questions: 1. Is it a requirement that our company test each of its products in accordance with the requirements outlined in 16 CFR 460 (FTC Rule 460) which requires testing to ASTM C 177 – 2013, or newer; ASTM C 518 – 2017, or newer; or ASTM C 1363 – 2011, or newer? 2. Is it a requirement that testing cannot be based on older outdated versions of these standards? 3. Is it a requirement that tests reflect results obtained at a 75-degree Fahrenheit mean test temperature? 4. Is it a requirement that the testing must be performed on a range of sample thickness, including 3 ½ inches, not just a single, 1” thick sample? 5. Is it a requirement that each product we supply must be supported by a current third party certification or evaluation report from a nationally accredited agency that certifies the R-value tests are compliant with 16 CFR 460 (FTC Rule 460), and that the Rule’s requirements for product labels, fact sheets and other promotional materials are complaint as well? 6. Is it a requirement that without a current third-party certification/evaluation report supported by current R-value test, the product is deemed not to comply with the Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation, and therefore, will not be approved to insulate either residential or commercial buildings in Florida? 7. Is it a requirement that the testing and independent certification/ evaluation requirements apply to all building insulation products and manufacturers including: a. Foamed-in-place insulation that is spray-applied to the surface of concrete masonry walls or injected in the core cells of concrete masonry walls, b. Molded foam plastic insulation inserts or loose fill insulation installed on-site in the core cells of concrete masonry walls. c. Reflective foil insulation d. And pre-insulated concrete masonry wall systems that are marketed either in part or in whole on the basis of whole -wall thermal performance (R-value)? On December 9, 2025, the Commission provided the following answers: In response to Petitioner’s first question, pursuant to sections C303.1.4 and R303.1.1.1 of the Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation, 8th Edition (2023), the thermal resistance (R-value) of the product in question (“foam-in-place insulation”) must be determined in accordance with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission R-value rule (CFR Title 16, part 460). In response to Petitioner’s second question, this is a question of general applicability, not tied to the petitioner’s particular circumstances, and thus cannot be answered in this declaratory statement. In response to Petitioner’s third question, the answer is yes. Pursuant to sections C303.1.4 and R303.1.1.1 of the Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation, 8th Edition (2023), the thermal resistance (R-value) of the product in

question must be determined in accordance with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission R-value rule (CFR Title 16, part 460) in units of $h \cdot ft^2 \cdot ^\circ F/Btu$ at a mean temperature of 75°F (24°C). In response to Petitioner’s fourth question, pursuant to section 460.13(c)(1) of 16 CFR 460, foamed-in-place insulation must show the Rvalue at 3 ½ inches, and may also show R-values at other thicknesses. In response to Petitioner’s fifth question, pursuant to section R303.1.1.2, section C303.1.1 and the definition of “listed” of the Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation, 8th Edition (2023), the product in question must be supported by certification listing and the installed thickness of the area covered, and the R-value of the installed thickness must be listed on the certification. The certification listing must be from an organization acceptable to the code official and concerned with evaluation of products or services that maintains periodic inspection of production of listed materials and whose listing states that the material/product meets identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose. In response to Petitioner’s sixth question, see the answer to question five. In response to Petitioner’s seventh question, this is a question of general applicability, not tied to the petitioner’s particular circumstances, and thus cannot be answered in this declaratory statement.

A copy of the Order Disposing of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk’s Office, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)921-0342, AGC.Filing@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Pharmacy

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Board of Pharmacy has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by Grant P. Dearborn, Esq., on behalf of Holmes Regional Medical Center on April 14, 2025. The following is a summary of the agency's disposition of the petition:

The Notice of Petition for Declaratory Statement was published in Volume 51, No. 122, of the June 24, 2025, Florida Administrative Register. The Board meeting was held on August 21, 2025, in Jacksonville, Florida. Prior to consideration of the Petition for Declaratory Statement at the aforementioned meeting Counsel for the Petitioner indicated to Counsel for the Board that the Petitioner was requesting to withdraw the Petition for Declaratory Statement at that time. The Board’s Order, filed on September 22, 2025, allowed the Petitioner to withdraw the declaratory statement.

A copy of the Order Disposing of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Traci Zeh, Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258; (850)488-0595 or by email at info@floridaspharmacy.gov.

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DEP ITB 2026009 Removal & Replacement of
Hydropneumatic Pressure Tank

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is requesting Bids for the Removal & Replacement of Hydropneumatic Pressure Tank. The Department will post notice of any changes or additional meeting(s) on the Vendor Information Portal (VIP) in accordance with section 287.042(3), Florida Statutes, and will not re-advertise any notice in the Florida Administrative Register (FAR). Access the VIP at: <https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/>

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Division of Recreation and Parks

Invitation to Bid BDC18-25/26, Manatee Springs - Connect to the Municipalities

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Design and Construction, is soliciting formal, competitive, sealed bids from contractors for bid number BDC18-25/26 Manatee Springs - Connect to the Municipalities. More info @ <https://tinyurl.com/2h2u6a7d>.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

“RFP 11022 - Public Meetings”

RFP 11022 – The Department of Juvenile Justice is a fifty (50)-bed moderate-risk residential program for males appropriate for residential placement, between the ages of ten and nineteen (19), who need Juvenile Sexual Offender Treatment Services. Program services are to include innovations in delinquency programming and treatment services, as described in the Attachment A, Services Sought; the Attachment A-1, Health and Nursing Services; the Career and Technical Education Services Attachment; the Academic Services Attachment; and the Juvenile Sexual Offender Treatment Services Attachment. All public meetings for this RFP are advertised on the Vendor Bid System at:

<https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/search/bids/detail/14957>

JACKSONVILLE PORT AUTHORITY

ITB_MC-2108C TMT BODY SHOP EPOXY FLOOR

Sealed bids will be received by JAXPORT up to 2:00 p.m. (ET), local time, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026, at which time they shall be opened via ZOOM at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86451332785?pwd=gTu0FcrepSTEYyjiWK46ZP1TYHZlRe.1>, Meeting ID: 864 5133 2785, Passcode: 314714 for TMT BODY SHOP EPOXY FLOOR.

All bids must be submitted in accordance with specifications and drawings for Contract No. MC-2108C.

IT IS MANDATORY THAT THE BIDDER SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE THE INCLUSION OF ALL ADDENDA ON THE BID FORM, FORM BF. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SHALL BE MADE BY INITIALS AND DATE. FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL ADDENDA MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE BID.

PLEASE

VISIT

[HTTPS://WWW.JAXPORT.COM/PROCUREMENT/ACTIVE-SOLICITATIONS/](https://www.jaxport.com/procurement/active-solicitations/) PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING TO

DETERMINE IF ANY ADDENDA HAVE BEEN RELEASED ON THIS CONTRACT.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 29, 2026, AT 10:00 a.m. (ET), via ZOOM at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86016913789?pwd=vNVrGDvpIZ5oPPyaWbX21QUcp65iMa.1>, Meeting ID: 860 1691 3789, Passcode: 471274

ATTENDANCE BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS MANDATORY.

Bid and contract bonds are required.

This project is funded by 50% State and 50% JPA.

The mandatory SEB Participation Goal established for this project is 10%.

Section XII Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraphs 120.55(1)(b)7. – 8., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Monday, January 19, 2026, and 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 23, 2026.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
12-10.006	1/22/2026	2/11/2026
12-10.008	1/22/2026	2/11/2026
12-10.009	1/22/2026	2/11/2026
19-8.029	1/22/2026	2/11/2026
53ER26-7	1/20/2026	1/22/2026
53ER26-8	1/20/2026	1/30/2026
53ER26-9	1/20/2026	1/30/2026
53ER26-10	1/20/2026	1/30/2026
64B11-4.005	1/21/2026	2/10/2026
64B17-7.001	1/22/2026	2/11/2026
64B20-2.006	1/20/2026	2/9/2026
64B24-8.002	1/20/2026	2/9/2026
64B32-2.001	1/20/2026	2/9/2026
68-1.003	1/23/2026	2/12/2026
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
14-10.0043	4/11/2025	**/**/****
62-42.300	12/31/2025	**/**/****

65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****
69C-2.004	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.005	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.016	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.022	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.026	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.034	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.035	11/5/2025	**/**/****

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

FLORIDA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION NOTICE (FCEN) GLEN ST. MARY

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has determined that the Town of Glen St. Mary's proposed project for the replacement of approximately 300 active water meters with new AMI meters and meter boxes is not expected to generate controversy over potential environmental effects. The estimated project cost is \$500,000. The project may qualify for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan composed of federal and state funds. DEP will consider public comments about the environmental impacts of the proposed project that are postmarked or delivered at the address below within 30 days of this notice. A full copy of the FCEN can be obtained by writing to: Paul Brandl, Project Manager, SRF Program, DEP, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., MS #3505, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 or calling (850)245-2986 or emailing to Paul.Brandl@FloridaDEP.gov.

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.