

Section I

Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION**

Board of Employee Leasing Companies

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
61G7-7.001 Disciplinary Guidelines; Range of Penalties
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board seeks to review and
update penalty ranges for disciplinary actions.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Penalty ranges for
disciplinary actions.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 455.2273, 468.522,
468.532(4) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 455.227, 455.2273, 468.525, 468.526,
468.529, 468.530, 468.531, 468.532 FS.

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE
PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF
THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Richard
Morrison, Executive Director, Board of Employee Leasing
Companies, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-
0783 richard.morrison@myfloridalicense.com and by
telephone at (850)487-1395.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE
DEVELOPMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE.

Section II

Proposed Rules

DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

Division of Victim Services and Criminal Justice Programs

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
2A-9.002	Grant Eligibility
2A-9.003	Grant Application
2A-9.004	Funding Requirements
2A-9.005	General Requirements
2A-9.006	Programmatic and Reimbursement Requirements

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Department proposes an
amendment to update and clarify the rules regarding crime
stoppers grants.

SUMMARY: The proposed changes clean up existing
language, delete unnecessary and duplicative language, update

the existing rules for clarity, and update the Grant Funding
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: 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: 16.555(6) F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 16.555, 16.556, 938.06 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: Timothy Frizzell, Senior Assistant
Attorney General, Department of Legal Affairs, PL-01, The
Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, or telephone:
(407)241-5397, or by electronic mail to
Timothy.Frizzell@myfloridalicense.com

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

2A-9.002 Grant Eligibility.

(1) Grants will only be awarded to official members, who
have been provided a letter of agreement, or similar document,
from the Board of County Commissioners for the county for
which the grant is requested, unless the county has separately
applied for the grant. Only one official member is eligible for

support within any county and only one grant may be active per county at any one time.

(a) The Florida Association of Crime Stoppers must submit to the Department by June 15 ~~May 1~~ of each year a list of the crime stoppers organizations which are in good standing.

(b) Within 5 ~~10~~ days of determining same, the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers shall provide to the Department in writing the name of any organization which is no longer in good standing.

(c) Through (d) No Change.

(e) If a crime stoppers organization is determined by the Department to no longer be an official member, then the Department shall notify the crime stoppers organization within 5 working days by certified mail or by email that reimbursements will not be processed for payment until the Department has been notified that the crime stoppers organization is in good standing with the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers, has had their letter of agreement, or similar document, reinstated by the Board of County Commissioners, has regained its standing as a Florida non-profit organization, and is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as being a tax exempt organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as applicable.

(f) Expenditures incurred during the ~~time~~ period in which the crime stoppers organization is ~~not~~ determined not to be an official member or is ~~are~~ acting without the specific authorization of their Board of County Commissioners shall be deemed ineligible for reimbursement.

(2) Through (5) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 16.555(6) FS. Law Implemented 16.555, 16.556, 938.06 FS. History—New 6-22-15, Amended 12-10-15, 8-20-18,_____.

2A-9.003 Grant Application.

(1) Through (2) No Change.

(3) The Department shall provide all known official members the following no later than April 1st of each calendar year:

(a) The total ~~Total~~ funds available to each county for current year grant applications; and,

(b) No Change.

(4) No Change.

(5) Applications will be accepted by the Office of the Attorney General through the EGrants management system beginning April 1st through the close of business on April 30th, unless an extension of time has been granted by the Department. Applications must include:

(a) The original, fully completed and signed form CSA-1, entitled “Florida Crime Stoppers Trust Fund Grant Application,” effective July 2017. The application form is incorporated into this rule by reference at the following address:

<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06124>.

~~The following information must be provided:~~

~~1. Name of Agency or Organization and contact information including name, mailing address, phone number, and email address, if any;~~

~~2. Federal Identification Number;~~

~~3. County or counties served;~~

~~4. Total budget request;~~

~~5. Name and contact information for program director, authorizing official, financial officer, and members of the board of directors;~~

~~6. Mission Statement;~~

~~7. Agencies with which the organization will coordinate its services;~~

~~8. Demographics of area served including population, crime rate per county served, total media outlets, law enforcement agencies, number and types of schools and public transportation entities; and;~~

~~9. Detailed explanation of line item budget requests with narratives describing how the requests are reasonable, allowable, and necessary.~~

(b) Letter of Agreement(s), or similar document, from the county board of county commissioners ~~they serve~~ authorizing the organization to apply for, receive, and expend grant funds. The letter of agreement will remain in effect for no more than three years.

(c) Through (f) No Change.

(6) No Change.

(7) The Department will notify the applicant through the EGrants management system of the date that the applicant’s grant application is considered complete and acceptable. The Department will have 30 business days from the date of the acceptance of the complete grant application to provide the applicant with a contract for execution or from the date the Governor signs the state budget, whichever is later.

(8) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 16.555(6) FS. Law Implemented 16.555, 16.556, 938.06 FS. History—New 6-22-15, Amended 12-10-15, 1-17-18,_____.

2A-9.004 Funding Requirements.

(1) No Change.

(2) A minimum of 45 ~~50~~ percent of the total grant funds must be allocated to the budget category of Rewards and Public Education with no more than 15% of the total grant funds being designated for the purchase of promotional materials.

(a) Through (b) No Change.

(3) No Change.

(4) Up to a maximum of 35 ~~30~~ percent of the total grant funds may be ~~designated~~ allocated to the budget category of Salary and Benefits. Funds shall only be eligible for use for

civilians employed by a crime stoppers organization, law enforcement personnel serving in the capacity of “law enforcement coordinator” and/or civilian support staff employed by the law enforcement agencies whose regularly scheduled duties are dedicated to the crime stoppers organization.

(a) Through (d) No change.

(5) No Change.

(6) Payment must be complete, made and services must be provided, before reimbursement by the Department can be made.

(7) Through (8) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 16.555(6) FS. Law Implemented 16.555, 16.556, 938.06 FS. History—New 6-22-15, Amended 2-7-17, 5-16-17, 1-17-18, 8-20-18, 4-17-22,_____.

2A-9.005 General Requirements.

(1) Through (5) No Change.

~~(6) In no instance may any funds from the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund be used for lobbying.~~

Rulemaking Authority 16.555(6) FS. Law Implemented 16.555, 16.556, 938.06 FS. History—New 6-22-15,_____.

2A-9.006 Programmatic and Reimbursement Requirements.

(1) Expenditures must comply be in compliance with contractual obligations, all applicable Florida Statutes, rules and guidelines, and provisions of the Florida Administrative code, and cannot be for the following:

(a) Through (l) No Change.

(m) Performance bonuses, holiday Christmas bonuses, special detail pay, stand-by or call-back pay, or unused sick or annual leave;

(n) Through (q) No Change.

(r) Finance charges such as late payment fees, bank overdraft fees, or credit card fees, or any fee associated with a line of credit;

(s) Through (u) No Change.

(2) The following documentation is required, as applicable:

(a) No Change.

(b) Method of payment, which may include:

1. Through 3. No Change.

(c) Through (d) No Change.

(e) Reimbursements for advertising an organization’s tip line, text-a-tip, or web address must include sufficient proof that services were received, and that the advertisement included an appropriate Department acknowledgement;

(3) No Change.

(4) Performance must have taken place within the same grant year as the expenditure; except for with the exception of maintenance agreements, software license agreements,

subscriptions, and annual advance payments on annual agreements which are \$1,800 or less;

(5) No Change.

(6) ~~Persons~~ Persons approving payments ~~payments~~ must have appropriate authority to authorize same, ~~and;~~

(7) The following requirements also apply to reward reimbursements:

(a) Through (c) No Change.

(d) The tip must lead to an arrest, arrest warrant, or recovery of stolen property or drugs. Recovered property does not include guns turned into law enforcement pursuant to a gun buy-back program. Documentation in the form of a law enforcement report, arrest affidavit, arrest warrant, or other certified statement from law enforcement documenting the arrest, issuance of an arrest warrant, or recovery of stolen property or drugs must be kept by the organization and must be available at any time upon request of the Department;

(e) No Change.

(f) Except for rewards associated with a crime pursuant to subsection 2A-9.004(8)(7), F.A.C., the request for reimbursement for the payment of a tip must be less than or equal to \$5,000.00 for all crimes; and less than or equal to \$9,500.00 ~~except for reimbursement request for tips for homicide crimes which may be up to \$9,500;~~

(g) Through (h) No Change.

(8) Through (9) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 16.555(6) FS. Law Implemented 16.555, 16.556, 938.06 FS. History—New 6-22-15, Amended 12-10-15, 2-7-17, 5-16-17, 1-17-18, 6-22-20, 11-24-20, 5-18-21,_____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:

Division of Victim Services and Criminal Justice Programs

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE

PROPOSED RULE: Division of Victim Services and Criminal

Justice Programs

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY

HEAD: October 13, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT

PUBLISHED IN FAR: April 8, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Food, Nutrition and Wellness

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

5P-1.001 Definitions

5P-1.002 Appeals

5P-1.004 Penalties and Sanctions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this rulemaking is to incorporate updated federal regulations by reference and to clarify appeal procedures and penalties and sanctions for violations of Chapter 595, F.S., the rules adopted under Chapter

595, F.S., and federal regulations incorporated by reference relative to all programs administered by the division.

SUMMARY: The proposed rulemaking will incorporate updated federal regulations and a Department form by reference, revise terms and definitions, update and clarify procedures related to appeals, eliminate repetitive language, and otherwise simplify the rule text for clarity and ease of reference.

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's economic analysis of the adverse impact or potential regulatory costs of the proposed rules did not exceed any of the criteria established in Section 120.541(2)(a), Florida Statutes. As part of this analysis, the Department relied upon the office's experience and knowledge of the industry and determined the proposed rules pose no adverse economic impacts on program participants or the public at large. Additionally, no interested party submitted additional information regarding the economic impact.

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: 570.07(23); 595.404(4); 595.404(10); 595.404(11), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 595.402; 595.404, 595.501; 570.971; 1001.42(16), 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: Nedra Harrington, 600 S. Calhoun Street, Suite 120 (H2), Tallahassee, FL 32399; Nedra.Harrington@fdacs.gov; (850)617-7668.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

5P-1.001 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter and ~~Chapters chapters~~ 5P-2 and 5P-3, F.A.C., the definitions in Section 595.402, F.S., and Sections 7 CFR 210.2, 7 CFR 215.2, 7 CFR 220.2, 7 CFR 225.2,

7 CFR 245.2, 7 CFR 247.1, 7 CFR 248.2, 7 CFR 250.2, 7 CFR 251.3, 7 CFR 252.2, all revised as of January 1, ~~2025~~ 2024, and hereby adopted and incorporated by reference and available online at

<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19048>

~~15708~~, and by email request to the department at InfoFNW@fdacs.gov, and the following shall apply:

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) "~~Supplemental Food Distribution~~ Programs" means the Commodity Supplement Food Program, Child Nutrition USDA Foods Program, USDA Foods Processing Program, The Emergency Food Assistance Program, and the Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

(5) through (16) No change.

(17) "Farmers' Market Nutrition Program" (FMNP) means a program in association with the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), that provides fresh fruits and vegetables to WIC participants and works to expand the awareness, use of, and sales at farmers' markets. The FMNP benefit is provided to participants electronically and is referred to as "e-FMNP."

(18) through (46) No change.

(47) "USDA Foods" means foods donated or available for donation by the USDA under the Supplemental Food Distribution Programs.

(48) through (50) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 595.404(4), (10), (11) FS. Law Implemented 595.402, 595.404 FS. History--New 4-19-73, Repromulgated 12-5-74, Formerly 6A-7.40, Amended 5-3-88, Formerly 6A-7.040, Amended 6-21-18, 12-16-18, 9-5-23,_____.

5P-1.002 Appeals.

(1) Section 595.404, F.S., exempts the department from Sections 120.569, ~~and~~ 120.57-120.595, ~~and~~ 120.68, F.S. Therefore, parties seeking administrative review of proposed agency action by the department shall follow the rules outlined herein.

(2) The department shall take agency action against Sponsors, Recipient Agencies, or Food Service Management Companies in connection to eligibility and the operation of Child Nutrition Programs, Supplemental Food Distribution Programs, and Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs by issuance of a Notice of Action. The Notice of Action shall state the grounds upon which the department's agency action is based and state that the Sponsors, Recipient Agencies, or Food Service Management Companies have the right to appeal the agency action. The Notice of Action shall be sent by certified mail, (or its equivalent), by email or facsimile to the ~~last known~~ mailing address, facsimile number, or email address provided by the Sponsor in the department's Florida Automated Nutrition System (FANS), except as provided in paragraph 5P-1.004(2)(c), F.A.C. If the notice is undeliverable, it is

considered to be received by the Sponsor five (5) calendar days after being sent to the ~~Sponsor's last known mailing address, facsimile number, or email address.~~

(3) through (11) No change.

(12) ~~Within five (5) business days after the hearing, or within five (5) business days after receipt of written documentation from both parties if no hearing is held, the hearing official shall issue a Final Determination based on a full review of the information provided by both parties, and on applicable program regulations within five (5) business days after the hearing or receipt of written documentation if no hearing is held for claims arising under the Summer Food Service Program, and within fifteen (15) calendar days after the hearing or receipt of written documentation if no hearing is held for claims arising under all other programs.~~ The Final Determination shall be sent to the Appellant via certified mail, return receipt requested.

(13) through (15) No change.

(16) ~~Any party adversely affected by the determination is entitled to seek judicial review pursuant to rule 9.110(a)(2) of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, which must be initiated by filing a Notice of Appeal with the department's Agency Clerk, 407 S. Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399, within thirty (30) days of the date of the determination. A copy of the Notice of Appeal, accompanied by the prescribed filing fee, must be filed with the Clerk of the District Court of Appeal in the district where the sponsor is located or the First District Court of Appeal at 2000 Drayton Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.~~

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 595.404(4), (10), (11) FS. Law Implemented 595.404 FS. History—New 3-22-66, 4-11-70, 4-19-73, Repromulgated 12-5-74, Amended 6-28-83, Formerly 6A-7.41, 6A-7.040, Amended 6-21-18, 12-16-18, 9-5-23, _____.

5P-1.004 Penalties and Sanctions.

(1) Child Nutrition Programs and Supplemental Food Distribution Programs.

(a) Seriously Deficient.

1. A Sponsor or Recipient Agency, and its principals, including their board members, corporate officials, and the officials identified on the Sponsor or Recipient Agency's application in the Florida Automated Nutrition System or other documentation available to the department, shall be declared by the department as Seriously Deficient if:

a. The Sponsor or Recipient Agency fails to comply with provisions outlined in the Child Nutrition Programs Agreement FDACS-01716, Rev. 09/25 06/23, which is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-1904945795>, and by email request to the department at InfoFNW@fdacs.gov;

b. The Sponsor or Recipient Agency has failed to submit or implement a Corrective Action included in a previously issued Administrative Review, Claim Review, Sponsor Review, Site Review, Site Visit, Technical Assistance Visit, Recipient Agency Review, ~~or Inventory Reconciliation, or any other review or visit by the department;~~

c. The Sponsor or Recipient Agency is noncompliant with applicable procurement procedures and/or contract requirements of 2 CFR 200, incorporated by reference in Rule 5P-2.001, F.A.C., except where there is a conflict of interest, the Sponsor or Recipient Agency will be terminated as provided in subparagraph (1)(b)5. of this rule revised as of January 1, 2021, which is hereby incorporated by reference and available online ~~at~~ <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15796>, ~~and by email request to the department at~~ InfoFNW@fdacs.gov;

~~d. The Sponsor or Recipient Agency submitted false information to the department;~~

~~d.e.~~ If the Sponsor failed to return to the department any start-up, advance, or improper payments which exceeded the amount earned for serving meals in accordance with Section 7 CFR 225.16, incorporated by reference in Rule 5P-3.001, F.A.C.; or failure to submit all Claims for Reimbursement in any prior year, provided these claims for reimbursement are not under dispute; or

e. Failure to submit two or more Claims for Reimbursement in any program year, provided these claims for reimbursement are not under dispute;

f. Program violations are identified for ten percent (10%) or ten (10), whichever is greater, of the Sponsor's or Recipient Agency's sites. Such violations include the following:

~~f.(H)~~ Noncompliance with the meal service time restrictions set forth in Sections 7 CFR 210.10(1)(1)-(2), incorporated by reference in Rule 5P-2.001, F.A.C., or 7 CFR 225.16(c), incorporated by reference in Rule 5P-3.001, F.A.C.; ~~revised as of January 1, 2021, which are hereby incorporated by reference and~~ ~~available~~ ~~online~~ ~~at~~ <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15797>, ~~and by email request to the department at~~ InfoFNW@fdacs.gov;

~~g. (H)~~ Failure to maintain and/or provide to the department program adequate records in accordance with Section 2 CFR 200, or Sections 7 CFR 210.15, 7 CFR 220.7(e)(13), 7 CFR 220.8(a)(3), 7 CFR 220.9(a), incorporated by reference in Rule 5P-2.001, F.A.C., or 7 CFR 225.15(c), incorporated by reference in Rule 5P-3.001, F.A.C., by the due date provided by the department; ~~revised as of January 1, 2021, which are hereby incorporated by reference and available online at~~ <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15798>, ~~and by email request to the department at~~ InfoFNW@fdacs.gov;

~~h. (III)~~ Failure to adjust meal orders to conform to variations in the number of participants at fifty percent (50%) or more sites reviewed;

~~i. (IV)~~ For congregate meal service operations, the ~~The~~ simultaneous service of more than one meal to any participant; (V) through (VI) re-lettered j. through k. No change.

~~l. (VII)~~ For congregate meal service operations, off-site ~~Off-site~~ meal consumption occurs for fifty percent (50%) or greater of participants;

~~m. For non-congregate meal service operations, distributing more than the daily meal limit when multi-day service is used;~~

~~n. g.~~ The Sponsor or Recipient Agency has notice of a Stop-Sale Order issued by the department, the Florida Department of Health, or the Department of Business and Professional Regulations to a Food Service Management Company that has yet to be lifted and the Sponsor or Recipient Agency continues to obtain foods from the Food Service Management Company;

~~o. h.~~ The Recipient Agency distributes USDA Foods or related funds to a Sub-Distributing Agency without an executed agreement;

~~p. i.~~ The Sponsor or Recipient Agency has failed to safely store and control ten percent (10%) or \$10,000, whichever is greater, of USDA Foods including, but not limited to, improper distribution or foods lost, spoiled, stolen, sold or damaged as a result of improper storage, care, or handling;

~~q. j.~~ The Recipient Agency failed to publicly notice dates of distribution at ten percent (10%) of sites or ten (10) sites, whichever is greater; ~~or, sites as required in FNS Instruction 113-1 Form FNS 620 (1-99), which is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09518>.~~

k. renumbered to r. No change.

2. The department will notify the Sponsor or Recipient Agency in a Notice of Action via email that the Sponsor or Recipient Agency has been declared Seriously Deficient, the causes for Seriously Deficient status, and the required Corrective Actions to bring the Sponsor back into compliance with chapter 595, F.S., and the rules adopted thereunder. The Sponsor or Recipient Agency will have thirty (30) days from the date it receives the Notice of Action to submit a corrective action plan with supporting documentation to the department online at <https://fans.FDACS.gov>, or by mail to 600 S. Calhoun Street (H2), Tallahassee, FL 32399.

a. through b. No change.

c. If after thirty (30) days from the date of receipt for the Notice of Action, the Sponsor or Recipient Agency fails to submit ~~respond to the Notice of Action or~~ the corrective action plan that does not ~~permanently corrects~~ ~~correct~~ all causes for being declared Seriously Deficient and implement the required

Corrective Actions, the department shall move to terminate the Sponsor or Recipient Agency under paragraph (b) of this rule.

(b) Termination.

1. If the Sponsor or Recipient Agency has failed to submit a corrective action plan with supporting documentation that permanently corrects all causes for being declared Seriously Deficient and implement ~~implements~~ the required Corrective Actions, ~~the Sponsor or Recipient Agency has failed to repay all assessed fiscal action,~~ or meet all requirements of its repayment schedule agreement, the Sponsor or Recipient Agency will be terminated from the program for seven (7) years.

2. If any Sponsor or Recipient Agency commits a Child Nutrition Programs or Supplemental ~~and~~ Food ~~Distribution~~ Programs violation involving fraud, the Sponsor or Recipient Agency will be immediately terminated for seven (7) years. For purposes of this rule, fraud includes:

a. No change.

b. Withholding ~~Intentionally withholding~~ information pertaining to eligibility ~~or ineligibility;~~

c. Selling commodities obtained in Supplemental ~~Food Distribution~~ Programs, or exchanging them for non-food items; or

d. Distributing or permitting the distribution of unrelated program materials or conducting unrelated activities at a food distribution site in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of 7 CFR 251.12 ~~7 CFR 251.10(f)(1), revised as of January 1, 2025, and which is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19050>,~~ and by email request to the department at InfoFNW@fdacs.gov ~~incorporated in Rule 5P-1.001, F.A.C.~~

3. After seven (7) years, the Sponsor or Recipient Agency may reapply for any Child Nutrition or Supplemental Food ~~Programs Distribution Program~~. When reapplying, the Sponsor or Recipient Agency must meet all federal and state requirements ~~of a School Food Authority or organization that did not operate the program in the year prior to the current year, in the respective programs for which they are applying.~~

4. No change.

5. A Sponsor or Recipient Agency that has an organizational conflict of interest or and is unable, or appears to be unable, to be impartial in conducting a procurement action involving a related organization, or a Sponsor or Recipient Agency or an employee, officer, or agent of the Sponsor or Recipient Agency that has a real or apparent conflict of interest in the selection, award, or administration of a purchase or contract shall be terminated.

6. Any Sponsor, including employees, officers, or agents of the Sponsor, terminated from any other State or federal

program shall also be terminated from Child Nutrition Programs.

7.6. While terminated, Sponsors or Recipient Agencies, and its principals, including their board members, corporate officials, and the officials identified on the Sponsor or Recipient Agency's application in the Florida Automated Nutrition System at the time of the conduct resulting in the termination shall not participate in any Child Nutrition or Supplemental Food Programs Distribution Program, to include receiving USDA Foods, conducting business as a contractor, providing consulting services, or obtaining program related funds by any other means.

(2) Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs.

(a) This rule sets forth the guidelines the department will follow in imposing the penalties for violations of the Farmer's Market Nutrition Programs (FMNP) as authorized under, and in accordance with, 7 CFR 248.10(k), revised as of January 1, 2025 2024, which is adopted and incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19051-15799>, and by email request to the department at InfoFNW@fdacs.gov, and section 595.501, F.S. The purpose of the guidelines is to give notice of the range of penalties that will be imposed for a single violation. These guidelines list aggravating and mitigating factors that, if present, will reduce or increase the penalties to be imposed against the Farmer or Farmers' Market by the department. No aggravating factors will be applied to increase a fine imposed for a single violation above the maximum as provided in 7 CFR 248.20 or \$5,000 for violations of chapter 595, F.S., or the rules adopted thereunder. The guidelines in this rule chapter are based upon a single count violation of each provision listed. Multiple counts of the violated provision or a combination of the listed violations will be added together to determine a total penalty and will be grounds for enhancement of penalties.

(b) The department will enforce compliance with this rule chapter by issuing a sanction for violations of 7 CFR 248, previously incorporated in paragraph (2)(a) of this rule.

(c) Nothing in this chapter shall limit the ability of the department to informally dispose of sanctions by settlement agreement, consent order, or other lawful means.

(d) Rule Not All Inclusive. This rule contains illustrative violations. It does not, and is not intended to encompass all possible violations of statute or department rule that might be committed by any person. The absence of any violation from this rule chapter shall in no way be construed to indicate that the violation does not cause harm to the public or is not subject to a penalty. In any instance where the violation is not listed in this rule chapter, the penalty will be determined by consideration of:

1. The closest analogous violation, if any, that is listed in this rule; and,

2. The mitigating or aggravating factors listed in this rule.

(e) Aggravating and Mitigating Factors. The department will consider aggravating and mitigating factors in determining penalties for violations of 7 CFR 248, previously incorporated in paragraph (2)(a) of this rule, and this rule chapter. The factors shall be applied against each single count of the listed violation.

1. Aggravating Factors:

a. The violation caused, or has the potential to cause, serious injury to a person.

b. The violation endangered the public safety or welfare.

c. Previous violations within the preceding three years for the same or a similar offense that resulted in imposition of sanctions, issuance of a Notice of Action, or suspension.

d. The violation occurred for more than twenty four (24) hours.

e. The Farmer or Farmers' Market impeded, or otherwise failed to cooperate with, the department's inspection or investigation.

f. Whether the violation resulted from negligence or an intentional act.

g. The cost of the enforcement action.

h. The number of other violations proven in the same proceeding.

i. The benefit to the farmer or farmers' market.

2. Mitigating Factors:

a. Any documented efforts at Corrective Action by the Farmer or Farmers' Market.

b. Whether intentional actions of another party prevented the Farmer or Farmers' Market from complying with the applicable laws or rules.

c. Financial hardship.

d. Acts of God or nature that impairs the ability of the Farmer or Farmers' Market to comply with 7 CFR 248, previously incorporated in paragraph (2)(a) of this rule.

e. The violation has a low risk of, or did not result in, harm to the public health, safety, or welfare.

f. The farmer/farmers' market took corrective action within twenty four (24) hours of receiving written notification of the violation.

g. The disciplinary history of the Farmer or Farmers' Market committing the violation.

h. If a repeat violation, whether three (3) years has passed since the prior violation.

i. A statement, in writing, provided to the department during an investigation declaring acceptance of responsibility for a violation.

(f) The provisions of this rule chapter shall not be construed so as to prohibit or limit any other civil action or criminal prosecution that may be brought.

~~(g) In addition to the penalties established in this rule, the department reserves the right to seek to recover any other costs, penalties, attorney's fees, service fees, and damages allowed by law. Additionally, the department reserves the right to seek to recover any costs, penalties, attorney's fees, service fees, and costs resulting from a payment that is returned for insufficient funds to the department.~~

~~(b)(h) Penalties. Farmers identified by the department as having violated FMNP requirements will be sanctioned in accordance with the following guidelines:~~

~~1. Class I violations shall result in technical assistance from the department. Class I violations include failure to display the "We gladly accept e-FMNP here" sign; failure to clearly mark or post current prices, including sale prices, either on the authorized food items or on a sign immediately next to or in front of the items; failure to use the appropriate market for each transaction; failure to clearly identify produce which is eligible to be paid for with e-FMNP benefits. Notice of Non-Compliance. Any department investigation or inspection which reveals minor violations of this rule chapter in which the department determines that the Farmer or Farmers' Market was unaware of the rule or unclear as to how to comply with it will result in the issuance of a Notice of Non Compliance as the department's first response to the violation.~~

~~2. Class II violations shall result in a notice of non-compliance. Class II violations include accepting e-FMNP benefits after the valid redemption period indicated on the e-FMNP benefits; charging for food items not received, such as the issuance of a rain check; accepting e-FMNP benefits at an unauthorized location; failure to provide only local grown, authorized produce in exchange for e-FMNP benefits; failure to accept valid e-FMNP benefits for the purchase of eligible produce; and two or more Class I violations. Minor Violations. A violation of this rule chapter is a minor violation if it does not result in economic or physical harm to a person or adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare or create a significant threat of such harm. Minor violations shall result in imposition of a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00. The following violations shall be considered minor violations:~~

~~a. Issue cash exchange for purchases that are in an amount less than the value of the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program coupon(s);~~

~~b. Failure to provide equitable treatment to Farmers' Market Nutrition Program recipients, including availability of produce to Farmers' Market Nutrition Program recipients that is of the same quality and cost as that sold to other customers;~~

~~c. Failure to notify the department of ceased operations prior to the end of the authorization period; or~~

~~d. Redemption of Farmers' Market Nutrition Program coupon(s) for ineligible foods.~~

~~3. Class III violations shall result in a one-year suspension from FMNP. Class III violations include accepting e-FMNP benefits on which the recipient's name or valid redemption period has been changed; failure to provide e-FMNP authorized produce to recipients at the same price posted or charged to other recipients; returning cash or currency to a recipient in an e-FMNP benefits transaction; collecting sales tax for authorized produce purchased with e-FMNP benefits; exchanging e-FMNP benefits for cash or anything of value other than e-FMNP authorized produce, including e-FMNP benefits that were accepted by an unauthorized, suspended, or disqualified farmer; failure to adhere to monitoring and compliance requirements; knowingly providing false information or claiming a false status to the department to obtain a program agreement; verified findings of civil rights discrimination; and two or more Class II violations. Major Violations. A violation of this rule chapter is a major violation if it results in economic or physical harm to a person or adversely affects the public health, safety, or welfare, or creates a significant threat of such harm. Major violations shall result in the imposition of an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000.00 for violations of Chapter 595, F.S., and the rules adopted thereunder, or the maximum set forth in 7 CFR 248.10(k), or a sanction, or disqualification as prescribed in 7 CFR 248.10(k) previously incorporated in paragraph (2)(a) of this rule. The following violations shall be considered major violations:~~

~~a. None compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of the USDA regulations as provided in 7 CFR 248.7 previously incorporated in paragraph (2)(a) of this rule;~~

~~b. Improper Farmers' Market Nutrition Program coupon redemption procedures; or~~

~~c. Deliberate fraud as specified in 7 CFR 248.20(e), previously incorporated in paragraph (2)(a) of this rule.~~

~~4. Class IV violations shall result in a three-year suspension from the FMNP. Class IV violations include seeking restitution from a recipient, co-caretaker or proxy for e-FMNP benefits not paid for by the department; harassment of, or hostile conduct towards, a WIC recipient, FMNP authorized farmers, or FMNP or department employees; and two or more Class III violations.~~

~~(c)(i) Farmers shall be notified by the department of any adverse action for a FMNP violation in a Notice of Action issued to the farmer's last known email address. Farmers shall utilize the appeal procedures provided in Rule 5P-1.002, F.A.C., of this rule chapter, if an appeal is desired. In addition to administrative action, the department is authorized to utilize all other available remedies permitted by law. Nothing in this rule chapter shall prohibit the department and person charged with a violation from resolving violations prior to the hearing or review of written documentation pursuant to Rule 5P 1.002, F.A.C., or from negotiating a settlement. The department is authorized to utilize all available remedies to ensure~~

~~compliance including administrative action, civil actions, and referrals for criminal prosecution. The cost of any enforcement proceeding may be added to any penalty imposed. The department shall enforce a failure to comply with an agreement to resolve violations or a settlement agreement with the penalties and remedies provided in the agreement.~~

(d) All complaints of discrimination received by the department will be immediately forwarded to the USDA for investigation.

~~(j) Failure to timely appeal the agency action listed in a Notice of Action shall result in the entry of a Default Final Determination against the Farmer or Farmer's Market responsible for the violation.~~

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 595.404(4), (10), (11) FS. Law Implemented 595.404, 595.501, 570.971, 1001.42(16) FS. History—New 9-5-77, Amended 9-6-78, 10-17-78, 10-23-79, 1-7-81, 8-12-81, 4-27-82, 6-28-83, Formerly 6A-7.421, 6A-7.0421, Amended 6-21-18, 12-16-18, 9-5-23,___.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Vianka Colin, Director, Division of Food, Nutrition and Wellness

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: March 25, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: April 8, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: 6A-1.09514
RULE TITLE: Excused Absences for Religious Instruction or Holiday

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The amendment will align with Section 1003.21(2)(b)1., F.S., to require school districts to adopt a policy that authorizes a parent to request and be granted permission for the absence of a student from school for religious instruction or religious holidays.

SUMMARY: This rule establishes requirements for school districts to adopt a policy that authorizes a parent to request and be granted permission for the absence of a student from school for religious instruction or religious holidays.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

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

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: 1000.05(6), 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1003.21(2)(b), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1000.05(2), 1001.64, 1003.21, 1003.436, 1006.53, F.S.

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

DATE AND TIME: May 14, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, 254 N.E. 4th St., Building 3, Chapman Conference Room 3210, Miami, FL 33132.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Andrew Weatherill, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, studentsupportservices1@fldoe.org, (850)245-7851.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

6A-1.09514 Excused Absences for Religious Instruction or Holiday.

(1) Release time during the school day to participate in religious instruction. Each school district must adopt a policy ~~which chooses~~ to permit release time during the school day for students to participate in religious instruction ~~shall adopt rules~~ to implement Section 1003.21(2)(b), F.S. The school district's policy must ~~rules shall~~ include, but is ~~are~~ not limited to, the following:

(a) No change.

(b) Provisions establishing the school district's requirements for the acceptance by the religious institution or parents of responsibility for any liability involving students on release time. Such requirements shall, at as a minimum, require the religious institution or parents to indemnify the school district and hold it harmless with respect to any liability arising from conduct which does not occur on property under the control or supervision of the school district, and to maintain adequate insurance for that purpose.

(c) Provisions which assure that decisions on requests for release time properly take into account the district’s pupil progression plan as stated in Section 1003.21(1)(b), F.S., and that the principal, or his or her designee, must work with parents and guardians to review a student’s schedule to ensure that absences for religious instruction do not take place during instruction in core-curricula courses as defined in Section 1003.01(5), F.S.

(d) Provisions specifying the procedures and time limits for students to make up any examination, study, or assignment which has been missed due to an excused absence pursuant to the district’s policy under this subsection.

~~(c)~~ (d) No change.

(2) Each school district shall adopt a policy rules to implement Section 1003.21(2)(b), F.S., for students in grades K through 12 providing. ~~The district’s rules shall provide~~ that absences from school for observance of a religious holiday or because the tenets of a student’s religion forbid secular activity during a school day or portion thereof shall be excused subject to compliance with such policy rules. The district’s policy rules shall include, but ~~is are~~ not limited to:

(a) Provisions for establishing and modifying a list of religious holidays which shall be included in the policy rules. School districts may consult with religious institutions and leaders in the community for this purpose.

~~(b) Provisions specifying for the procedures and time limits for students to make up any examination, study, or assignment which has been missed due to an excused absence pursuant to the district’s policy under this subsection to be observed by students, teachers, and administrators in making available to each student so excused an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work assignment which has been missed.~~

(c) Provisions for the procedures and time limits for a student’s parent or guardian to give prior notice of a student’s intended absence applicable to the giving of prior notice of a student’s intended absence by the student’s parent or guardian.

(d) No change.

(3) Each school district which operates one or more technical college, career center, or charter technical college ~~must postsecondary vocational education school~~ shall adopt a policy, including a grievance procedure, as prescribed in Section 1001.64(8)(g), F.S., which shall be applicable to the students of the technical college or career center. ~~postsecondary vocational education school~~. The policy shall separately specify the reasonable accommodations for religious observation, practice and belief of individual students made in regard to admissions, class attendance and the scheduling of examinations and work assignments, provided that:

(a) The school district shall not be obligated to make accommodations which impair or impede its compliance with other statutes and rules of the State Board of Education, or

which adversely affect the quality of ~~the~~ instruction ~~at a postsecondary vocational education school~~.

(b) through (c) No change.

~~(4) For purposes of this rule, a school district may accept as prima facie proof that a student is a member of, or practices and observes the tenets of, a religious group, church or denomination, a notarized statement to that effect from an adult student or from the parent or guardian of a minor student.~~

Rulemaking Authority 1000.05(6), 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1003.21(2)(b), 1001.64 FS. Law Implemented 1000.05(2), 1001.64, 1003.21, 1003.436, 1006.53 1006.33 FS. History—New 10-17-89, Amended 5-3-10.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:

Paul Burns

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: April 17, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: March 24, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-1.094120 Youth Mental Health Awareness Training and Reporting

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The amendment will enhance reporting by local educational agencies relating to youth mental health awareness and assistance training. The incorporated form will be updated to include requirements in Section 1012.584, F.S.

SUMMARY: Section 1012.584, F.S., requires districts to notify trained personnel of available mental health services and appropriate points of contact. Currently, there is variability in how districts provide and document this information. The proposed updates are intended to improve consistency and clarity in reporting statewide.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: Based upon the nature of the changes, this proposed rule is not expected to have any adverse impact on economic

growth, business competitiveness or any other factors listed in s. 120.541(2)(a), F.S., and will not require legislative ratification. No increase in regulatory costs are anticipated as a result of the rule changes.

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

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

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1012.584, F.S.

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

DATE AND TIME: May 14, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, 254 N.E. 4th St., Building 3, Chapman Conference Room 3210, Miami, FL 33132.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Andrew Weatherill, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, studentsupportservices1@fldoe.org, (850)245-7851.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

6A-1.094120 Youth Mental Health Awareness Training and Reporting.

(1) through (4) No change.

(5) Certification of Training.

(a) The annual certification that at least 80% of school personnel in a School District, including school personnel at charter schools, have completed the approved youth mental health awareness training must be submitted to the Department on the form entitled “Annual Certification of Youth Mental Health Awareness Training,” Form No. YMHA-1 by July 1 of each year. This form, effective ~~August 2026~~ ~~December 2022~~, is incorporated by reference (<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19565> ~~<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14903>~~) and may be obtained at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/k-12-public-schools/sss/ymhat.stml>.

(b) No change.

(6) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), (2)(n) FS. Law Implemented 1012.584 FS. History—New 11-22-22.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Andrew Weatherill

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: April 17, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: March 24, 2026

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

South Florida Water Management District

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

40E-7.215 Definitions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The South Florida Water Management District (“District”) is proposing to amend subsection 40E-7.215(6) to incorporate by reference Form 1112 “Statement of No Suspension” and allow free public access through a hyperlink in the Florida Administrative Code.

SUMMARY: This rule defines key terms governing the District’s contracting, default, and suspension processes, including material breach, cure notices, excusable non-performance, suspension, and re-procurement costs. It establishes uniform definitions to support the District’s authority to address contractor noncompliance, temporarily or permanently suspend contracting entities and their principals, and recover additional costs resulting from default. The rule also incorporates by reference Form 1112, “Statement of No Suspension,” which contracting entities must submit with bids or proposals to certify eligibility to do business with the District.

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 District completed the Governor’s Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform’s (OFARR) form “Is a SERC Required?”. Based on the completed “Is a SERC Required?” form, the proposed rule amendment does not require legislative ratification pursuant to subsection 120.541(3), 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: 373.610, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 373.610, 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: Candida Heater, Division Director, Administrative Services, South Florida Water Management District cheater@sfwmd.gov, (561)682-6846.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

40E-7.215 Definitions.

- (1) No change.
- (2) No change.
- (3) No change.
- (4) No change.
- (5) No change.

(6) “Statement of No Suspension”: a document that all contracting entities shall sign at the time of bid or proposal submission to the District, affirming that the contracting entities and proposed subcontractors or subconsultants are not presently on the District’s Temporary or Permanent Suspension List and that the District shall be notified of any changed circumstances prior to contract award. The “Statement of No Suspension” is Form ~~No-~~ 1112, <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19179>, June 2026, “Statement of No Suspension”, 4-1-03, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein. This form will be attached to all District solicitations. ~~This form can also be accessed on the District’s website at www.SFWMD.gov, Procurement and Contracts, overview.~~

- (7) No change.
- (8) No change.
- (9) No change.
- (10) No change.
- (11) No change.
- (12) No change.
- (13) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 373.610 FS. Law Implemented 373.610 FS. History—New 4-1-03, Amended _____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Candida Heater, Division Director, Administrative Services, South Florida Water Management District cheater@sfwmd.gov, (561)682-6846.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: South Florida Water Management District Governing Board

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: April 9, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 20, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Division of Retirement

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:
 60S-11.001 Definitions
 60S-11.002 Participation
 60S-11.004 Benefits

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update and clarify policies and procedures related to the administration of the Deferred Retirement Option Program.

SUMMARY: The proposed amendments update and clarify the policies and procedures related to the administration of the Deferred Retirement Option Program, and implement Chapter 2023-193, Laws of Florida.

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, utilizing the expertise of division personnel, determined no SERC was required after completing the SERC checklist analysis.

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: 121.031, 121.091, 121.091(13), 121.091(13)(k) F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 121.021, 121.091, 121.091(13), 121.131, 1012.01 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: Nicolle Bournival, Retirement Policy Administrator telephone: (850)778-4403, email: nicolle.bournival@dms.fl.gov.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

60S-11.001 Definitions.

The definitions in rule 60S-6.001, F.A.C., apply to this chapter section unless otherwise expressly stated, and when used in this chapter section, the following words and terms have the meaning indicated:

(1) No Change.

(2) DROP ELIGIBILITY DATE – means the first day of the month in which a vested member becomes eligible to elect to participate in the DROP by virtue of reaching either his or her normal retirement date. Normal retirement date shall be as defined in section 121.021(29), F.S. or a deferred eligibility date, if a deferred eligibility date is applicable and elected by the member. Both the 12 month period during which the member may elect to participate in the DROP (except for instructional personnel as provided in subparagraph 60S-11.001(2)(b)5., F.A.C.) and the 60 month period that a member is allowed to participate in DROP begin on the member's DROP eligibility date.

(a) The normal retirement date is achieved as follows:

1. For members initially enrolled in the FRS prior to July 1, 2011, normal retirement date is achieved when the member becomes age 62 (or age 55 for a Special Risk member); or when the member completes 30 years of service (or 25 years of Special Risk service). The member may either include or exclude optional service credit in determining the date on which 30 years of any service (or 25 years of Special Risk service) has been attained.

2. For members initially enrolled in the FRS on or after July 1, 2011, normal retirement date is achieved when the member becomes age 65 (or age 60 for a Special Risk member); or when the member completes 33 years of service (or 30 years of Special Risk service). The member may either include or exclude optional service credit in determining the date on which 33 years of any service (or 30 years of Special Risk service) has been attained.

(b) A deferred eligibility date is achieved as follows:

1. For members initially enrolled in the FRS prior to July 1, 2011, when a member who has completed 30 years of service prior to age 57 (or 25 years of Special Risk service prior to age 52), the DROP eligibility date may be deferred to age 57, or age 52 for a Special Risk member.

2. For members initially enrolled in the FRS on or after July 1, 2011, when a member who has completed 33 years of service prior to age 60 (or 30 years of Special Risk service prior to age 55), the DROP eligibility date may be deferred to age 60, or age 55 for a Special Risk member.

3. For a member with dual normal retirement dates, the DROP eligibility date may be determined by the member as the first day of the month in which normal retirement is achieved in either class.

4. For an elected officer member who has reached normal retirement date during a term of office, the DROP initial eligibility date may be deferred to later in that term or during the next succeeding term of office.

5. Effective February 1, 2003, for a member who satisfies the definition of instructional personnel for grades K-12 as

~~adopted in section 1012.01(2), F.S., (chapter 2002-387, Laws of Florida), the DROP eligibility date may be deferred to the first of any month after the member first reaches normal retirement date.~~

~~(3) INITIAL ELIGIBILITY DATE – means the first day of the month in which a vested member first becomes eligible to elect to participate in DROP by virtue of reaching his or her normal retirement date.~~

~~(4) DEFERRED ELIGIBILITY DATE – means the first day of any month to which a vested member is eligible to defer his or her election to participate in DROP by virtue of meeting the election deferral criteria set forth under rule subsection 60S-11.002(2), F.A.C.~~

~~(3)(5) DROP BEGIN DATE – means the first day of the month in which the member's DROP participation period begins and is always the same date as the member's effective date of retirement. Such date shall be no sooner than the first day of the month following the receipt of the in which the eligible member submits a DROP application by the Division. A member may apply for the DROP up to 6 months prior to his or her DROP begin date. A or any future month after the member reaches his or her DROP eligibility date, as selected by the member. However, a member's DROP begin date cannot be the same as precede the month the Division receives the DROP application by the Division.~~

~~(4)(6) DROP PARTICIPATION PERIOD – means the period of time a member participates in the DROP, not to exceed the limits set forth 60 months, except as provided in section 121.091(13), F.S.~~

~~(5)(7) No change.~~

~~(6)(8) DROP END DATE – means the date the DROP participation ceases and shall be the date termination of all employment occurs as defined in section 121.021(39)(b), F.S. paragraph 60S-6.001(69)(b), F.A.C., except as provided in section 121.053, F.S. subsection 60S-11.004(10), F.A.C., for elected officers. The DROP end date shall be effective as of the date of the participant's approved future designated deferred resignation, as stated on Form DP-ELE, adopted by reference in Rule 60S-11.002, F.A.C.; or if applicable on Form DP-EXT, adopted by reference in Rule 60S-11.004, F.A.C., or earlier if the participant terminates prior to the approved future designated resignation date. The participant may cease participation in the DROP prior to the approved future designated resignation date only by satisfying the definition of termination as provided in section 121.021(39)(b), F.S. paragraph 60S-6.001(69)(b), F.A.C.~~

~~(7)(9) No Change.~~

~~(8)(10) DROP BREAK IN SERVICE – occurs when no compensation is received by reported for a DROP participant during one full calendar month of the participant's work year and there is no continuing employer-employee relationship. A~~

member who is on an approved a leave of absence without pay or on a Workers' Compensation leave has an employer-employee relationship.

Rulemaking Authority 121.031, 121.091(13) FS. Law Implemented 121.091(13) FS. History—New 9-16-03, Amended 4-5-12, 3-25-13, 4-30-17, 9-30-18, X-XX-26.

60S-11.002 Participation.

(1) ELIGIBILITY – A member of the FRS Florida Retirement System Pension Plan or, the Teachers' Retirement System, or the State and County Officers' and Employees' Retirement System shall be eligible to participate in the DROP provided:

(a) ~~The member attains normal retirement date as provided in section 121.021, F.S. paragraph 60S 4.003(1)(b) or (c), F.A.C., for FRS Florida Retirement System Pension Plan members, or normal retirement date as provided specified in chapter 238, F.S., for Teachers' Retirement System members, or in chapter 122, F.S., for State and County Officers' and Employees' Retirement System members;~~

(b) ~~The member is employed in a regularly established position as defined in rule 60S 6.001, F.A.C.; and,~~

(c) ~~The member is not a renewed member under section 121.122, F.S., a member of the State Community College System Optional Retirement Program as provided in section 121.051, F.S., the Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program as provided in rule title 60V, F.A.C., the State University System Optional Retirement Program as provided in rule title 60U, F.A.C., or a participant in the Public Employee Optional Retirement Program as provided in part II of chapter 121, F.S., more commonly referred to as the FRS Investment plan as defined in rule 60S 6.001, F.A.C.~~

(2) ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE – An eligible member may must elect to participate in the DROP as provided in section 121.091(13), F.S. within a 12 month period beginning on the member's DROP eligibility date as defined in rule 60S-11.001, F.A.C., subject to one of the following conditions:

(a) ~~A member who reaches his or her initial eligibility date based on years of service as follows:~~

1. ~~A member initially enrolled in the FRS prior to July 1, 2011, who reaches his or her initial eligibility date based on years of service before reaching age 57, or age 52 for a Special Risk Class member, and is therefore eligible to defer the DROP election period as defined in subparagraph 60S 11.001(2)(b)1., F.A.C., may defer his or her election to join DROP to anytime during the period from the initial eligibility date through the end of the twelfth month after he or she attains age 57, or age 52 for a Special Risk Class member.~~

2. ~~A member initially enrolled in the FRS on or after July 1, 2011, who reaches his or her initial eligibility date based on years of service before reaching age 60, or age 55 for a Special~~

~~Risk Class member, and is therefore eligible to defer the DROP election period as defined in subparagraph 60S 11.001(2)(b)2., F.A.C., may defer his or her election to join DROP to anytime during the period from the initial eligibility date through the end of the twelfth month after he or she attains age 60, or age 55 for a Special Risk Class member.~~

(b) ~~A member may elect to include or exclude any optional service credit from the total service used to establish the DROP begin date when determining the DROP eligibility date.~~

(c) ~~A member with dual normal retirement dates, due to an employment history in two different classes of membership with different normal retirement date and age requirements, may elect to participate in DROP within 12 months of attaining normal retirement date in either membership class.~~

(d) ~~An elected officer who reaches his or her DROP eligibility date during a term of office may defer DROP participation until later in that term or during the next term in such office.~~

(e) ~~Effective February 1, 2003, a member who is filling a K-12 instructional personnel position as defined in section 1012.01(2), F.S., may elect to participate in DROP at any time after reaching the initial eligibility date.~~

(3) APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE –

(a) Member's Responsibility – In order to participate in the DROP, it shall be the responsibility of the eligible member to ensure a properly completed make proper application is received by to the Division, to participate in DROP. To apply qualify for the DROP, the member's completed application member shall include submit to the Division:

1. Form DP-ELE, effective XX/XX 09/18, <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19513> <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09936>, Florida Retirement System Pension Plan Notice of Election to Participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) and Resignation of Employment, herein adopted by reference, which shall specify the DROP begin date and the DROP termination and resignation date, and shall be acknowledged by the employer. Such termination and resignation date shall constitute a binding letter of resignation with the employer. If the member is simultaneously employed by more than one FRS employer, the member must submit a completed DP-ELE form from each employer. The DP-ELE Such form may be submitted to shall be received by the Division up to 6 months prior to the intended DROP begin date. The DP-ELE form may also be obtained from the forms page of the Division's website, www.frs.MyFlorida.com, or by calling the Division Toll Free at (844) 377-1888, if calling from outside the Tallahassee calling area or locally at (850)907-6500. Individuals with hearing or speech impairment may call the Division via T.D.D at the Florida Relay System by dialing 711 or (800) 955-8771. no later than the end of the last month of the member's 12-

~~month election period described in subsection 60S-11.002(2), F.A.C., or a later date if authorized in subsection 60S-11.002(2), F.A.C. Such termination and resignation date shall constitute a binding letter of resignation with the employer. Failure to complete and submit Form DP-ELE within the limitations of subsection 60S-11.002(2), F.A.C., will result in the member being ineligible for DROP participation.~~

2. Form DP-11, effective ~~XX/XX~~ 09/18, <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19514> ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09935~~, Florida Retirement System Pension Plan Application for Service Retirement and the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP); or Form DS-11 (Rev. 07/06) ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00400~~, State and County Officers' and Employees' Retirement System Application for Service Retirement and the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP); or Form DT-11, effective ~~XX/XX~~ 08/16, <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19515> ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07334~~, Teachers' Retirement System Application for Service Retirement and the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP), as applicable. The submitted form shall be acknowledged by the employer. Both All such forms are herein adopted by reference and may also be obtained from the fForms page of the Division's website, www.frs.MyFlorida.com, or by calling the Division Toll Free at (844)377-1888, if calling from outside the Tallahassee calling area or locally at (850)907-6500. Individuals with a hearing or speech impairment may call the Division via T.D.D. at the Florida Relay System by dialing 711 or (800)955-8771. Such application will be accepted by the Division up to 6 months in advance of the intended DROP begin date, and shall establish the member's effective date of retirement and DROP begin date. The effective date of retirement and the DROP begin date shall both be the first day of the month that the member indicates on his or her application as the date he or she wishes his or her DROP participation to begin, provided the Division receives the member's application no later than the close of business on the last day of the month in which the DROP begin date occurs. If a member fails to apply for DROP by the last day of the month in which his or her intended DROP begin date occurs, the effective date of retirement and the DROP begin date shall be the first day of the month in which the Division receives the member's application, provided the application is received within the 12-month election as provided in subsection 60S-11.002(2), F.A.C.

(b) Division's Responsibility – When the Division receives a member's application for the DROP the Division will:

1. Acknowledge receipt of the member's application and advise him or her of any required information or documents that have not yet been received. Such information may include, but is not limited to, birth date verification as required by subsection 60S-4.0035(2), F.A.C., beneficiary designation as required by subsection 60S-11.004(2), F.A.C., option selection as required by Rule 60S-4.010, F.A.C., spousal acknowledgment if option 1 or 2 is selected as required by subsection 60S-4.010(9), F.A.C., recorded marriage certificate if option 3 or 4 is selected as required in subsection 60S-4.0035(3), F.A.C., any payments due the member's account for purchase of optional ~~additional~~ service credit or a written statement from the member that the member does not wish to claim such service credit, and certification of final salary and accumulated annual leave payments as defined in section 121.021, F.S. rule 60S-6.001, F.A.C

2. Establish the "DROP begin date" as defined in Rule subsection 60S-11.001(5), F.A.C.

3. Send a follow-up notice, reminding the member of any required information or documents that have not yet been received.

(c) Subject to timely submission of all required documents, the effective date of DROP participation shall be the "effective date of retirement date" as defined in Rule subsection 60S-6.001(25), F.A.C. The DROP participant may not ~~modify or cancel his or her DROP participation~~ or modify his or her DROP begin date after the last day of the month of the "DROP begin date" as defined in Rule subsection 60S-11.001(5), F.A.C. The DROP benefit shall be deemed cashed or deposited, or credited to the DROP, as required in subsection 60S-4.002(4), F.A.C., as of the first day of the month following the DROP begin date.

(d) Cancellation of DROP Application by the Division – If all the required documentation has information and documents have not been received by the Division within six months after the DROP begin date after 3 follow-up notices have been sent to the member, the Division will send the member a certified letter, advising the member that he or she has 21 days to provide such information or documents without loss of his or her DROP begin date. If the Division has not received all of the required information and documents after the 21 days specified in the certified letter, the Division will send a final Division decision agency action letter to the member advising the member that his or her application is canceled and that he or she must reapply to join the DROP, if eligible, with a new effective DROP begin date to be established upon receipt of the new application by the Division.

Rulemaking Authority 121.031, 121.091(13) FS. Law Implemented 121.021, 121.091, 1012.01 FS. History—New 9-16-03, Amended 4-5-12, 3-25-13, 10-23-16, 4-30-17, 9-30-18, X-XX-26.

60S-11.004 Benefits.

(1) Calculation of Benefits.

(a) The retirement benefit of a member who has elected to participate in the DROP shall be calculated as provided in Rule rule 60S-4.004, F.A.C.

(b) A member may choose to receive his or her accumulated annual leave payment, as defined in section 121.021, F.S. rule 60S-6.001, F.A.C., and earned in accordance with section 121.091(13)(c), F.S. agency policy, either upon beginning or terminating DROP.

~~1. If the member elects to receive this payment at the beginning of DROP, the payment, which must be certified to the Division, will be included in the calculation of the member's average final compensation. This early annual leave payment will be based on the hourly wage of the member at the time he or she begins participation in DROP. Any additional annual leave payment made at the DROP end date according to the employer's leave policy cannot be included in the retirement benefit, which was determined and fixed by law when the member elected to participate in DROP.~~

~~2. If the member elects to receive the annual leave payment upon termination of DROP and termination of employment with his or her employer, any accumulated annual leave payment made at that time cannot be included in the retirement benefit, which was determined and fixed by law when the member elected to participate in DROP.~~

(2) Beneficiary Designation – The beneficiary eligible to receive any accrued DROP benefits payable if the DROP participant dies before the completion of the DROP participation period will be the most recent joint annuitant or beneficiary designated to receive retirement benefits upon the death of the participant, as directed by the participant on the Form DP-11, Application for Service Retirement and the Deferred Retirement Optional Retirement Program, for FRS Pension Plan members as adopted in rule 60S-11.002, F.A.C.; Form DS-11, for State and County Officers' and Employees' Retirement System members as adopted in rule 60S-11.002, F.A.C.; Form DT-11, for Teachers' Retirement System members as adopted in rule 60S-11.002, F.A.C.; or Form FST-12, Florida Retirement System Pension Plan Retired Member and DROP Participant Beneficiary Designation Form as adopted in subsection 60S-4.011(5), F.A.C. However, if the beneficiary or joint annuitant dies during the DROP participation period, the participant may designate a new beneficiary as provided in Rule 60S-4.011, F.A.C., as follows:

(a) No Change.

(b) No Change.

(c) No Change.

(d) No Change.

(3) Accrual of DROP Benefits.

(a) No Change.

(b) DROP interest shall accrue as provided in section 121.091(13)(c), F.S. follows:

~~1. For members who began their DROP participation prior to July 1, 2011, interest shall accrue at an effective annual rate of 6.5 percent compounded monthly, on the prior month's accumulated ending balance, up to the month of the DROP participant's termination or death.~~

~~2. For members who began their DROP participation on or after July 1, 2011, interest shall accrue at an effective annual rate of 1.3 percent compounded monthly, on the prior month's accumulated ending balance, up to the month of the DROP participant's termination or death.~~

(4) Health Insurance Subsidy – A DROP participant is not eligible to apply for or receive retiree health insurance subsidy payments as specified in section 121.091(13)(f), F.S. rule 60S-4.020, F.A.C., until such participant has terminated employment and DROP participation. A member shall not earn creditable service applicable to the Health Insurance Subsidy while participating in the DROP.

(5) Employment During DROP Participation.

(a) A DROP participant is considered a “retiree” as defined in Rule subsection 60S-6.001(59), F.A.C. Pursuant to section 121.091(13), F.S., However, participation in DROP does not alter the participant's employment status. Terms and conditions of employment, including, but not limited to, salary, insurance coverage, leave accrual, and seniority status, do not change as a result of DROP participation. However, employment is not guaranteed during the DROP participation period.

(b) Employment continues during participation in the DROP through the date the member preselected to stop participation in the DROP, except that elected officers may continue in office after the DROP end date as provided in subsections (10) and (11), and certain instructional and administrative personnel, with approval of their employer and the Division, may extend their DROP participation as provided in section 121.091(13)(b), F.S. beyond the 60-month period as provided in subparagraph 5.

1. A DROP participant may change jobs or have more than one FRS employer, as long as the participant does not have a “DROP break in service” as defined in Rule subsection 60S-11.001(10), F.A.C. If a break in service occurs, DROP participation will cease as of the end of the month in which no compensation is received for covered employment.

2. If the participant is employed by two employers upon beginning participation in the DROP, the member and both employers must complete and submit the employer's portion of a Form DP-ELE, Florida Retirement System Pension Plan Notice of Election to Participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) and Resignation of Employment, as adopted by reference in Rule 60S-11.002, F.A.C. Only one employer is required to acknowledge the submit Form DP-11

prior to submission to the Division of Retirement. A change or addition of a new employer after commencement of the DROP only requires the employee and new employer to submit Form DP-ELE.

3. All employers are required to acknowledge on Form DP-ELE the participant's DROP termination date, which may be extended as provided in subparagraph 4., (but not beyond the maximum ~~60~~ months allowed pursuant to section 121.091(13)(b), F.S.) and to acknowledge potential liability for any additional retirement contributions and interest required if the participant fails to timely terminate employment.

4. If a participant intends to continue ~~continues~~ employment beyond the preselected DROP end date and prior to completion of the maximum ~~60~~ months allowed pursuant to section 121.091(13)(b), F.S., a new form DP-ELE must be submitted to and received by the Division prior to the initial preselected DROP end date with a new DROP end date acknowledged by both the participant and all ~~any~~ affected employers employer.

5. DROP participants who are eligible to participate in the DROP beyond the maximum ~~participant's initial 60-month~~ DROP participation period as provided ~~described~~ in section 121.091(13), F.S., must submit to the division a completed Form DP-EXT, effective XX/XX 09/18, <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19516> <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09937>, Florida Retirement System Pension Plan Extension of Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) for Specified K-12 Personnel, herein adopted by reference. The application must be received prior to the DROP termination date established for the participant's maximum ~~initial 60-month~~ DROP participation period, but no earlier than six months prior to such date. The applicant will receive confirmation from the Division when the DP-EXT is received and when the application for extension is approved or denied. The DP-EXT form may also be obtained from the forms page of the Division's website, www.frs.MyFlorida.com, or by calling the Division Toll Free at (844)377-1888, if calling from outside the Tallahassee calling area or locally at (850)907-6500. Individuals with hearing or speech impairment may call the Division via T.D.D at the Florida Relay System by dialing 711 or (800)955-8771.

(6) Disability benefits – DROP participants shall not be eligible for disability benefits as described in section 121.091(13)(c)8., F.S. rule 60S-4.007, F.A.C.

(7) DROP benefits shall be subject to the provisions of section 121.091(13), F.S. rule 60S-4.021, F.A.C., pertaining to assignment, execution, or attachment of benefits, and forfeiture of benefits, respectively. The Alternate Payee of a DROP participant as a result of an approved Qualified Domestic Relations Order may designate a beneficiary on Form DP-12, (Rev. XX/XX 09/13),

<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19517> <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-04133>, Florida Retirement System Pension Plan Beneficiary Designation Form for the Alternate Payee of a DROP Participant, herein adopted by reference, in the event the Alternate Payee predeceases the DROP participant during the period of DROP participation. Form DP-12 may also be obtained from the forms page of the Division's website, www.frs.MyFlorida.com, or by calling the Division Toll Free at (844)377-1888, if calling from outside the Tallahassee calling area or locally at (850)907-6500 (850)607-6500. Individuals with a hearing or speech impairment may call the Division via T.D.D. at the Florida Relay System by dialing 711 or (800)955-8771.

(8) Death Benefits – Death benefits under the DROP shall be administered pursuant to section 121.091(13)(d), F.S.–

~~(a) Eligibility to participate in the DROP ends upon the death of the participant.~~

~~(b) A DROP participant's survivors shall not be eligible to receive FRS in line of duty death benefits.~~

~~(c) If the participant dies on or after the DROP begin date, but prior to the first monthly benefit being credited to his or her DROP account, benefits shall be paid as follows:~~

~~1. According to the option selected by the participant at the time he or she entered DROP, or~~

~~2. If the beneficiary qualifies as a joint annuitant and the participant had selected an option other than option 3, the beneficiary may choose to receive a benefit payable under option 3 with no payout of DROP accrual, as though the participant had not applied for DROP and had retired on the date of death, or~~

~~3. If no option had been selected by the participant, benefits shall be paid according to subsection 60S-4.008(3), F.A.C.~~

~~(d) Upon the death of a DROP participant, the designated beneficiary shall be entitled to apply for and receive the accrued benefits in the DROP as provided in subsection 60S-11.004(12), F.A.C.~~

(9) Termination of Employment for Participants Other than Elected Officers – A DROP participant, except for an elected officer participating in any membership class, must terminate employment on or before the preselected resignation date specified on Form DP-ELE or, if applicable, on Form DP-EXT, and will be required to submit to the Division a completed Form DP-TERM, effective XX/XX 09/18, <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19518> <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09938>, Florida Retirement System Pension Plan Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) Termination Notification, herein adopted by reference, upon termination from the DROP. Form DP-TERM ~~Term~~ may also be obtained from the forms page of the Division's website, www.frs.MyFlorida.com, or by calling

the Division Toll Free at (844)377-1888, if calling from outside the Tallahassee calling area or locally at (850)907-6500. Individuals with a hearing or speech impairment may call the Division via T.D.D. at the Florida Relay System by dialing 711 or (800)955-8771. If a participant fails to terminate on or before the DROP termination and resignation date:

(a) Retirement and DROP participation are voided as provided in section 121.091(13)(c)5.d, F.S.

(b) No Change.

~~(c) Membership in the member's retirement plan will be retroactively reestablished to the date the member initiated DROP participation.~~

~~(c)(d) Each employer is liable for payment of or eligible for a refund of, as applicable, the difference between the DROP contributions paid and the required FRS retirement contributions for the applicable class of membership during the period of DROP participation. Payment of additional contributions shall include 1.3 percent interest compounded annually. No interest will be paid on contribution refunds to employers that come as a result of a member voiding DROP.~~

~~(d)(e) The beneficiary designated in subsection (2) will remain the named beneficiary on the most recent Form DP-11 or a subsequent Form FST-12, unless revised as specified in subsection 60S-4.011(4), F.A.C.~~

~~(e)(f) Should the DROP participant and his or her respective employer rescind the DROP participant's resignation such that the participant's and employment shall continue beyond the rescinded resignation date, the DROP participant and his or her respective employer shall notify the Division on Form DP-VOID, (Rev. XX/XX 04/03),~~

~~<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19519>
<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00399>, Florida Retirement System Pension Plan Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) Void Form, herein adopted by reference, no earlier than three months prior to, but no later than, the rescinded resignation date. Form DP-VOID may also be obtained from the forms page of the Division's website, www.frs.MyFlorida.com, or by calling the Division Toll Free at (844)377-1888, if calling from outside the Tallahassee calling area or locally at (850)907-6500 (850)607-6500. Individuals with a hearing or speech impairment may call the Division via T.D.D. at the Florida Relay System by dialing 711 or (800)955-8771.~~

(10) Termination of Employment for Participants in the Elected Officers' Class – A member of the Elected Officers' Class participating in the DROP may continue to serve in elected office upon reaching the DROP end date as follows:

(a) For such officer who began participating in the DROP on or after July 1, 2002 through June 30 4, 2010:

1. Such officer shall be required to submit to the Division a completed Form DP-TEOC-2, (XX/XX 06/12),

<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19520>

~~<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-01975>, Florida Retirement System Pension Plan Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) Elected Officer DROP Termination Notification, herein adopted by reference, upon termination from DROP. Form DP-TEOC-2 may also be obtained from the forms page of the Division's website, www.frs.MyFlorida.com, or by calling the Division Toll Free at (844)377-1888, if calling from outside the Tallahassee calling area or locally at (850)907-6500 (850)607-6500. Individuals with a hearing or speech impairment may call the Division via T.D.D. at the Florida Relay System by dialing 711 or (800)955-8771.~~

2. No additional DROP benefits shall accumulate on behalf of the officer after the officer's DROP end date, however, cost-of-living adjustments and interest shall continue to accrue as provided in subsection (3) until the officer ceases holding office and satisfies the definition of termination provided in section 121.021(39), F.S. paragraph 60S-6.001(69)(b), F.A.C.

3.No Change.

4. Monthly retirement benefit payments shall be paid to the officer beginning the first month after the officer ceases holding office and satisfies the definition of termination provided in section 121.021(39), F.S. paragraph 60S-6.001(69)(b), F.A.C.

5. After satisfying the definition of termination, such officer who is reemployed or reelected shall be subject to the reemployment limitations provided in section 121.091(9), F.S. rule 60S-4.012, F.A.C.

(b) For such officer who began participating in the DROP on or after July 1, 2010:

1. No Change.

2. No additional DROP benefits or interest shall accumulate on behalf of the officer after the officer's DROP end date, however, cost-of-living adjustments shall continue to accrue as provided in subsection (3) until the officer ceases holding office and satisfies the definition of termination provided in section 121.021(39), F.S. paragraph 60S-6.001(69)(b), F.A.C.

3. The officer shall not be a renewed member in the Elected Officers' Class and the employer shall not make retirement contributions on the officer's behalf after the officer's DROP end date, however, the employer shall submit health insurance subsidy and unfunded actuarial liability contributions until the officer ceases holding elective office.

4. Monthly retirement benefit payments shall be paid to the officer beginning the first month after the officer ceases holding office and satisfies the definition of termination provided in section 121.091(39), F.S. paragraph 60S-6.001(69)(b), F.A.C.

5. After satisfying the definition of termination, such officer who is reemployed or reelected shall be subject to the reemployment limitations provided in section 121.091(9), F.S. rule 60S-4.012, F.A.C.

(11) No Change.

(12) DROP Distribution – Upon the conclusion of DROP participation, a member’s total accumulated benefits shall be distributed pursuant to section 121.091(13)(c)5., F.S. Prior to the distribution of accumulated DROP benefits, the Division must receive: participant’s termination of all employment as defined in paragraph 60S-6.001(69)(b), F.A.C., the deferred resignation becoming effective, and the conclusion of the DROP participation period, or upon the death of the participant, or for an elected officer as provided in subsection (10) benefits shall be paid or distributed as follows:

~~(a) The previously determined normal monthly retirement benefits, plus applicable cost of living increases, will commence in accordance with the method of payment chosen by the participant at the time he or she began DROP participation; and,~~

~~(b) The total accumulated DROP benefits will be distributed to the participant, or, if deceased, to the participant’s joint annuitant or beneficiary as appropriate, provided the Division receives:~~

~~(a)1. No Change.~~

~~(b)2. From the elected officer participant, Form DP-TEOC-3, (XX/XX 06/12), <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19521> <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-01976>, Florida Retirement System Pension Plan Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) Elected Officer Employment Termination Notification, herein adopted by reference, signed by both the participant and employer or employers, verifying termination of employment. This form may also be obtained from the forms page of the Division’s website, www.frs.MyFlorida.com, or by calling the Division Toll Free at (844)377-1888, if calling from outside the Tallahassee calling area or locally at (850)907-6500. Individuals with a hearing or speech impairment may call the Division via T.D.D. at the Florida Relay System by dialing 711 or (800)955-8771.~~

~~(c)3. From the participant who chose Option 4, Form DP-Joint, (Rev. XX/XX 09/99), <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19522> <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00393>, Florida Retirement System Pension Plan Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) Joint Annuitant Verification, herein adopted by reference, signed by the participant verifying that his or her joint annuitant is still living and eligible for the full DROP Payout and the unreduced continuing monthly benefit. This form may also be obtained from the forms page of the Division’s website, www.frs.MyFlorida.com, or by calling the Division Toll Free at (844)377-1888, if calling from outside the Tallahassee calling area or locally at (850)907-6500. Individuals with a hearing or speech impairment may call the~~

Division via T.D.D. at the Florida Relay System by dialing 711 or (800)955-8771.

~~(d)4. From all participants, Form DP-PAYT, effective XX/XX 12/16, <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19523> <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-08069>, Florida Retirement System Pension Plan Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) Selected Payout Method, herein adopted by reference, submitted by the participant, This form which may also be obtained from the forms page of the Division’s website, www.frs.MyFlorida.com, or by calling the Division Toll Free at (844)377-1888, if calling from outside the Tallahassee calling area or locally at (850)907-6500 (850)607-6500, or if hearing or speech impaired by calling the Division via T.D.D. at the Florida Relay System by dialing 711 or (800)955-8771, or if the participant has died, Form FST-11g, Florida Retirement System Pension Plan Application of Beneficiary for Benefit Payment, as adopted in paragraph 60S-4.008(1)(a), F.A.C., must be completed by his or her beneficiary, notifying the Division as to which of the following methods of payment he or she has chosen:~~

~~a. Lump sum;~~

~~b. Direct rollover, or~~

~~e. Combined partial lump sum and rollover.~~

~~A DROP participant or beneficiary who submits all required forms, but fails to elect a method of payment within 60 days of termination of DROP, will automatically receive a lump sum distribution, less applicable withheld taxes.~~

~~(e) If the participant has died, Form FST-11g, Florida Retirement System Pension Plan Application of Beneficiary for Benefit Payment, as adopted in paragraph 60S-4.008(1)(a), F.A.C., must be completed by his or her beneficiary, notifying the Division as to which of the methods of payment he or she has chosen.~~

~~(f)5. If a direct rollover or a partial lump sum and rollover are requested, Form DP-PAYT must be submitted to the Division. A participant who elects a rollover must have the rollover paid directly to the custodian of an eligible retirement plan as defined in s. 402(c)(8)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code. Eligible retirement plans include, but are not limited to:~~

~~a. through f. renumbered 1. through 6. No change.~~

~~For purposes of the above direct rollover provisions, any portion of an eligible rollover distribution that consists of after-tax employee contributions which are not includible in gross income may be transferred only to: (1) a traditional individual retirement account or annuity described in sections 408(a) or (b) of the Code (a “traditional IRA”) or a Roth individual retirement account or annuity described in section 408A of the Code (a “Roth IRA”); or (2) to a qualified plan or an annuity contract described in sections 401(a) and 403(b) of the Code, respectively, that agrees to separate accounting for amounts so~~

~~transferred (and earnings thereon), including separately accounting for the portion of such distribution which is includible in gross income and the portion of such distribution which is not so includible. a portion of a distribution shall not fail to be an eligible rollover distribution merely because the portion consists of after tax employee contributions which are not includible in gross income. However, such portion may be transferred only to an individual retirement account or annuity described in s. 408(a) or (b) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to a qualified defined contribution plan described in s. 401(a) or 403(a) of the Internal Revenue Code that agrees to separately account for amounts so transferred, including separately accounting for the portion of such distribution which is includible in gross income and the portion of such distribution which is not so includible.~~

If the DROP participant dies and the surviving spouse wishes to roll over the DROP account, it can only be rolled over into an arrangement as cited in subparagraphs 1.-6. sub-subparagraphs a.-f. of this paragraph subparagraph as described in section s. 402(c)(9), Internal Revenue Code. However, if the DROP participant dies and the surviving non-spouse beneficiary wishes to roll over the DROP account, it can only be rolled over into an Inherited Individual Retirement Account arrangement as cited in sub-subparagraph a. of this subparagraph as described in s. 402(c)(11), Internal Revenue Code.

(13) Federal Limits – Benefits accumulating in the DROP are not subject to federal benefit limitations specified in s. 415 of the Internal Revenue Code, until DROP participation ends and the participant begins receiving his or her monthly retirement benefits. The amount of the accumulated DROP benefit at the time the member ceases the DROP is amortized over the member's expected lifetime, in the manner required by the Internal Revenue Code, and the annualized value of the DROP account reduces the federal maximum annual benefit the member is entitled to receive.

Rulemaking Authority 121.031, 121.091(13)(k) FS. Law Implemented 121.091, 121.131 FS. History—New 9-16-03, Amended 4-5-12, 3-25-13, 5-19-14, 4-17-17, 9-30-18, X-XX-26.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Nicolle Bournival, Retirement Policy Administrator,
Department of Management Services

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE
PROPOSED RULE: Tom Berger, Interim Secretary,
Department of Management Services

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

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT
PUBLISHED IN FAR: April 1, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares and Mobile Homes

RULE NO.: 61B-78.001
RULE TITLE: Association Fee; Mailing Address;
Retrofitting

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed amendments will update the rule generally to comport with section 719.501(1)(f), F.S. The amendments outline the creation of an online account within 45 days of the effective date of the rule or initial association recording, whichever is later; provide the link for creations of the account; and specify the information association needs to provide (contact information, details about association buildings, assessments, SIRS) in detail.

SUMMARY: Rule 61B-78.001, F.A.C., addresses requirements for the operation of cooperative associations, including fees, change of address procedure, and retrofitting or waiving requirements to retrofit.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: the economic review conducted by the Agency. 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.

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RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 719.501(1)(f) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 719.1055(5), (6), 719.501(1), (2) 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: Madison Presley, Senior Paralegal, Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)717-1415. Madison.presley@myfloridalicense.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

61B-78.001 Operation of the Cooperative Association Fee; Mailing Address; Retrofitting.

(1) Each association shall create an online account with the division at <https://www2.myfloridalicense.com/condominiums-and-cooperatives/create-online-account/>. An association which records after October 1, 2025, shall create an online account with the division within 30 days of initial association recording.

(a) Each association shall include the following information within the online account within 45 days of the effective date of this rule or initial association recording, whichever is later:

1. Contact Information.

a. The name of the association as provided for in the association's governing documents.

b. The mailing address of the association.

c. The email address and phone number for the association.

d. The name and contact information of the association's community association manager or community association management firm, if applicable.

e. The name and board title for each member of the association's board.

f. The association website address, if applicable. The association may provide the division with login credentials to the association website.

g. The physical address of the cooperative property.

2. Condominium association buildings.

a. The physical address of all buildings in the association.

b. The total number of stories, including the habitable and uninhabitable space in each building within the association.

c. The total number of units in each building within the association.

d. The year the certificate of occupancy was issued for each building within the association.

e. Any construction commenced within the common elements within the calendar year for each building within the association. Construction is deemed commenced when a notice of commencement is required or filed.

3. Assessments.

a. The amount of assessments and special assessments for the current fiscal year, including reserves, and the projected amount of assessments and special assessments for the next fiscal year, including reserves.

b. The purpose of the assessments and special assessments.

c. The name of all financial institutions with which the association maintains accounts.

4. Structural integrity reserve study (SIRS) reporting submission. The association shall provide a copy of any structural integrity reserve study and any associated materials

through the association's online account with the division within 5 business days of a request from the department. The department may make requests to the association through the online account.

(b) Each association shall review, verify, and update all required information submitted through its online account with the division on an annual basis, by no later than January 15 of each calendar year.

(c) In addition to the annual update, each cooperative association must update the contact information within its online account with the division within 30 days of any change to contact information.

(d) Annual updates and changes submitted through the online account are deemed received only upon the association's receipt of electronic confirmation from the department.

~~(2)(1)~~ No change

~~(2) The association shall, within 30 days of a change of address, notify the division in writing of its new mailing address.~~

(3) Each association that votes to forego retrofitting of the common areas or units of a residential cooperative with a fire sprinkler system, handrails, or guardrails, shall report the voting results and certification information for each affected cooperative to the division within the association's online account, on DBPR Form CP 6000 1, Retrofitting Report for Cooperatives, incorporated herein by reference and effective 11-30-04. If retrofitting has been undertaken by a residential cooperative, the association shall report the per-unit cost of such work to the division in the online account on DBPR Form CP 6000 1. DBPR Form CP 6000 1 must be filed with the division within 60 days of recordation of the retrofitting waiver certificate in the public records where the cooperative is located or upon commencement of the retrofitting project. ~~DBPR Form CP 6000 1 may be obtained by writing the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1030.~~ The division shall prepare separate reports of information obtained from associations relating to the waiver of a fire sprinkler system and the waiver of handrails and guardrails and deliver the reports to the Division of State Fire Marshal of the Department of Financial Services no later than ~~September~~ August 1 of each year.

(4) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 719.501(1)(f) FS. Law Implemented 719.1055(5), (6), 719.501(1), (2), (3) FS. History—New 2-17-98, Amended 1-28-04, 11-30-04, 2-22-15, 9-1-15,_____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
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NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Melanie S. Griffin, Secretary, Department of Business and Professional Regulation

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: April 06, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 20, 2025 (v. 51, n.204)

Section III

Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Health Facility and Agency Licensing

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

59A-35.115 Patient Safety Surveys

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rule in Vol. 52 No. 14, January 22, 2026 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

59A-35.115 Patient Safety Surveys.

(1) through (4) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 400.141, 408.05, 395.1012 FS. Law Implemented 400.141, 408.05, 395.1012 FS. History—New 1-26-23, Amended_____.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

62-160.800 Documents Incorporated by Reference

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following corrections have been made to the proposed rule published in Vol. 52, No. 48, March 11, 2026, issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

No revisions to the Department's Statement of Estimated Regulated Costs were necessary as a result of these changes.

62-160.800 Documents Incorporated by Reference.

The following documents, collections and forms are incorporated herein by reference for use in complying with the requirements of this chapter. Except as otherwise indicated below, copies of incorporated documents and forms are available for review during normal business hours at the Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality Standards Program, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, or may be obtained from the Department's website at <https://floridadep.gov/dear/quality-assurance>, or by writing to the Department of Environmental Protection, Water

Quality Standards Program, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS #6511, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400.

(1) Department of Environmental Protection Standard Operating Procedures (DEP SOPs) are organized into the three numbered collections designated below. The DEP SOPs contained in each collection are listed following the title and number of the indicated collection. References in this chapter to the alphanumeric designation for each individual DEP SOP as listed below include reference to all parts, subparts and sections of the cited DEP SOP, unless otherwise cited in a specific rule.

(a) Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities, DEP-SOP-001/01, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~]:

1. FA 1000, Regulatory Scope and Administrative Procedures for Use of DEP SOPs, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~];

(<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19286>);

2. FC 1000, Cleaning/Decontamination Procedures, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~];

(<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19287>);

3. FD 1000, Documentation Procedures, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~];

(<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19288>);

4. FM 1000, Field Planning and Mobilization, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~];

(<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19289>);

5. FQ 1000, Field Quality Control Requirements, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~];

(<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19290>);

6. FS 1000, General Sampling Procedures, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~];

(<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19291>);

7. FS 2000, General Aqueous Sampling, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~];

(<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19292>);

8. FS 2100, Surface Water Sampling, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~];

(<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19293>);

9. FS 2200, Groundwater Sampling, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~];

(<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19294>);

10. FS 2300, Drinking Water Sampling, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~];

(<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19295>);

11. FS 2400, Wastewater Sampling, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~];

(<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19296>);

12. FS 3000, Soil Sampling, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~];

(<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19297>);

13. FS 4000, Sediment Sampling, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19298>);

14. FS 5000, Waste Sampling, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19299>);

15. FS 6000, General Biological Tissue Sampling, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19300>);

16. FS 7000, General Biological Community Sampling, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19301>);

17. FS 8100, Contaminated Surface Sampling, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19302>);

18. FS 8200, Clean Sampling for Ultratrace Metals in Surface Waters, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19303>);

19. FT 1000, General Field Testing and Measurement, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19304>);

20. FT 1100, Field Measurement of Hydrogen Ion Activity (pH), effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19305>);

21. FT 1200, Field Measurement of Specific Conductance and Conductivity, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19306>);

22. FT 1300, Field Measurement of Salinity, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19307>);

23. FT 1400, Field Measurement of Temperature, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19308>);

24. FT 1500, Field Measurement of Dissolved Oxygen, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19309>);

25. FT 1600, Field Measurement of Turbidity and Total Suspended Solids (TSS), effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19310>);

26. FT 1700, Field Measurement of Light Penetration (Secchi Depth and Transparency), effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19311>);

27. FT 1800, Field Measurement of Stage, Surface Water Velocity, and Discharge (Flow) and Computations of Streamflow, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19312>);

28. FT 1900, Continuous Monitoring Meters, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19313>);

29. FT 2000, Field Measurement of Residual Chlorine, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19314>);

30. FT 2100, Field Measurement of Nitrate Using Ultraviolet Optical Sensors, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19315>); and,

31. FT 3000, Aquatic Habitat Characterization, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19316>).

(b) Standard Operating Procedures for Laboratory Activities, DEP-SOP-002/01, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~:

1. LD 1000, Laboratory Documentation, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19317>);

2. LQ 1000, Laboratory Quality Control, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19318>);

and,

3. LT 7000, Determination of Biological Indices, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19319>).

(c) Standard Operating Procedures for Selected Bioassessment Activities, DEP-SOP-003/11, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~:

1. BRN 1000, Biological Reconnaissance Field Method, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19320>);

2. LVI 1000, Lake Vegetation Index Methods, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19321>);

and,

3. SCI 1000, Stream Condition Index Methods, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~ (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19322>).

(2) The following documents and DEP forms are cited in certain DEP SOPs included in the numbered collections DEP-SOP-001/01, DEP-SOP-002/01 or DEP-SOP-003/11 (citation locations in parentheses).

(a) No change.

(b) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR):

1. Table II, Required Containers, Preservation Techniques, and Holding Times, 40 CFR 136.3(e), revised as of July 1, 2024, effective date May 2026 ~~[Month Year]~~, including all footnotes (DEP-SOP-001/01) (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19323>);

and,

2. 29 CFR 1910.120, Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, revised as of July 1, 2024, effective date

May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~] (DEP-SOP-001/01) (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19324>).

(c) Methods and sections included in Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, published by American Public Health Association (APHA), as listed below. These documents are copyright protected. Copies of these documents are available for review during normal business hours at the Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality Standards Program, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, or at the Department of State, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, or from the publisher at APHA, 800 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20001-3710, or from the publisher at <https://www.standardmethods.org/>.

1. No change.

2. Section 9060, Samples, subsection 9060 A.3.a., Potable Water, 2013 (DEP-SOP-001/01), effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~];

3. through 6. No change.

7. Methods 4500-O B, C, H, and G, Oxygen (Dissolved), 2016 (DEP-SOP-001/01), effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~];

8. Table 4500-H⁺:2, Preparation of pH Standard Solutions, in method 4500-H⁺-B, (2021) (DEP-SOP-001/01), effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~]; and,

9. Method 4500-NO₃-B, Nitrogen (Nitrate) Ultraviolet Spectrophotometric Screening Method, 2016 (DEP-SOP-001/01), effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~].

(d) ASTM E1391-03 (2008), Standard Guide for Collection, Storage, Characterization, and Manipulation of Sediments for Toxicological Testing and for Selection of Samplers Used to Collect Benthic Invertebrates, 2003, ASTM International (DEP-SOP-001/01), effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~]. This document is copyright protected. A copy of this document is available for review during normal business hours at the Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality Standards Program, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, or at the Department of State, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, or from the publisher at ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, or from the publisher's website at <http://www.astm.org/Standard/index.html>.

(e) Sampling and Use of the Stream Condition Index (SCI) for Assessing Flowing Waters: A Primer, DEP-SAS-001/11, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~] (DEP-SOP-003/11) (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19325>).

(f) Sampling and Use of the Lake Vegetation Index (LVI) for Assessing Lake Plant Communities in Florida: A Primer, DEP-SAS-002/11, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~]

(DEP-SOP-003/11)

(<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19326>).

(g) United States Geological Survey, Temperature: U.S. Geological Survey Techniques and Methods, book 9, chap. A6.1, 14 p., 2024, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~] (DEP-SOP-001/01)

(<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19327>).

(h) DEP Forms cited:

1. Form FD 9000-5, Stream/River Habitat Assessment Field Sheet, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~] (DEP-SOP-001/01, DEP-SOP-003/11)

(<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19328>);

2. Form FD 9000-6, Lake Habitat Assessment Field Sheet, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~] (DEP-SOP-001/01) (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19329>);

3. Form FD 9000-34, Stream Habitat Assessment Training and Evaluation Checklist and Event Log, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~] (DEP-SOP-001/01) (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19330>);

and,

4. Form FD 9000-35, Stream Condition Index and BioRecon Training Checklist and Event Log, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~] (DEP-SOP-003/11) (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19331>).

(i) United States Geological Survey (USGS) references included in DEP SOP FT 1800, Field Measurement of Stage, Surface Water Velocity, and Discharge (Flow) and Computations of Streamflow, incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)27., F.A.C., effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~] (DEP-SOP-001/01). Copies of these documents may be obtained from the United States Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192, or through USGS's website at <https://pubs.usgs.gov/>.

1. United States Geological Survey, Techniques of Water-Resources Investigations, Book 3, <https://pubs.usgs.gov/twri/index090905.html>:

a. Chapter A2, Dalrymple, Tate, and Benson, M.A., 1968, Measurement of peak discharge by the slope-area method, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19354>);

b. Chapter A3, Bodhaine, G.L., 1968, Measurement of peak discharge at culverts by indirect methods, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19355>);

c. Chapter A4, Muttahai, H.F. 1967, Measurement of peak discharge at width contractions by indirect methods, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19356>);

d. Chapter A5, Hulsing, Harry, 1967, Measurement of peak discharge at dams by indirect method, effective date May 2026

[Month _____ Year]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19357>);

e. Chapter A6, Carter, R.W., and Davidian, Jacob, 1968, General procedures for gaging streams, effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19358>);

f. Chapter A10, Kennedy, E.J., 1984, Discharge ratings at gaging stations, effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19359>);

g. Chapter A11, Smoot, G.F., and Novack, C.E., 1969, Measurement of discharge by the moving-boat method, effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19360>);

h. Chapter A13, Kennedy, E.J., 1983, Computation of continuous records of streamflow, effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19361>);

i. Chapter A14, Kilpatrick, F.A. and Schneider, V.R., 1983, Use of flumes in measuring discharge, effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19362>);

and,

j. Chapter A21, Wagner, C. Russell, 1995, Stream-gaging cableways, effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19363>).

2. United States Geological Survey, Techniques and Methods, Book 3, <https://pubs.usgs.gov/browse/Report/USGS%20Numbered%20Series/Techniques%20and%20Methods/>:

a. Chapter A7, Sauer, V.B., and Turnipseed, D.P., 2010, Stage measurement at gaging stations, effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19364>);

b. Chapter A8, Turnipseed, D.P., and Sauer, V.B., 2010, Discharge measurements at gaging stations, effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19365>);

c. Chapter A22, Mueller, D.S., Wagner, C.R., Rimmel, M.S., Oberg, K.A., and Rainville, Francois, 2013, Measuring discharge with acoustic Doppler current profilers from a moving boat, effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19366>);

and,

d. Chapter A23, Levesque, V.A., and Oberg, K.A., 2012, Computing discharge using the index velocity method, effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19367>).

(3) NELAC and TNI Standards, as listed below. These documents are copyright protected. Copies of these documents are available for review during normal business hours at the Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality

Standards Program, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, or at the Department of State, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, or from the publisher at The NELAC Institute, P.O. Box 2439, Weatherford, TX 76086, or the publisher's website at <http://www.nelac-institute.org/index.php>.

(a) No change.

(b) The NELAC Institute (TNI), EL-V1-ISO-2016-Rev. 2.1, Environmental Laboratory Sector, Vol. 1, Modules 1-7, Management and Technical Requirements for Laboratories Performing Environmental Analysis (2016), effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year]. Referred to as "2016 TNI Standard" in this chapter and incorporated documents.

(4) Quality Assurance Project Plan Standard, EPA CIO 2105-S-02.1, Form Rev. 08/21/2023, effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19333>).

(5) Alternative and Modified Analytical Laboratory Methods, DEP-QA-001/01, effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19334>) and the following documents cited therein:

(a) Definition and Procedure for the Determination of the Method Detection Limit – Revision 2, 40 CFR Part 136, Appendix B, revised as of July 1, 2024, effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19335>);

(b) through (c) No change.

(6) 40 CFR 136.3, Identification of test procedures, revised as of July 1, 2024, effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19336>).

(7) 40 CFR 136.4, Application for and approval of alternate test procedures for nationwide use, revised as of July 1, 2024, effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19337>).

(8) 40 CFR 136.5, Approval of alternate test procedures for limited use, revised as of July 1, 2024, effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19340>).

(9) 40 CFR 136.6, Method modifications and analytical requirements, revised as of July 1, 2024 (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19338>), effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year].

(10) 40 CFR 141.27, Alternate analytical techniques, revised as of July 1, 2024, effective date May 2026 [Month _____ Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19339>).

(11) Chapter Two, Choosing the Correct Procedure, Section 2.1, Guidance Regarding Flexibility Inherent to SW-846 Methods and the Precedence of SW-846 Quality Control Criteria (July 2014), in Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods (SW-846), effective date

May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19341>).

This publication may be viewed at <https://www.epa.gov/hw-sw846/sw-846-compendium>, where it may also be downloaded. A printed copy may be obtained from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, 5301 Shawnee Road, Alexandria, VA. 22312.

(12) No change.

(13) Process for Assessing Data Usability (DEP-EA-001/07), effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19342>).

(14) Applicability of Chlorophyll *a* Methods (DEP-SAS-002/10), effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19343>),
 and the following documents cited therein:

(a) Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, Method 10150, Determination of Chlorophyll A, Sections B, C, and D, 2022, published by APHA, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~]. This document is copyright protected. A copy of this document is available for review during normal business hours at the Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality Standards Program, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, or at the Department of State, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, or from the publisher at APHA, 800 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20001-3710, or from the publisher at <https://www.standardmethods.org/buy/>.

(b) EPA 445.0, *In Vitro* Determination of Chlorophyll *a* and pheophytin *a* in Marine and Freshwater Algae by Fluorescence, Rev. 1.2, September 1997, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19344>).

(c) EPA 446.0, *In Vitro* Determination of Chlorophylls *a*, *b*, *c*₁ + *c*₂ and Pheopigments in Marine and Freshwater Algae by Visible Spectrophotometry, Rev. 1.2, September 1997, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19345>).

(d) EPA 447.0, Determination of Chlorophylls *a* and *b* and Identification of Other Pigments of Interest in Marine and Freshwater Algae Using High Performance Liquid Chromatography with Visible Wavelength Detection, Version 1.0, September 1997, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~]
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19346>).

(e) Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, Method 10200 H., Determination of Chlorophyll A, Sections 2, 3, and 4, 2011, published by APHA, effective date May 2026 [~~Month~~—~~Year~~]. This document is copyright protected. A copy of this document is available for review during normal business hours at the Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality Standards Program, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, or at

the Department of State, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, or from the publisher at APHA, 800 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20001-3710, or from the publisher at <https://www.standardmethods.org/buy/>.

(15) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 403.061, 403.0623 FS. Law Implemented 373.026, 373.309, 373.409, 373.413, 373.414, 373.416, 373.4592, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 403.0623, 403.0625, 403.087, 403.088, 403.0881, 403.504, 403.704, 403.707, 403.722, 403.853 FS. History—New 4-9-02, Amended 6-8-04, 12-3-08, 7-30-14, 4-16-18, ___.

FT 1900, Continuous Monitoring Meters, is substantially rewritten. See F.A.C. for present text at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07975>. Sampling and Use of the Stream Condition Index (SCI) for Assessing Flowing Waters: A Primer, DEP-SAS-001/11, (DEP-SOP-003/11), is substantially rewritten. See F.A.C. for present text at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-04341>. Process for Assessing Data Usability (DEP-EA-001/07), is substantially rewritten. See F.A.C. for present text at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-04369>.

Note: The Department is correcting the effective date placeholder language to state “May 2026” and correcting document formatting in the following documents incorporated by reference:

FA 1000, Regulatory Scope and Administrative Procedures for Use of DEP SOPs, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)1., F.A.C.

FC 1000, Cleaning/Decontamination Procedures, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)2., F.A.C.

FD 1000, Documentation Procedures, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)3., F.A.C.

FM 1000, Field Planning and Mobilization, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)4., F.A.C.

FQ 1000, Field Quality Control Requirements, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)5., F.A.C.

FS 1000, General Sampling Procedures, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)6., F.A.C.

FS 2000, General Aqueous Sampling, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)7., F.A.C.

FS 2100, Surface Water Sampling, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)8., F.A.C.

FS 2200, Groundwater Sampling, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)9., F.A.C.

FS 2300, Drinking Water Sampling, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)10., F.A.C.

FS 2400, Wastewater Sampling, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)11., F.A.C.

FS 3000, Soil Sampling, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)12., F.A.C.

FS 4000, Sediment Sampling, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)13., F.A.C.

FS 5000, Waste Sampling, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)14., F.A.C.

FS 6000, General Biological Tissue Sampling, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)15., F.A.C.

FS 7000, General Biological Community Sampling, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)16., F.A.C.

FS 8100, Contaminated Surface Sampling, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)17., F.A.C.

FS 8200, Clean Sampling for Ultratrace Metals in Surface Waters, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)18., F.A.C.

FT 1000, General Field Testing and Measurement, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)19., F.A.C.

FT 1100, Field Measurement of Hydrogen Ion Activity (pH), incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)20., F.A.C.

FT 1200, Field Measurement of Specific Conductance and Conductivity, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)21., F.A.C.

FT 1300, Field Measurement of Salinity, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)22., F.A.C.

FT 1400, Field Measurement of Temperature, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)23., F.A.C.

FT 1500, Field Measurement of Dissolved Oxygen, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)24., F.A.C.

FT 1600, Field Measurement of Turbidity and Total Suspended Solids (TSS), incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)25., F.A.C.

FT 1700, Field Measurement of Light Penetration (Secchi Depth and Transparency), incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)26., F.A.C.

FT 1800, Field Measurement of Stage, Surface Water Velocity, and Discharge (Flow) and Computations of Streamflow, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)27., F.A.C.

FT 1900, Continuous Monitoring Meters, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)28., F.A.C.

FT 2000, Field Measurement of Residual Chlorine, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)29., F.A.C.

FT 2100, Field Measurement of Nitrate Using Ultraviolet Optical Sensors, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)30., F.A.C.

FT 3000, Aquatic Habitat Characterization, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)31., F.A.C.

LD 1000, Laboratory Documentation, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(b)1., F.A.C.

LQ 1000, Laboratory Quality Control, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(b)2., F.A.C.

LT 7000, Determination of Biological Indices, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(b)3., F.A.C.

BRN 1000, Biological Reconnaissance Field Method, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(c)1., F.A.C.

LVI 1000, Lake Vegetation Index Methods, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(c)2., F.A.C.

SCI 1000, Stream Condition Index Methods, incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(c)3., F.A.C.

Sampling and Use of the Stream Condition Index (SCI) for Assessing Flowing Waters: A Primer, DEP-SAS-001/11, incorporated by reference at paragraph 62-160.800(2)(e), F.A.C.

Sampling and Use of the Lake Vegetation Index (LVI) for Assessing Lake Plant Communities in Florida: A Primer, DEP-SAS-002/11, incorporated by reference at paragraph 62-160.800(2)(f), F.A.C.

Form FD 9000-5, Stream/River Habitat Assessment Field Sheet, (DEP-SOP-001/01, DEP-SOP-003/11), incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(2)(h)1., F.A.C.

Form FD 9000-6, Lake Habitat Assessment Field Sheet, (DEP-SOP-001/01), incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(2)(h)2., F.A.C.

Form FD 9000-34, Stream Habitat Assessment Training and Evaluation Checklist and Event Log, (DEP-SOP-001/01), incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(2)(h)3., F.A.C.

Form FD 9000-35, Stream Condition Index and BioRecon Training Checklist and Event Log, (DEP-SOP-003/11), incorporated by reference at subparagraph 62-160.800(2)(h)4., F.A.C.

Alternative and Modified Analytical Laboratory Methods, DEP-QA-001/01, incorporated by reference at subsection 62-160.800(5), F.A.C.

Process for Assessing Data Usability (DEP-EA-001/07), incorporated by reference at subsection 62-160.800(13), F.A.C.
Applicability of Chlorophyll *a* Methods (DEP-SAS-002/10), incorporated by reference at subsection 62-160.800(14), F.A.C.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THIS NOTICE IS: DeAsia Armster, Environmental Consultant, Water Quality Standards Program, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 6511, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400; telephone (850)245-8429, email DeAsia.Armster@FloridaDEP.gov.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons

who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to contact DEP’s Limited English Proficiency Coordinator at (850)245-2118 or LEP@FloridaDEP.gov. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

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 BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-5.001 Safety Standards

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety hereby gives notice: On April 16, 2026, the Division issued an order. The Final Order was in response to a Petition for a routine permanent Variance from Trafalgar of Highland Beach located at 2917 S. Ocean Blvd, Highland Beach, FL 33487, filed March 26, 2026, and advertised on March 30, 2026, in Vol. 52, No. 61, of the Florida Administrative Register. No comments were received in response to the petition. The Final Order on the Petition for Variance grants the Petitioner a variance from Rules 2.8.1 and 2.8.2.2, ASME A17.1, 2019 Edition, as adopted by Rule 61C-5.001 Florida Administrative Code that requires no foreign equipment to be placed in an elevator hoistway, because the Petitioner has demonstrated that the purpose of the underlying statute has been met and that Petitioner would suffer a substantial hardship if required to comply with this rule (VW2026-039).

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1013. dhr.elevators@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

62-342.700 Financial Responsibility

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection hereby gives notice: that on April 16, 2026, the Department issued an

Order Granting Petition For Variance pursuant to 120.542, F.S. to Tetra Tech EC, Inc. The Order grants a variance from Chapter 373.4136, F.S. and subsection 62-342.700(11), F.A.C, which requires a Trust Fund Agreement be worded in substantial conformance with Form 62-342.700(11). The Order is for the Loxahatchee Mitigation Bank, located in Palm Beach County. The petition was received on February 25, 2026. Notice of receipt of this Petition was published on the Florida Administrative Register on March 3, 2026, Vol. 52/43. No public comment was received. The Order, file number OGC #26-0392, granted the petition based on a showing that the Petitioner demonstrated that a strict application of the rule would result in substantial hardship to Petitioner and because Petitioner demonstrated that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Laurie Bailey-Cutkomp, telephone: (850)245-8178, email: Laurie.BaileyCutkomp@FloridaDep.gov, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Resource Management, Submerged Lands and Environmental Resource Coordination, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 2500, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400; during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except legal holidays.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require a translation service (free of charge) are asked to contact DEP’s Limited English Proficiency Coordinator at (850)245-2118 or LEP@FloridaDEP.gov. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Opticianry

The Board of Opticianry hereby gives notice: that on April 15, 2026, an Order was filed on the Petition for Variance or Waiver. The Petition was filed by Abigail Marie Duclos, Petitioner. Petitioner sought a petition for variance or waiver from Rule 64B12-16.004, F.A.C., which states that if an apprentice terminates apprenticeship with a sponsor upon completion of the program hours, or the sponsor is no longer providing training to an apprentice, the apprentice shall submit to the Department within 180 days from the date of the termination the completed Apprenticeship Sponsor Report Form. The Notice of Petition for Variance or Waiver was published in Vol. 51, No. 233, on December 3, 2025, in the Florida Administrative Register. The Board, at its meeting held on February 20, 2026, granted the Petition for variance or waiver, finding that the Petitioner has established that the Board’s

application of Rule 64B12-16.004, F.A.C., to the Petitioner's circumstances would violate the principles of fairness or impose a substantial hardship. The Board finds that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the Applicant.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, Board of Opticianry, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258, telephone: (850)488-0595, or by electronic mail – Ashleigh.Irving@flhealth.gov

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Opticianry

The Board of Opticianry hereby gives notice: that on April 15, 2026, an Order was filed on the Petition for Variance or Waiver. The Petition was filed by Jaclyn Ortiz Lane, Petitioner. Petitioner sought a variance or waiver from paragraph 64B12-16.003(5)(a), F.A.C., which states that an apprentice is required to obtain two of the required hours by completing a Board-approved Apprentice/Sponsor Orientation Course and submitting the original certificate of attendance to the board office within one year of registration with the Department. Petitioner requested that the Board accept an alternative proof of completion or waive the deadline requirement for the course. The Notice of Petition for Variance or Waiver was published in Vol. 52, No. 55, on March 20, 2026, in the Florida Administrative Register. The Board, at its meeting held on February 20, 2026, denied the Petition for variance or waiver, finding that the Petitioner has failed to establish that the Board's application of Rule 64B12-16.003, F.A.C., to the Petitioner's circumstances would violate the principles of fairness or impose a substantial hardship.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, Board of Opticianry, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258, telephone: (850)488-0595, or by electronic mail – Ashleigh.Irving@flhealth.gov

Section VI

Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Blind Services

The Division of Blind Services/Bureau of Business Enterprise announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 30, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Via Microsoft Teams meeting

Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/239432929325663?p=ZNF>

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Meeting ID: 239 432 929 325 663

Passcode: my7oD6cU

Dial in by phone

+1(850)583-5063,,358059403# United States, Tallahassee

Phone conference ID: 358 059 403#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Meeting to discuss public relations matters for the State Committee of Vendors.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Mary Ellen Harding

maryellen.harding@dbs.fldoe.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 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Mary Ellen Harding

maryellen.harding@dbs.fldoe.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).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Mary Ellen Harding
maryellen.harding@dbs.fldoe.org

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: May 13 - 14, 2026; all meeting times, EDT. May 13, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Training Center Directors Association Business Meeting; May 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Probable Cause Determination Hearings; May 14, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Criminal Justice Standards & Training Commission Business Meeting ; May 14, 2026, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., CJST Commission Officer Discipline Hearings

PLACE: ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD at Wyndham Grand Jupiter at Harborside Place, 122 Soundings Avenue, Jupiter Florida 33477: Front Desk Telephone: (561)273-6600.

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).

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Division of Purchasing

The Department of Management Services announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: May 20, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Department of Management Services, 4050 Esplanade Way, Suite 260K, Tallahassee, FL, 32399.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Management Services will conduct a public opening for the Invitation to Bid No.: DMS-25/26-039, entitle "Investment Consulting and Monitoring Services for SUSORP and SMSOAP".

This meeting is subject to cancellation or postponement. The Florida Department of Management Services 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).

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: DMS.Purchasing@dms.fl.gov

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: The Department's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator at (850)922-7535 or ADA.Coordinator@dms.fl.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: DMS.Purchasing@dms.fl.gov

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Barbers' Board

The Florida Barbers' Board announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: June 30, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: PLACE: You may attend the meeting in the following ways:

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: • In-Person: Hurston Building, 400 W. Robinson Street, North Tower, Suite N901, Orlando, FL 32801.

Online:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2453943866497?p=EYt9saSc4Up5RRKQOq>

Meeting ID: 245 394 386 649 7

Passcode: kV6PU9oB

By Phone: (213)458-8552 – Conference ID 476191287#

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Florida Barbers' Board, 2601 Blair Stone, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399, (850)487-1395.

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: Florida Barbers' Board, 2601 Blair Stone, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399, (850)487-1395. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Florida Barbers' Board, 2601 Blair Stone, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399, (850)487-1395.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Environmental Health

The Bureau of Radiation Control announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: May 5, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hampton Inn & Suites Westshore, Avion Park, 5329 Avion Park Drive, Citation Rooms I & II, Tampa, Florida 33607

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Routine meeting of the Advisory Council on Radiation Protection to discuss and make recommendations on, or issues relating to, the following: radiation protection; radiation exposure and dose; national organizations and professional societies/associations, including their standards, recommendations, registrants and certificate holders; radiation requirements of federal agencies; radiation machines; radioactive materials including medical radioisotopes; radiation procedures and practices; radiologic technologists, radiologist assistants, specialty technologists, medical physicists, and other

radiation-related personnel including their titles, duties, scopes of practice and supervision; educational programs and training courses; authorized operator/user/physicist requirements; emergency response and preparedness; radiation incidents/accidents; environmental monitoring; food irradiation; radiation therapy; fees; forms; license, certification, registration, and examination; 64E-3, 64E-4, and 64E-5, F.A.C.; Chapters 404 and 468, Part IV, F.S., including the implementation of legislation affecting these Chapters; the Bureau of Radiation Control, including its Internet site; and other business.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Brenda Andrews, Bureau of Radiation Control, Bin C21, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1741, (850)901-6568, or brenda.andrews@flhealth.gov.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 10 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Brenda Andrews, Bureau of Radiation Control, Bin C21, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, 32399-1741, (850)245-4266, email: brenda.andrews@flhealth.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).

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Department of Children and Families Office of Substance Abuse Program announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., EST

PLACE: ***Update as of April 17, 2026***

Microsoft Teams Direct Link:
<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/a80dfb5c-e01a-4e45-bd37-9cd13242d4e7@f70dba48-b283-4c57-8831-cb411445a94c>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This meeting will discuss suicide risk for specific occupations, particularly first responders.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Dept. of Children and Families Statewide Office of Suicide Prevention Staff: Jessica Felts ((850)717-4789, jessica.felts@myflfamilies.com) or Daniela Santos ((850)717-4596, daniela.santos@myflfamilies.com).

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by

contacting: Jessica Felts, Dept. of Children and Families, (850)717-4789, jessica.felts@myflfamilies.com, If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TTY) 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).

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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Mental Health Program

The Substance Use and Mental Health Block Grant Advisory Council-Meeting announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, May 7, 2026, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., EST

PLACE: Microsoft Teams Meeting

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/23540713991836?p=EaMcRgo8aAmYZVX9TT>

Meeting ID: 235 407 139 918 36

Passcode: QY3zv2aJ

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Under Title XIX of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x), Florida is required to establish a behavioral health planning council charged with reviewing the annual combined Block Grant application and state plan and providing recommendations for modifications; advocating for individuals needing behavioral health services; and monitoring, reviewing, and evaluating the allocation and adequacy of behavioral health services within the state.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kimberley Brown, Dept. of Children and Families, (850)717-4410, kimberley.brown@myflfamilies.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Kimberley Brown, Dept. of Children and Families, (850)717-4410, kimberley.brown@myflfamilies.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Kimberley Brown, Dept. of Children and Families, (850)717-4410, kimberley.brown@myflfamilies.com.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

The Department of Financial Services announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time

PLACE: Department of Environmental Protection, Carr Building, 3800 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida 32399, Room 170

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Notice of Public Meeting published in the April 15, 2026, edition of the Florida Administrative Register (Volume 52, Number 73) has been AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

UPDATE: The Florida PALM Executive Steering Committee will meet to discuss the status of the Florida PALM Project. A portion of this meeting may be shaded. We've updated the agenda to reflect that parts of the meeting may be shaded because a participant may present confidential information. The Department is publishing this amended notice promptly after it became aware that the notice require an amendment.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: A copy of the agenda may be obtained on the Florida PALM Project website <https://myfloridacfo.com/floridapalm/oversight>.

For more information, you may contact: or would like to submit public comment regarding the Florida PALM Executive Steering Committee, please email FloridaPALM@myfloridacfo.com.

MID-FLORIDA AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The Mid-Florida Area Agency on Aging dba Elder Options announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: May 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Elder Options Conference Room A
100 SW 75th Street, Suite 301
Gainesville, Florida 32607

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Scheduled meeting of the Elder Options Board of Directors Grant Review Committee. The Grant Review Committee will discuss and adopt recommendations regarding the applications received by Elder Options for programs that begin in January 2027 that are funded by the Older Americans Act (OAA) and General Revenue applications received by Elder Options for funding for the program year beginning July 1, 2026. Programs for this period include: Community Care for the Elderly (CCE), Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI), Home Care for the Elderly (HCE), Local Service Programs (LSP). Based upon its review and discussion of applications, the Committee will make funding recommendations for consideration by the full Board of Directors during the June 3rd, 2026, Board Meeting at 10:00 am.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kathy Dorminey, dormineyk@agingresources.org, (352)692-5214

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: Kathy Dorminey, dormineyk@agingresources.org, (352)692-5214. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Kathy Dorminey, dormineyk@agingresources.org, (352)692-5214

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COURT CLERKS

The Florida Trust announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday April 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Online

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Preparing an RFP for Banking Services for the Florida Trust
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Bryant Gries at (850)284-7471

For more information, you may contact: Bryant Gries at (850)284-7471

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COURT CLERKS

The Florid Trust announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday April 23, 2026, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

PLACE:

<https://flclerks.webex.com/flclerks/j.php?MTID=m923d0866be718ef7f9633bb7422f9c23>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General Trust Matters.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Bryant Gries at bgries@flclerks.com

For more information, you may contact: Bryant Gries at bgries@flclerks.com

FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM RISK MANAGEMENT CONSORTIUM

The Florida College System Risk Management Consortium announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

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

PLACE:

Virtual:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89338171276?pwd=nmaotZol9ZeDKHniWUby61wmKSO4ZZ.1>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
General Business Meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting:
ndyksterhouse@fcsrmc.com

For more information, you may contact:
ndyksterhouse@fcsrmc.com

DESOTO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

The DeSoto County Hospital District announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 30, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: DeSoto Memorial Hospital, McSwain Conference Room

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
Pursuant to the previous decision made by the Board of Directors to affiliate with a larger hospital system, the Board of Directors is prepared to approve the definitive agreements to lease the Hospital to Tampa General Hospital. Florida Statute 155.40 mandates that the public should have an opportunity to comment on the proposed transaction. This Public Notice should service as notice to the public that on April 30, 2026 at the regularly scheduled Board meeting the Board shall discuss the approval of the proposed agreements leasing the Hospital to Tampa General Hospital.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Andrea Griffis at (863)494-8402

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 1 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Andrea Griffis at (863)494-8402. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Andrea Griffis at (863)494-8402

MRGMIAMI

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

DATE AND TIME: Monday, April 27, 2026, 2:00 p.m. Project Advisory Committee (PAC) #1 Meeting will be held virtually (online) and in-person.

PLACE: Attend the meeting in person at the FDOT District Six Auditorium, 1000 NW 111th Avenue, Miami, FL 33172. Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/MRGMiamiAdmin/SR968FlaglerFe>

asibilityStudy-PAC. Please sign-in at the kiosk at the front desk in the Adam Leigh Cann Building, by either scanning the QR code received from invite@goilobby.com or sign-in manually. Plan to arrive 10 minutes early to allow ample time for sign-in and show a valid photo ID. Once signed in, your meeting host will be notified. Your contact person is Yannele Garcia Ext. 5102.

To participate virtually from your computer, tablet or smartphone, please use the following link: <https://bit.ly/SR968FlaglerFeasibilityStudy-PAC>. Participants can also call in by dialing +1(850)739-5589, press conference ID: 771 068 488#.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
FDOT will hold a PAC Meeting for S.R. 968/Flagler Street Feasibility Study from Downtown Miami to FIU in Miami-Dade County. The project identification number is 437782-3-22-01, and the meeting will be held simultaneously, virtually and in-person.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Paulette Summers, Community Outreach Specialist and can be reached at (786)510-3921 or via email at Paulette.RidgardSummers@dot.state.fl.us.

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 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and FDOT.

For more information, you may contact: Paulette Summers, Community Outreach Specialist at (786)510-3921 or via email at Paulette.RidgardSummers@dot.state.fl.us.

VHB

The City of Key West – Key West Transit announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIMES: Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Key West Transit Intermodal Center, 5701 College Road, Key West, FL 33040

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The purpose of this public outreach open house is to present and receive public comment on the City of Key West's ADA Complementary Paratransit Program Plan for Key West Transit. The Plan describes Key West Transit's proposed Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit service, including the service area, days and hours of operation, eligibility determination and appeals process, reservations and fares, no show and late cancellation policy, policies for personal care attendants and companions, and service to visitors. Members of the public, including individuals with disabilities, caregivers, and advocacy organizations, are

invited to attend, ask questions, and provide input on the proposed service before implementation. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, income, or family status.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Key West Transit at (305)809-3910 or by email at kwdot@cityofkeywest-fl.gov.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the City of Key West ADA Coordinator at (305)809-3867. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Rogelio Hernandez, Transportation Director, City of Key West – Key West Transit, 5701 College Road, Key West, FL 33040, by telephone at (305)809-3910 or by email at kwdot@cityofkeywest-fl.gov. Additional details and the ADA Complementary Paratransit Services Plan are also available on the City of Key West – Key West Transit’s website at <https://www.cityofkeywest-fl.gov/1252/Paratransit-Service>

**Section VII
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Declaratory Statements**

NONE

**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**

NONE

**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, April 13, 2026, and 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2026.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
5J-7.004	4/14/2026	5/4/2026
5J-22.002	4/16/2026	5/6/2026
5J-22.003	4/16/2026	5/6/2026
5J-22.004	4/16/2026	5/6/2026
5J-22.005	4/16/2026	5/6/2026
5J-22.006	4/16/2026	5/6/2026
5J-23.001	4/16/2026	5/6/2026
5J-23.002	4/16/2026	5/6/2026
5J-23.003	4/16/2026	5/6/2026
5JER26-2	4/13/2026	5/1/2026
33-404.106	4/17/2026	5/7/2026
33-404.201	4/17/2026	5/7/2026
33-404.2095	4/17/2026	5/7/2026

33-404.2096	4/17/2026	5/7/2026
33-404.2097	4/17/2026	5/7/2026
33-404.2098	4/17/2026	5/7/2026
59A-4.107	4/15/2026	5/5/2026
59A-4.1075	4/15/2026	5/5/2026
59A-8.002	4/15/2026	5/5/2026
59A-8.008	4/15/2026	5/5/2026
60G-1.001	4/17/2026	5/7/2026
60G-1.011	4/17/2026	5/7/2026
60G-1.012	4/17/2026	5/7/2026
64-9.001	4/16/2026	5/6/2026
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
 Division of Water Restoration Assistance
 NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
 FLORIDA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION NOTICE (FCEN)
 PALM BEACH COUNTY

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has determined that Palm Beach County’s proposed pilot study project to evaluate treatment options at Water Plant Numbers 2, 3, 8 and 9 to reduce PFAS and other emerging contaminants in the drinking water is not expected to generate controversy over potential environmental effects. The estimated project cost is \$10,000,000. 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.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
 Division of Water Restoration Assistance
 NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
 FLORIDA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION NOTICE (FCEN)
 FORT MYERS

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has determined that the City of Fort Myers’s proposed project for 12 new supply wells is not expected to generate controversy over potential environmental effects. The estimated project cost is \$100,000,000. 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.