#### Section I

## Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### **State Board of Education**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-4.004 Florida Educator's Certificates with

Academic, Administrative, Degreed Career

and Technical, and Specialty Class

Coverages

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To address changes in House Bill 809 (Ch. 2025-62, Laws of Florida) effective July 1, 2025, for the certification of school social workers. It will address the removal of certain restricted certificates and provide professional certificates for personnel providing student support services. This effect may allow more professionals to become certified in school social work and clarify the requirements for personnel providing student support services. Changes to fingerprint submission to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Federal Bureau Investigation will include agency review. The effect will provide clarification for the fingerprinting process. Additionally, other clarifying changes will be considered for restricted certificates, except for classical restricted certificates.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Educator certificates and requirements for certificates.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1012.55, 1012.56, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1012.55, 1012.56, F.S.

A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: October 3, 2025, 10:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m. ET or until the conclusion of business, whichever is earlier.

PLACE: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\_M2ZjZjI5ZmQtMDI4NC00MDAxLThiN DctNjkwNzE2ZjY3ZDZi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Ti d%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-

1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%229b728b63-2a58-4474-94b4-53d53b3d760b%22%7d

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Chris Chief of Educator Certification, Cowart, Chris.Cowart@fldoe.org. To comment on this development, please go to https://web02.fldoe.org/rules or contact: Chris Emerson, Director, Office of Executive Management, Christian. Emerson@fldoe.org.

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

#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### **State Board of Education**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-4.0181 Specialization Requirements for

Certification in School Counseling (Grades

PK-12) - Specialty Class

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To address changes in House Bill 875 (Ch. 2025-107, Laws of Florida) regarding another education pathway for eligible educators to become school counselors. This effect may allow more professionals to become certified in school counseling.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: New certification pathway for school counseling.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1012.55, 1012.56, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1001.02, 1004.0982, 1012.55, 1012.56, F.S.

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1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%229b728b63-2a58-4474-94b4-53d53b3d760b%22%7d

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Chris Cowart, Chief of Educator Certification, Chris.Cowart@fldoe.org. To comment on this rule development, please go to https://web02.fldoe.org/rules or contact: Chris Emerson, Director, Office of Executive Management, Christian.Emerson@fldoe.org.

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

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

#### **Board of Dentistry**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B5-2.014 Licensure Requirements for Applicants from

Accredited Schools or Colleges

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board propose a rule amendment to add additional language to the rule text.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: To update the rule text with additional language.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 456.013, 466.004, 466.006, 466.007 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.013, 456.0135, 456.048, 456.0635, 466.006, 466.007, 466.028 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: Traci Zeh, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry/MQA, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C04 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258; (850)488-0595; Traci.Zeh@flhealth.gov

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

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

#### **Board of Nursing Home Administrators**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B10-11.001 Application for Licensure

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendment is intended to update the application for licensure.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Update the rule language and application for licensure.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 456.0135(1), 456.0145(5), 468.1695(1) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.0135, 456.013, 456.0145, 456.0635, 468.1685(2), 468.1695(1), (2), 468.1705 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: Dayle Mooney, Executive Director, Board of Nursing Home Administrators, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C-07, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3257, (850)245-4355, or by email: Dayle.Mooney@flhealth.gov.

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

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

#### **Board of Nursing Home Administrators**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B10-14.004 Disciplinary Guidelines; Range of Penalties;

Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendment is intended to update the language for disciplinary guidelines, penalties, and circumstances.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Update the rule language for disciplinary guidelines, penalties, and circumstances.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 456.072, 456.073(3), 456.079, 468.1685(1) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.072, 456.073(3), 456.074, 456.079, 1014.06, 468.1685(4), (5), (6), 468.1755(1)(a), (j), (q)

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.

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

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

#### **Board of Nursing Home Administrators**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE: 64B10-14.006 Citations

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendment is intended to update the language for citations.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Update the rule language for citations.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 456.073, 456.077 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.077 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: Dayle Mooney, Executive Director, Board of Nursing Home Administrators, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C-07, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3257, (850)245-4355, or by email: Dayle.Mooney@flhealth.gov.

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

#### Section II Proposed Rules

#### REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITIES

Tampa	Bay	Water - A	Regional	Water	Supp	ly Authority

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RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:	
49B-1.007	Agency Description	
49B-1.008	Registered Office, Office Hours and Copie	
	of Documents	
49B-1.009	Boundaries	
49B-1.010	Statutes and Rules Affecting Agency	
	Operations	
49B-1.011	Delegation of Authority by the Board of	
	Directors	
49B-1.013	Designation of Agency Clerk and Official	
	Reporter	
49B-1.0131	Public Information and Inspection and	
	Copying of Records	
49B-1.070	Authority	
49B-1.071	Purpose	
49B-1.072	Public Inspection and Duplication	
49B-1.073	Final Orders Indexed	
49B-1.074	Numbering of Final Orders	
49B-1.075	System for Indexing Final Orders	
49B-1.076	Maintenance of Records	
49B-1.077	Plan	
49B-1.078	Format for Final Order	

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To repeal Rules 49B-1.007 through 49B-1.078, Florida Administrative Code, as the provisions of these rules are obsolete and no longer in accordance with applicable statutory authority.

SUMMARY: The Board of Directors proposes to repeal Tampa Bay Water's rules regarding its administration due to them becoming obsolete and unnecessary as a result of statutory revisions to Section 120.53, F.S., which eliminated the requirement that these items be adopted into rule.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The repeals are not regulatory in nature, and therefore do not impose any costs.

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: 163.01(5)(h), F.S. LAW IMPLEMENTED: 120.53 and 120.536, 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: Chuck Carden, General Manager, Tampa Bay Water, 2575 Enterprise Road, Clearwater, FL 33763, (727)791-2380, ccarden@tampabaywater.org

#### THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

#### 49B-1.007 Agency Description.

Rulemaking Authority 163.01(5)(h), 363.713, 363.715 FS. Law Implemented 363.713, 363.715 FS. History—New 1-11-81, Formerly 16M-1.07, 16M-1.007, Amended 7-29-97, 5-20-01, Repealed...

### 49B-1.008 Registered Office, Office Hours and Copies of Documents.

Rulemaking Authority 163.01(5) FS. Law Implemented 163.01(5), 189.416 FS. History—New 1-11-81, Formerly 16M-1.08, Amended 5-8-88, 3-6-91, 5-24-93, Formerly 16M-1.008, Amended 5-22-07, Repealed.

#### 49B-1.009 Boundaries.

Rulemaking Authority 163.01, 373.713 FS. Law Implemented 120.53(1)(a) FS. History—New 1-11-81, Formerly 16M-1.09, 16M-1.009, Repealed.

### 49B-1.010 Statutes and Rules Affecting Agency Operations.

Rulemaking Authority 163.01, 373.713 FS. Law Implemented 120.53(1)(a) FS. History—New 1-11-81, Formerly 16M-1.10, 16M-1.010, Repealed \_\_.

### 49B-1.011 Delegation of Authority by the Board of Directors.

Rulemaking Authority 163.01(5) FS. Law Implemented 163.01(5), 373.1962 FS. History—New 1-1-81, Formerly 16M-1.11, Amended 5-8-88, 3-6-91, Formerly 16M-1.011, Amended 7-29-97, 12-21-04, 5-22-07, 8-26-14, Repealed \_\_.

### 49B-1.013 Designation of Agency Clerk and Official Reporter.

Rulemaking Authority 163.01, 373. 1962 FS. Law Implemented 120.53(1)(a) FS. History—New 10-29-80, Amended 3-30-82, Formerly 16M-1.13, 16M-1.013, Amended 8-26-14. Repealed \_\_\_.

## 49B-1.0131 Public Information and Inspection and Copying of Records.

Rulemaking Authority 163.01(5), 119.07(1)(a), (b), 189.416 FS. Law Implemented 163.01(5) FS. History—New 5-17-93, Formerly 16M-1.0131, Amended 5-22-07, Repealed.

#### 49B-1.070 Authority.

Rulemaking Authority 120.533 FS. Law Implemented 120.53(2)-(4) FS. History—New 6-15-92, Formerly 16M-1.070, Repealed.

#### 49B-1.071 Purpose.

Rulemaking Authority 120.533 FS. Law Implemented 120.53(2)-(4) FS. History—New 6-15-92, Formerly 16M-1.071, Repealed...

#### 49B-1.072 Public Inspection and Duplication.

Rulemaking Authority 120.533 FS. Law Implemented 120.53(2)(a)(1)-(5) FS. History—New 6-15-92, Formerly 16M-1.072, Repealed.

#### 49B-1.073 Final Orders Indexed.

Rulemaking Authority 120.533 FS. Law Implemented 120.53(2)(a)3., (d) FS. History—New 6-15-92, Formerly 16M-1.073, Repealed.

#### 49B-1.074 Numbering of Final Orders.

Rulemaking Authority 120.533(1)(f) FS. Law Implemented 120.53(2)-(4) FS. History—New 6-15-92, Formerly 16M-1.074, Repealed...

#### 49B-1.075 System for Indexing Final Orders.

Rulemaking Authority 120.533(1)(f) FS. Law Implemented 120.53(2)-(4) FS. History—New 6-15-92, Formerly 16M-1.075, Repealed...

#### 49B-1.076 Maintenance of Records.

Rulemaking Authority 120.533(1)(j) FS. Law Implemented 119.041(2) FS. History—New 6-15-92, Formerly 16M-1.076, Repealed.

#### 49B-1.077 Plan.

Rulemaking Authority 120.533(1)(j) FS. Law Implemented Ch. 91-30, § 10, Laws of Florida. History—New 6-15-92, Formerly 16M-1.077. Repealed \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 49B-1.078 Format for Final Order.

Rulemaking Authority 120.533(1)(b), (i), (j) FS. Law Implemented 120.53(2) FS. History–New 6-15-92, Formerly 16M-1.078, Repealed

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Chuck Carden, General Manager, Tampa Bay Water NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Directors, Tampa Bay Water DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: September 15, 2025

#### REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITIES

Tampa Bay Water - A Regional Water Supply Authority

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

49B-3.005 Well Mitigation Policy

49B-3.006 Ranch Operators Assistance Program

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To repeal Rules 49B-3.005 and 49B-3.006, Florida Administrative Code, as the provisions of these rules are no longer required to be adopted into rule in accordance with applicable statutory authority.

SUMMARY: The Board of Directors proposes to repeal Tampa Bay Water's rules due to them becoming unnecessary as a result of statutory revisions to required rulemaking and Tampa Bay Water's adoption of an Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement in 1998.

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 repeals are not regulatory in nature, and therefore do not impose any costs.

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: 163.01(5)(h), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 120.536, 373.713, 373.715, 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: Chuck Carden, General

Manager, Tampa Bay Water, 2575 Enterprise Road, Clearwater, FL 33763, (727)791-2380, ccarden@tampabaywater.org

#### THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

#### 49B-3.005 Well Mitigation Policy.

Rulemaking Authority 163.01, 373.713, 373.715 FS. Law Implemented 163.01, 373.223(1)(b), 373.713, 373.715 FS. History—New 5-24-93, Amended 4-16-95, Formerly 16M-3.005, Amended 5-20-01, 12-21-04, Repealed \_\_\_\_.

#### 49B-3.006 Ranch Operators Assistance Program.

Rulemaking Authority 120.53(5), 120.535, 120.54, 163.01, 373.713 FS. Law Implemented 120.53(5), 120.535, 120.54, 163.01, 373.223(1)(b), 373.713 FS. History—New 9-13-95, Formerly 16M-3.006, Repealed.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Chuck Carden, General Manager, Tampa Bay Water NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Directors, Tampa Bay Water DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: September 15, 2025

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

#### **Residential Services**

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RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
63E-7.100	Definitions
63E-7.101	Youth Admission, Intake and Orientation
63E-7.102	Basic Youth Rights
63E-7.103	Program Environment
63E-7.104	Residential Case Management Services
63E-7.105	Residential Programming
63E-7.106	Transfer, Release and Discharge
63E-7.107	Safety and Security
63E-7.108	Program Administration
63E-7.109	Facility and Food Services

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The amendments update rule provisions governing the operation of residential programs for delinquent youth.

SUMMARY: The amendments update definitions and align provisions with recent legislative changes. These include the renaming of non-secure commitment as "moderate risk." The amendments also introduce the Florida Scholars Academy as the provider of educational services in residential facilities. Finally, there are various enhancements to safety and security processes as well as updating parts of the rule chapter.

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 SERC Checklist and current information available to the Department indicates that the statutory threshold for ratification will not be exceeded.

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: 985.64, 985.601, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 985.64, 985.601, 985.03, 985.441, F.S.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW(IF NOT REQUESTED, THIS HEARING WILL NOT BE HELD):

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: DJJ Headquarters, 2737 Centerview Dr., General Counsel's Conference Room 3226, Tallahassee, Florida.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: John Milla, 2737 Centerview Dr., Ste. 3200, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3100, (850)921-4129, email: john.milla@fldjj.gov

#### THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

#### 63E-7.100 Definitions.

For the purpose of this rule chapter, governing the administration and operation of residential commitment programs for youth, the following words shall have the meanings indicated.

- (1) Academic Progress Monitoring Plan An individualized academic plan that is developed, pursuant to Rule 6A-6.05281, F.A.C., by the Florida Scholars Academy local school district personnel or contracted education staff within 30 calendar ten (10) school days of a youth's entry into a residential commitment program that is based on the youth's entry assessments and past educational history.
  - (2) through (15) No change.
- (16) Competency Development Opportunities for youth to obtain and practice social, <u>career vocational</u>, employability, academic, and other life skills so he or she is more capable of living responsibly and productively in the community upon release from a residential commitment program.
  - (17) through (25) No change.
- (26) Direct-Care Staff An employee whose primary job responsibility is to provide care, custody, and control of youth committed to a residential commitment program. This definition includes those who directly supervise staff responsible for the daily care, custody, and control of youth.
  - (27) through (30) No change.
- (31) Exit Conference A conference that a residential commitment program conducts at least 14 days prior to a youth's targeted release date, wherein the youth, residential program staff, the youth's Juvenile Probation Officer and post-residential services counselor, the youth's parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s) for youth, and other pertinent parties, review the status of the youth's transitional activities and finalize plans for the youth's release and re-entry into the community.
  - (32) through (33) No change.
- (34) Frisk Search A search conducted by residential program staff through the youth's clothing. <u>Staff shall not conduct opposite-sex frisk searches</u>. A frisk search shall be conducted by a single staff member, except when a cross-

gender search is necessary, in which case two staff members shall be required.

- (35) through (36) No change.
- (37) Home Visit A court-approved, temporary release of a youth from a residential commitment program wherein the youth is under the care, supervision and control of a parent, <u>legal</u> guardian, or a person approved by the court for a period not to exceed three days before returning to the program.
  - (38) No change.
- (39) Individual Health Care Record The permanent departmental file containing the unified cumulative hard-copy collection of clinical records, histories, assessments, treatments, diagnostic tests which relate to a youth's medical, mental health, substance abuse, developmental disability, <u>behavior behavioral</u> health and dental health which have been obtained to facilitate care or document care provided while the youth is in a detention center and residential commitment program.
- (40) Individual Case Management Record The organized collection of records and documents that relate to a youth's care, custody and delinquency interventions and treatment services in a residential commitment program, with the exception of records relating to the youth's medical, mental health, substance abuse, development disability, <u>behavior behavioral</u> health and dental health that comprise the youth's Individual Healthcare Record.
- (41) Intervention and Treatment Team A multidisciplinary team responsible for implementing the case management process that focuses on planning for and ensuring delivery of coordinated delinquency interventions and treatment services to meet the youth's prioritized needs. The team is comprised of the youth, parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s) for youth, representatives from the program's administration and residential living environment, assigned Juvenile Probation Officer (JPO), and others responsible for delinquency interventions and treatment services for the youth. Refer to the definition of case management process included in this rule section.
  - (42) through (43) No change.
- (44) Juvenile Probation Officer (JPO) The primary case manager for the purpose of managing, coordinating and monitoring the services provided and sanctions required for youth on probation, post commitment probation or conditional release supervision. In this rule chapter, whenever a reference is made to the tasks and duties of a JPO, it shall also apply to case management staff of a provider agency contracted to perform these duties and tasks.
  - (45) through (52) Not change.
- (53) Performance Summary Information used to inform the youth, committing court, the youth's JPO, parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s) for youth, and other pertinent parties of the youth's performance in the program, including

- status of and progress toward performance plan goals, academic status, behavior and adjustment to the program, significant incidents (positive and negative), and justification for a request for release, discharge or transfer, if applicable.
  - (54) through (63) No change.
- (64) Residential Commitment Program A <u>moderate-risk</u> non secure or secure residential delinquency program.
- (65) Residential Environment The environment within a residential commitment program comprised of its youth, staff, and other service providers, such as contracted/subcontracted medical, mental health services, educational/<u>career and</u> technical <del>vocational</del> staff, and volunteers.
- (66) Responsivity A youth's amenability to treatment and the capacity to respond to programming due to his or her characteristics, such as gender identity/sexual orientation, mental health status, physical health status, cognitive performance, age, and prior victimization.
- (67) Restrictiveness Level As defined in Chapter 985.03, F.S., the level of programming and security provided by programs that service the supervision, custody, care, and treatment needs of committed children.
- (a)  $\underline{\text{Moderate-Risk}}$   $\underline{\text{Non-Secure}}$  Restrictiveness Level A statutorily defined restrictiveness level to which courts commit youth to the department.
  - (b) No change.
  - (68) through (70) No change.
- (71) Supportive Persons for Youth An individual identified by the youth or parent/<u>legal</u> guardian, who can contribute to the youth's completion of the residential program. The supportive person shall be approved by the youth's juvenile probation officer (JPO) and parent/<u>legal</u> guardian, in collaboration with the program's multidisciplinary treatment team. If the multidisciplinary treatment team and the JPO disagree on the supportive person, a discussion between the Probation and Residential regional directors, as well as the program's facility administrator, shall determine if the person is approved. The approved supportive person(s) shall be entered by the JPO into the Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS).
  - (72) through (73) No change.
- (74) Transition Conference A conference, conducted at least 60 days prior to a youth's anticipated release from a residential commitment program, wherein the youth, residential program staff, the youth's JPO and post-residential services counselor, and the youth's parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s) for youth, establish transition activities, with accompanying responsibilities and timelines, to facilitate the youth's successful release and reintegration into the community.
  - (75) through (80) No change.
- (81) Vulnerability to Victimization and Sexually Aggressive Behavior (VSAB) Screening –A screening process

<u>in JJIS</u> to assess a youth's vulnerability to victimization and sexually aggressive behavior prior to room assignment.

(82) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 985.64, 985.601(3)(a) FS. Law Implemented 985.601(3)(a), 985.03(44), 985.441 FS. History—New 5-30-19, Amended 1-18-21, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

#### 63E-7.101 Youth Admission, Intake, and Orientation,

- (1) Youth Admission.
- (a) through (e) No change.
- (f) When a youth is admitted to a residential commitment program, the program shall make notifications as follows:
  - 1. No change.
- 2. The program shall notify the youth's parent(s) or <u>legal</u> guardian by telephone within 24 hours of the youth's admission, and send follow-up written notification within 48 hours of admission.
  - 3. through 4. No change.
- (g) Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA). Although it is the intent that deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) samples be collected prior to a youth's admission to a residential commitment program, if a youth who meets the DNA testing criteria pursuant to Cehapter 943, F.S., is admitted to the facility without DNA testing, the program shall contact Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to verify whether or not a DNA sample is on file for the youth. If not, the program shall collect DNA samples, using the test kit and accompanying instructions provided by FDLE, submit them to FDLE no later than 45 days prior to a youth's release, and document these actions in the youth's individual management record.
- (h) Sexually Violent Predator Screening. If the residential commitment program suspects that a youth has been admitted without documentation of being screened as a sexually violent predator pursuant to Cehapter 394, F.S., the program shall notify the youth's JPO within three days of the youth's admission. If the JPO does not respond within five working days, the program shall notify the JPO's supervisor. If not resolved within 10 days of the program's original request, the program shall notify the department's residential monitor assigned to the program.
- (2) Youth Intake. The intake process shall incorporate Trauma Responsive Practices.
- (a) The residential commitment program shall develop a policy and procedure related to youth intake commencing upon the arrival to the program, which shall include, at a minimum, the following:
  - 1. through 2. No change.
- 3. In accordance with section 1000.071 F.S., all staff and youth shall be referred to by their pronouns that correspond to the persons sex assigned at birth. Staff and youth shall not be asked to utilize preferred personal titles.

- (b) A full body visual search shall occur for each youth and is designed to check for weapons or concealed items that may pose a safety risk to the youth or to others. The search is also designed to document any distinguishing marks or signs of maltreatment or injury.
- 1. The program shall conduct the full body visual search in a comfortable, private room with two staff members present, both of the same <u>sex gender</u> as the youth being searched. When two staff of the same <u>sex gender</u> are not available, the search may be conducted by one staff of the same <u>sex gender</u>, while a staff of the opposite <u>sex gender</u> is positioned to observe the staff person conducting the search, but cannot view the youth.
  - 2. through 3. No change.
  - (c) through (e) No change.
- (f) Unless a youth is being admitted into a residential commitment program directly from secure detention, a correctional facility, or another program, a shower, including shampooing hair, is required. Two staff of the same sex gender as the youth shall supervise the newly admitted youth during this shower.
  - (g) No change.
  - (3) Inventory of Youth's Property.
- (a) A residential commitment program shall inventory each youth's personal property upon admission and document the inventory by listing every item. Program staff shall immediately secure in a locked area all money, jewelry, electronic(s), cellular devices, and any other items deemed valuable. After all personal possessions have been inventoried and documented, the staff conducting the inventory, the youth, and a witness shall sign and date the documentation to attest to its accuracy. The program shall:
  - 1. through 2. No change.
- 3. Provide a copy of the inventory documentation to the youth's parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s), if requested.
  - 4. No change.
  - (b) No change.
- (c) If law enforcement requires personal property from a youth during the youth's stay in the facility, that property must be released to the requesting officer. A receipt will be completed and signed by the officer receiving the property. The receipt will be attached to the youth's property receipt and a copy will be placed in their file.
- (4) Classification of Youth. A residential commitment program shall establish a classification system that promotes safety and security, as well as effective delivery of treatment services, based on determination of each youth's individual needs and risk factors that addresses, at a minimum, the following:
  - (a) through (b) No change.

- (c) Initial classification of each newly admitted youth for the purpose of assigning him or her to a living unit, sleeping room, and youth group or staff advisor. A youth's room assignment while in secure detention does not govern the youth's residential room assignment. A youth with a "single room only" designation in secure detention may safely be placed with other youth in a residential facility.;
- (d) Reassessment of a youth's needs and risk factors and reclassification, if warranted, prior to considering:
  - 1. No change.
- 2. The youth's participation in work, career, or technical projects or other activities that involve tools or instruments that may be used as potential weapons or means of escape; and
  - 3. The youth's participation in any off-campus activity; and
  - (e) through (f) No change.
- (g) A residential commitment program shall establish and maintain critical identifying information and a current photograph that are easily accessible to verify a youth's identity as needed during his or her stay in the program.
  - 1. No change.
- 2. The program shall maintain the following critical identifying information for each youth in an administrative hard-copy file that is easily accessible and mobile in the event of an emergency situation that results in the program relocating quickly or in the event needed information cannot be accessed electronically.
  - a. through b. No change.
  - c. Date of birth, sex gender, and race;
  - d. through o. No change.
- (5) Safety Planning Process for Youth. A residential program shall conduct an on-going safety planning process for each youth. The safety plan shall be designed to identify stimuli that have both positive and negative effects on the youth.
  - (a) The plan shall address the following topic areas:
- 1. Warning Signs as gathered from the youth, from collateral contacts or from parent(s)/<u>legal</u> guardian(s) that the youth's behavior may be escalating;
- 2. Youth's Baseline Behavior(s) as gathered from collateral contacts, parent(s)/<u>legal</u> guardian(s), youth's history, and evaluations, if applicable;
  - 3. through 6. No change.
- (b) The safety plan will be developed and updated as provided below:
  - 1. No change.
- 2. The plan shall be jointly prepared by the youth, parent(s)/<u>legal</u> guardian(s), or family member, program's clinical staff, and <u>behavior</u> <del>behavioral</del> specialist, if applicable.
- 3. The safety plan shall be reviewed by staff who have contact with youth every 30 days or following a significant event and shall be maintained in a location that is easily accessible to staff.

- 4. through 5. No change.
- 6. The plan must be updated every 30 days or following any significant <u>behavior</u> <u>behavioral</u> or mental health event identified by the youth's intervention and treatment team.
- (6) Orientation of Youth. A residential commitment program shall begin the orientation process for each youth admitted to the program prior to, or within two hours of, admission to the program. The program shall ensure that the physical and emotional needs of the youth are addressed while providing essential information in an efficient, clear, and linguistically appropriate manner that ensures that a youth can comprehend and respond to information presented. The orientation of youth to a residential commitment program after leaving home, family, and community is a stressful process that can compromise a youth's sense of safety, evoke fear, and contribute to a youth engaging in survival coping. A residential commitment program shall provide orientation to each youth by explaining and discussing the following:
  - (a) through (c) No change.
- (d) Written <u>behavior</u> <u>behavioral</u> management system that is also conspicuously posted or provided in a resident handbook to allow easy access for youth, including rules governing conduct and positive and negative consequences for behavior;
- (f) Access to the Department of Children and Families' central abuse hotline addressed in Cehapter 39, F.S., or if the youth is 18 years or older, the Central Communications Center that serves as the department's incident reporting hotline;
  - (g) through (s) No change.
- (t) Medical topics as outlined in <u>C</u>ehapter 63M-2, F.A.C. Rulemaking Authority 985.64, 985.601(3)(a) FS. Law Implemented 985.601(3)(a), 985.03(44), 985.441 FS. History–New 5-30-19, Amended

#### 63E-7.102 Basic Youth Rights.

- (1) Access to DCF's Central Abuse Hotline, Mail, Phone Calls, and an Attorney.
- (a) The residential commitment program staff shall treat youth with dignity and respect, and the program shall provide, at a minimum, the following for its youth:
  - 1. through 5. No change.
- 6. Educational, career, or technical and prevocational, or vocational services;
  - 7. through 13. No change.
- 14. Access to the Department of Children and Families' central abuse hotline pursuant to Cehapter 39, F.S., or if the youth is 18 years or older, the department's Central Communications Center that serves as the department's incident reporting hotline.
- (b) A residential commitment program shall address the needs of the program's targeted <u>population</u> gender group. Health and hygiene, the physical environment, life and social

skills training, and leisure and recreational activities are key components in providing a residential commitment gender specific program.

- (c) No change.
- (d) A residential commitment program shall provide opportunities for youth to receive incoming emergency telephone calls from his or her parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s), and calls from the youth's JPO, attorney of record and, if applicable, the dependency case manager. The program shall allow each youth to make outgoing calls to the JPO, attorney of record and, if applicable, the dependency case manager. A written procedure that fosters family reunification and community reintegration shall specify youths' access to incoming calls from and outgoing calls to family and other persons.
  - (e) No change.
  - (2) No change.
  - (3) Dress Code.
- (a) A residential commitment program shall establish and enforce a dress code for youth. The dress code shall be written to:
- 1. Promote a neat and well-groomed appearance appropriate for the assigned activity;
  - 2. through 5. No change.
  - (b) No change.
  - (c) The dress code for youth shall:
  - 1. through 3. No change.
- 4. All jewelry items are prohibited with the exception of medical identification/alert bracelets, watches with no internet connectivity, and approved jewelry items identified in a program's behavior management system (provided by the program). Any jewelry item which poses a risk to safety and security will not be approved. Prohibit jewelry except for a medical alert bracelet, or if authorized by the program, a watch.
  - (d) No change.

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#### 63E-7.103 Program Environment.

- (1) No change.
- (2) Behavior Management System (BMS). Consistent with its approach to delinquency interventions and treatment services, a residential commitment program shall establish a behavior management system that is responsive to the unique characteristics of the program's population. A program's behavior management system shall be designed to motivate a youth to choose behaviors which are personally fulfilling, productive, and socially acceptable while minimizing destructive or unsafe behaviors. In addition, the system shall assist the youth in the development of skills necessary to

manage difficult emotions such as anger, depression, and anxiety, while also teaching the youth skills to help them function effectively within the program. When the program's BMS includes <u>Behavior Behavioral</u> Analysis Services as defined in <u>Cehapter 63N-1</u>, F.A.C., such services must be provided as set forth in that rule.

- (a) A residential commitment program's behavior management system shall be described in writing and designed to:
  - 1. through 4. No change.
- 5. Include a process that accommodates the emotional and developmental capacity of individual youth by addressing the following:
- a. Staff shall explain to the youth the reason that they did not achieve their treatment or behavior behavioral goals;
  - b. No change.
- c. Staff and the youth discuss the behavior's impact on others, reasonable <u>amends</u> reparations for harm caused to others, and alternative acceptable behaviors and coping strategies;
  - 6. through 9. No change.
- (b) A residential commitment program's behavior management system shall not:
  - 1. No change.
- 2. Be used to deny a youth basic rights or services to include regular meals, clothing, sleep, physical or mental health services, educational services physical exercise, correspondence, and visitation from his or her parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s), and contact with an attorney of record, JPO, clergy and, if applicable, the dependency case manager;
  - 3. through 5. No change.
  - (3) No change.
- (4) Visitation. A residential commitment program shall develop a policy and procedure to provide visitation for youth and shall address the following:
  - (a) No change.
- (b) Designated visitation schedule that is provided to each youth's parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s) and is readily available to other authorized visitors, as well as reasonable accommodations in response to parent(s)', <u>legal</u> guardians', or supportive person(s) request for alternate visitation arrangements;
  - (c) No change.
- (d) Identification of authorized visitors to include the youth's parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, supportive person(s), spouse, attorney of record, JPO, clergy, and others concerned with the youth's rehabilitation and treatment. To facilitate family reunification, the program shall consider requests for alternate visitation arrangements from a youth's parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s), unless such contact is

specifically prohibited by a court order, against the youth's wishes, or poses a safety or security threat. The program shall not allow visitation by any co-defendant in the youth's current offense, anyone prohibited by court order to have contact with the youth, anyone the youth is unwilling to receive as a visitor, or anyone whose presence or behavior during a prior visitation posed a safety or security threat;

- (e) through (f) No change.
- (g) Measures to prevent the introduction of contraband into the program to include:
  - 1. No change.
- 2. Mandatory electronic search of visitors entering moderate, high-risk, and maximum-risk programs and optional electronic search of visitors entering non-secure programs;
- 3. Frisk search of a visitor by a staff person of the same sex when reasonable belief exists that the visitor is attempting to introduce contraband or otherwise compromise the security of the facility (e.g., staff witnesses unauthorized physical contact indicating an attempt to conceal);
  - 4. through 5. No change.
- 6. Frisk search of a youth in a <u>moderate</u>, high-risk, or maximum-risk program prior to the youth's exit from the visitation area;
- 7. Upon reasonable documented suspicion that contraband has been passed to a youth, a full-body visual inspection is authorized at <u>moderate</u>, high-risk, or maximum-risk programs; and
  - 8. No change.
  - (h) No change.
- (5) Stakeholder Access: All stakeholders must sign and abide by the department's Stakeholder and Media Confidentiality Agreement (RS 100, July 2018), which is incorporated by reference into this rule and is available electronically at: <a href="http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10389">http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10389</a>, and is available by contacting: DJJ, Office of Residential Services, 2737 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32399.
  - (a) through (b) No change.
- (c) All stakeholders entering <u>residential commitment high-risk</u> and <u>maximum risk</u> programs are subject to electronic searches. <u>Electronic searches of stakeholders entering non-secure programs are optional, as outlined in the program's operating procedures.</u>
  - (6) No change.

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#### 63E-7.104 Residential Case Management Services.

(1) No change.

- (2) Accommodating Disabilities. When providing case management services to any youth identified as having a disability, a residential commitment program shall make accommodations as needed to facilitate the youth's understanding of and active participation in the case management processes. The commitment program shall comply with all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008, as well as Titles I, II, III, and V of the original law codified in Title 42, Chapter 126 of the United States Code, beginning at Section 12101, as well as Title IV of the original law codified in Title 47, Chapter 5, of the United States Code. The commitment program shall accommodate a youth's language access needs as a Limited English Proficient (LEP) person with reasonable access to the same services as English-speaking individuals in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Executive Order 13166.
- (3) Supportive Persons for Youth and their Treatment. A residential commitment program shall encourage and facilitate involvement of the youth's parent(s) or legal guardian and other supportive person(s) in the youth's assessment, performance plan development, progress reviews, and transition planning. To facilitate this involvement, the program shall invite the youth's parent(s), legal guardian, and other supportive person(s) to intervention and treatment team meetings. If unable to attend, the parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or other supportive person(s) shall be given the opportunity to participate via telephone or video conferencing or to provide verbal or written input prior to the meeting. The program shall obtain the written consent of any youth 18 years of age or older, unless the youth is incapacitated and has a court-appointed guardian, before providing or discussing with the parent(s), legal guardian, or other supportive person(s) any information related to the youth's physical or mental health screening, assessment, or treatment. Additionally, the program shall obtain the written consent of any youth, regardless of age, unless he or she is incapacitated and has a court-appointed guardian, before sharing with the parent(s), legal guardian, or other supportive person(s) any substance abuse information pertaining to the youth.
- (4) Multidisciplinary Intervention and Treatment Team. A residential commitment program shall implement a multidisciplinary case management and treatment planning process, assigning each newly admitted youth's case to a multidisciplinary intervention and treatment team. The team shall plan for and ensure delivery of coordinated delinquency interventions and treatment services to meet the prioritized needs of each youth assigned.
  - (a) through (c) No change.
- (d) The multidisciplinary treatment team is responsible for developing, updating and reviewing mental health and

substance abuse treatment plans as set forth in <u>Ce</u>hapter 63N-1, F.A.C.

- (5) Assessment: A residential commitment program shall provide assessment services as follows:
- (a) Initial Assessment. The program shall ensure that an initial assessment of each youth is conducted within 30 days of admission. The program shall maintain all documentation of the initial assessment process in JJIS on the Youth Needs Assessment Summary (RS 13, May 2010), which is incorporated into this rule and is available electronically at <a href="http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10390">http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10390</a>, or may be obtained by contacting: DJJ, Office of Residential Services, 2737 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32399.
  - 1. No change.
- 2. Academic and Career Education Needs (<u>Career and Technical Skills Vocational</u>). The academic and career education assessment shall be conducted by local school district personnel or contracted education staff pursuant to section 1003.52, F.S. The program shall ensure that the initial assessment process addresses the youth's academic, and career educational needs, and that any resulting information is applicable to the criminogenic risk and needs assessment and is incorporated into the youth's performance plan. The performance plan shall include provisions for intensive remedial instruction in the areas of weakness pursuant to section 1003.52, F.S.
- 3. Physical Health. The Health Related History (HRH) must be conducted by a licensed nurse pursuant to Cehapter 63M-2, F.A.C. The Comprehensive Physical Assessment (CPA) must be conducted by a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN).
  - 4. No change.
  - (b) No change.
- (6) Performance Plan. A residential commitment program shall ensure that each youth has a performance plan with individualized delinquency intervention goals to achieve before release from the program. Based on the findings of the initial assessment of the youth, the intervention and treatment team, including the youth, shall meet and develop the performance plan within 30 days of the youth's admission.
- (a) The performance plan, developed to facilitate the youth's successful reintegration into the community upon release from the program, shall include goals that:
  - 1. through 2. No change.
- 3. Identify transition activities that are consistent with Cehapter 63B-1, F.A.C., and begin early in the youth's placement to address barriers to successful release.
  - 4. No change.
  - (b) through (d) No change.
- (e) Within 10 working days of completion of the performance plan, the program shall send a transmittal letter

and a copy of the plan to the committing court, the youth's JPO, parent, <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s), and the DCF counselor, if applicable.

- 1. No change.
- 2. If the parent, <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s) did not participate in the development of the performance plan and if the youth is a minor and not emancipated pursuant to section 743.01 or 743.015, F.S., or is over 18 years of age and incapacitated pursuant to section 744.102(12), F.S., the program shall enclose an additional copy of the plan's signature sheet and shall request in the transmittal letter that the parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s) acknowledge receipt and review of the plan by signing the signature sheet and returning it to the program. Any signature sheet signed by the parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s) and returned to the program shall be attached to the youth's original performance plan.
  - (7) No change.
- (8) Academic Progress Monitoring Plan. A youth's performance plan and his or her academic progress monitoring plan, if applicable, shall be coordinated through the program's multi-disciplinary intervention and treatment team process, and the performance plan shall reference or incorporate the academic progress monitoring plan, which is required to be completed by the Florida Scholars Academy local school district personnel or contracted education staff, within 30 calendar 10 school days of a youth's admission into the residential commitment program or no later than three (3) school days after the administration of the educational entry assessment.
  - (9) Performance Review and Reporting.
  - (a) No change.
- (b) Performance reviews shall result in revisions to the youth's performance plan when determined necessary by the intervention and treatment team and reassessments when deemed necessary by the intervention and treatment team.
- 1. <u>Moderate-risk</u> non-secure and high-risk programs shall conduct biweekly reviews of each youth's performance, to include one formal and one informal treatment team meeting each month. A formal performance review, requiring a meeting of the intervention and treatment team, shall be conducted at least every 30 days. However, one biweekly performance review per month may be informal, wherein the intervention and treatment team leader, including other team members when needed, meets with the youth.
  - 2. through 3. No change.
- (c) Performance Reporting. The intervention and treatment team shall prepare a Performance Summary at 90-day intervals, beginning 90 days from the signing of the youth's performance plan, or monthly when requested by the committing court. Additionally, the intervention and treatment team shall prepare

a Performance Summary prior to the youth's release, discharge or transfer from the program. The Performance Summary (RS 007, July 2017), is incorporated by reference and available electronically at <a href="http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10391">http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10391</a>,

or may be obtained by contacting: DJJ, Office of Residential Services, 2737 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

- 1. No change.
- 2. The staff member who prepared the Performance Summary, the intervention and treatment team leader, the program director or designee, and the youth shall review, sign and date the document. Prior to the youth signing the document, program staff shall give the youth an opportunity to add comments, assisting the youth, if requested. The program shall distribute the performance summary as specified below within 10 working days of its signing.
- a. With the exception of a Performance Summary prepared in anticipation of a youth's release or discharge, the program shall send copies of the signed document to the committing court, the youth's JPO, and the parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s) and shall provide a copy to the youth.
  - b. No change.
- (10) Transition Planning. Transition activities shall begin upon the youth's admission into the residential commitment program and be completed in accordance with Cehapter 63T-1, F.A.C.
- (11) Coordination of Services for DJJ Youth Also Served by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD). In an effort to coordinate services for youth jointly served by the department and one or both of the agencies identified above, a residential commitment program shall provide information requested by the DCF counselor or APD representative, or the youth's JPO on behalf of these agency representatives, and shall, upon request, make reasonable accommodations for them to visit the youth. The program shall invite these representatives from other agencies to the youth's transition and exit conferences pursuant to Cehapter 63T-1, F.A.C., and, if necessary, make reasonable accommodations for telephone or video access to participate in the conference. Additionally, the program shall notify these representatives 30 days prior to a youth's release or, in the event the program does not have 30 days' notice of the youth's release, the program shall notify them immediately upon becoming aware of the release date.
- (12) Management of Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) Eligible Cases. A residential commitment program shall notify the DCF multidisciplinary team ream and the applicable State Attorney of a youth who is screened by the department as potentially eligible for involuntary commitment as an SVP.
  - (a) through (b) No change.

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#### 63E-7.105 Residential Programming.

A residential commitment program shall provide delinquency interventions and treatment services focusing that are genderspecific and that focus on preparing youth to live responsibly in the community upon release from the program. The program shall design its delinquency interventions and treatment services and service delivery system based on the common characteristics of its primary target population, including age, sex gender, and special needs, and their impact on youths' responsivity to intervention or treatment. However, the program shall individualize and coordinate the provision of delinquency interventions and treatment services based on each youth's prioritized risk and needs as identified through the RAY, and document services delivered in the youth's individual management record. The program shall individualize treatment services based upon each youth's diagnoses, symptoms, and needs, and document treatment services in the youth's Individual Healthcare Record.

- (1) Delinquency Intervention Services.
- (a) A For each youth in its eare, a residential commitment program shall implement a delinquency intervention model or strategy that is an evidence-based practice, promising practice, a practice with demonstrated effectiveness, or any other intervention approved by the department and in accordance with Chapter 1000, F.S., that addresses a priority need identified for that youth.
  - (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) Residential commitment programs shall assure structured, planned programming or activities at least 60% of a youth's awake hours. The program shall provide activities or services that include, at a minimum, the following:
- 1. Educational Services and Career and Technical Skills Vocational Programming. Educational services shall be provided pursuant to section 1003.52, F.S. and the Florida Scholars Academy, the cooperative agreement between the applicable school district and the department, and any applicable provisions of the residential provider's contract with the department. Career and technical skills vocational programming and services shall be provided pursuant to Cehapter 63B-1, F.A.C., and any applicable provisions of the residential provider's contract with the department. The program shall make relevant facility training available to the educational and career and technical vocational staff, including program orientation, facility safety and security procedures, the program's behavior management system, and other topics that the program deems necessary to promote coordination of services, as well as safety and security.

- 2. No change.
- 3. <u>Rehabilitative</u> <u>Restorative</u> Justice. The program shall provide activities <u>and or</u> instruction intended to increase youths' awareness of and empathy for crime victims and survivors and increase youths' personal accountability for their criminal actions and harm to others. The department's Impact of Crime (IOC) curriculum can be used to satisfy the <u>rehabilitative</u> <u>restorative</u> justice requirement. These activities or instruction shall be planned or designed to:
  - a. through c. No change.
- d. Provide opportunities for youth to plan and participate in reparation activities intended to restore victims and communities, such as restitution activities and community service projects.
  - 4. No change.
- 5. Recreation and Leisure Activities. The program shall provide a range of supervised, structured indoor and outdoor recreation and leisure activities for youth. These activities shall be based on the developmental levels and needs of youth in the program, as well as youths' input about their preferences and interests in various activities. The program shall offer recreation and leisure activities requiring varying degrees of mental and physical exertion, such as board games, creative arts, sports, and physical fitness activities. Activities shall be planned for youths' exposure to a variety of leisure and recreation choices, exploration of interests, constructive use of leisure time, and social and cognitive skill development, as well as to promote creativity, teamwork, healthy competition, mental stimulation, and physical fitness.
  - a. through c. No change.
- d. The program director shall ensure development and implementation of written procedures that establish the conditions, content, and supervision necessary for the use of books and other leisure reading materials, television programming, videos, movies, and video games in the program. Except for academic classroom materials approved by educational personnel, program staff shall screen or preview the content of books and other reading materials, television programming, videos, movies, and video games to prevent youth's access to content that promotes violence, criminal activity, sexual activity, or abuse. Program staff shall not allow youth to view any television program, video, or movie that is rated above PG-13 unless it is previewed and pre-approved by the program director or his or her designee. All instructional materials, library books and reference books shall be developmentally appropriate and free of pornography in accordance with Chapter 1006.40 F.S.
  - (2) No change.
- (3) Rehabilitative Planning and Follow-up Requirements for Off-Campus Activities. A residential commitment program shall ensure that off-campus activities addressed in this

- subsection are purposeful, deliberately planned, and related to the rehabilitation of the participating youth. Programs shall comply with eligibility, risk classification, notification and approval, supervision, and other security requirements related to off-campus activities. Additionally, the program shall comply with the following rehabilitative planning and followup requirements for youth participating in supervised offcampus activities, such as community service projects, field excursions and other transition-related activities, and unsupervised temporary release activities, such as community employment, or day activities and home visits with youths' parent(s), legal guardian, or supportive person(s). However, the following requirements are not mandatory for supervised recreational off-campus activities earned by youth as incentives in accordance with the program's behavior management system.
- (a) A participating youth shall have specific, written goals or objectives, consistent with his or her performance plan and transition goals, to accomplish during the above-listed off-campus activities. The youth's parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s) shall be responsible for providing supervision and support during their child's home visit. For a home visit, the youth's home visit goals shall be included on the Home Visit Plan/Notification Form (RS 003, July 2017) which is incorporated into this rule and is available electronically at <a href="http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10392">http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10392</a>, or may be obtained by contacting DJJ, Office of Residential Services, 2737 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.
- (b) The program shall send the Home Visit Plan/Notification Form to the committing court, and shall copy the youth's parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s), the youth's JPO, and the youth's post-residential services counselor, if assigned. The program shall also send to the committing court the Home Visit Plan Approval Form (RS 004, September 2006) which is incorporated into this rule and is available electronically at <a href="http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10393;">http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10393;</a> or may be obtained by contacting: DJJ, Office of Residential Services, 2737 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32399.
- (c) After completion of an off-campus activity, program staff shall de-brief with participating youth to process what they learned from the experience, as well as how they performed during the activity, including successes, challenges, and if applicable, alternative behaviors or actions that could have resulted in more positive outcomes. The youth's treatment team shall use information about the youth's performance during off-campus activities when reviewing the youth's overall progress and when planning future off-site and transition activities for the youth. The program shall solicit feedback on a youth's performance from the employer of a youth participating in community employment, the community member overseeing a

community services project, and the parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s) after supervising their child during a day activity or home visit.

(4) No change.

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#### 63E-7.106 Transfer, Release and Discharge.

- (1) Transfer.
- (a) A residential commitment program can may request to transfer a youth to a higher, lower, or same restrictiveness level program by submitting a Transfer Request Form, Commitment/Transfer Packet Checklist and a transfer Performance Summary to a regional transfer administrator designated by the department. The transfer Performance Summary shall describe efforts by the program to meet the youth's treatment needs and to modify or manage non-compliant behavior. A requesting program shall complete a Request for Transfer (RS 010, April 2025 July 2017), which is incorporated by reference and is available electronically at <a href="https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18488">https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18488</a> <a href="https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10394">https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10394</a>, or may be obtained by contesting DIL Office of Period of Period

http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref 10394, or may be obtained by contacting: DJJ, Office of Residential Services, 2737 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32399. The request shall be based on at least one of the following:

- 1. through 6. No change.
- (b) The transfer administrator shall conduct a transfer staffing if a youth is being considered for transfer to a higher restrictiveness program, and <u>can may</u> conduct a transfer staffing in other cases when he or she deems necessary. If the transfer administrator schedules a transfer staffing, the program requesting the transfer shall:
- 1. Send the Transfer Staffing Notification Form, and the transfer Performance Summary to the youth's parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s), copying the youth, the youth's JPO, the DCF foster care worker, if applicable, and any attorneys of record, including the defense attorney and state attorney. The Transfer Staffing Notification Form, (RS 006, July 2017) is incorporated by reference into this rule and is available electronically at <a href="http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10395">http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10395</a>, or may be obtained by contacting: DJJ, Office of Residential Services, 2737 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32399;
- 2. Complete the Commitment/Transfer Packet Checklist (JJ/IS Form 20, February 2019), which is incorporated by reference into this rule and is available electronically at <a href="http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10396">http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10396</a>, or may be obtained by contacting: DJJ, Office of Residential Services, 2737 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32399.
  - 3. No change.

- 4. Contact the youth's parent(s) <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s) regarding their ability to participate in the staffing or obtain their input to be shared with the transfer administrator; and
  - 5. No change.
  - (c) through (d) No change.
- (e) When a transfer is granted, the initiating residential commitment program shall prepare a transfer packet. If The receiving program shall inspect the packet prior to the transferred youth's admission and, if any core documents are not included in the packet, the receiving program shall contact the initiating program to request the missing documents be faxed or electronically transmitted. The core documents are as follows:
  - 1. through 4. No change
  - 5. Individual Healthcare Record. that includes:
- a. The current original Authority for Evaluation and Treatment or a current legible copy;
  - b. Comprehensive physical assessment;
  - c. Immunization records; and
- d. Tuberculosis skin test (Mantoux) results, unless contraindicated.
  - (f) No change.
  - (2) Release.
- (a) When planning for the release of any youth who is clearly not subject to involuntary commitment as a SVP, a residential commitment program shall comply with the following provisions.
- 1. A program shall forward the Pre-Release Notification and Acknowledgment form, with the pre-release notification section completed, and the release Performance Summary to the youth's JPO at least 45 days, or in the case of a sex offender who is not SVP eligible at least 90 days, prior to the youth's planned release date. The Pre-Release Notification and Acknowledgment, (RS 008, February 2019) is incorporated into this rule and is accessible electronically at <a href="http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10397">http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10397</a>, or may be obtained by contacting: DJJ, Office of Residential Services, 2737 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32399.
  - a. through c. No change.
- d. The program shall not release any youth without written notification from the JPO or the JPO's supervisor that documents the court's approval or confirms that the release is considered approved because the court did not respond within 10 days of the department's request. Upon notification that a release request has been approved or is considered approved, the program shall provide written notification of the planned release to the youth's parent(s), <a href="legal">legal</a> guardian, or supportive person(s), and then complete an RAY exit assessment.
- 2. If a youth's offense is homicide pursuant to Cehapter 782, F.S., a sexual offense pursuant to Cehapter 794, F.S.,

attempted murder or a sexual offense pursuant to Cehapter 777, F.S., stalking pursuant to section 784.048, F.S., or domestic violence pursuant to section 741.28, F.S., the program shall notify the youth's victims or their designees prior to releasing the youth unless the youth's JPO has provided the program with a waiver of notification rights signed by the victims or their designees.

- a. No change.
- b. The program shall mail the Victim Notification of Release letter to the victims or their designees at least 10 working days prior to the youth's release or, if circumstances beyond the program's control prevent this, as soon thereafter as possible before the youth's release. The program shall document all notifications and attempted notifications and shall copy the youth's JPO and the youth's individual management record on the notification letter. The Victim Notification of Release (RS 011, July 2017) is incorporated into this rule and is available electronically at <a href="http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-103985">http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-103985</a>, or may be obtained by contacting: DJJ, Office of Residential Services, 2737 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32399.
  - c. No change.
- 3. The program shall also ensure the following notifications prior to a youth's release:
- a. Educational, career and technical and vocational staff, so required post-testing <u>can</u> may be conducted, transcripts prepared, records transferred, and the receiving community school notified.
  - b. through c. No change.
  - 4. No change.
- (b) When planning the release of any youth who, based on the department's screening, <u>can</u> may be eligible for involuntary commitment as an SVP, a residential commitment program shall comply with the following provisions:
- 1. Not less than 240 days prior to the anticipated release of a youth who is potentially SVP eligible, a program with a designed or estimated length of stay of 240 days or more shall notify the JPO of the anticipated release. A program with an a designed or estimated length of stay of less than 240 days shall commence notification to the JPO within 30 days of the youth's admission to the program.
- 2. The program shall not release any youth who is potentially SVP eligible and subject to the provisions of Cehapter 394, F.S., until the Sexual Predator Unit at the Department of Children and Families (DCF) has determined eligibility, and the youth's JPO has advised the program how to proceed and has provided the program with written documentation to support such action. To facilitate this eligibility determination process, the residential commitment program shall provide to the youth's JPO the documentation required by DCF.

- a. A program with an estimated length of stay of 240 days or more shall provide the JPO with the youth's performance plan, the Performance Summary, a physical health summary, a summary of the youth's institutional adjustment if not included in the Performance Summary, and any psychological or psychiatric report. The packet must also include the Jimmy Ryce Act For Violent Sexual Offenders/Residential Program Notification Checklist (BCS 23, April 2018), which is incorporated into this rule and is available electronically at <a href="http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10399">http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10399</a>, or may be obtained by contacting: DJJ, Office of Residential Services, 2737 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32399.
- b. In the case of a program whose estimated length of stay is less than 240 days, wherein release notification commences 30 days or less after the admission of a potentially SVP eligible youth, the program shall initially provide the JPO with the Jimmy Ryce Act For Violent Sexual Offenders/Residential Program Notification Checklist, the performance plan, a physical health summary, a summary of the youth's institutional adjustment, and any psychological or psychiatric reports. Additionally, the program shall provide the JPO with the Performance Summary and the transition plan upon their completion. Although the program provides existing psychological or psychiatric reports at the time it commences release notification, the program shall provide the JPO with any subsequent psychological or psychiatric reports that may be generated while the youth is still in the program.
  - c. No change.
  - (c) No change.
- (3) Discharge. When a youth is being directly discharged rather than released to post commitment probation or conditional release supervision, a residential commitment program shall comply with the notification requirements for release, with the following exceptions:
  - (a) No change.
- (b) The program shall notify the youth's parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s) at least 30 days prior to the youth's discharge unless the youth is being discharged because he or she has reached the maximum age of jurisdiction.
- (c) If a youth in a residential commitment program is taken into custody by law enforcement as an adult for crimes that occurred prior to or during residential placement, the program shall:
- 1. Obtain a signature of the law enforcement officer taking custody of the youth, provide them a copy of the youth's commitment order, and provide them a copy of the completed Request for Notification When Youth Is Ready for Release form. The Request for Notification When Youth Is Ready for Release, (RS 009, September 2006) is incorporated within this rule and is available electronically at <a href="http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10400-">http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10400-</a>

or may be obtained by contacting, DJJ, Office of Residential Services, 2737 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32399;

- 2. through 3. No change.
- (d) No change.
- (e) For youth on Suicide Risk Alert or Suicide Precautions immediately prior to release, transfer or discharge from a residential program, the program shall provide verbal and written notification, pursuant to Cehapter 63N-1, F.A.C., as follows:
- 1. If the youth is to be released to the parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s), the parent(s), <u>legal</u> guardian, or supportive person(s) must be verbally informed and provided written notification of the youth's suicide risk status prior to discharge from the program. The notification of suicide risk must be documented and permanently filed in the youth's Individual Healthcare Record.
  - 2. No change.

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#### 63E-7.107 Safety and Security.

- (1) Physical Security Features. A residential commitment program shall provide physical security features as required by Chapter 985, F.S., the provider's contract with the department, if applicable, and the provisions listed below based on the restrictiveness level of the program.
- (a) A <u>moderate-risk</u> <del>non-secure</del> program shall be environmentally secure, staff secure, or hardware-secure with walls, fencing, and locking doors.
- 1. Additionally, the following security features are required, for a <u>moderate-risk</u> non secure program:
  - a. through e. No change.
  - f. g. No change.
- 2. A <u>moderate-risk</u> <del>non secure</del> program is authorized, but not required, to have the following security features:
  - a. through d. No change.
- (b) A high-risk program shall be environmentally and staff secure.
- 1. Additionally, the following security features are required:
  - a. through d. No change.
  - e. Exterior security lighting; and
- f. Radio or cellular phone communication devices for staff; and:
  - g. Electronic search equipment.
- 2. A high-risk program is authorized, but not required, to have the following security features:
  - a. Secure sally port; and
  - b. Secure pedestrian gate.; and
  - c. Electronic search equipment.

- (c) No change.
- (2) Youth Searches. Before program staff conduct any full body visual screening of a youth and, at a minimum, before staff conduct a youth's initial frisk search, staff shall prepare the youth by explaining the purpose of the search and what it entails, while assuring the youth of his or her safety. Throughout the search, staff shall avoid using unnecessary force and shall treat the youth with dignity and respect to minimize the youth's stress and embarrassment.
- (a) Frisk and Full Body Visual Searches. Staff conducting a search shall be of the same sex as the youth being searched. When two staff of the same sex gender are not available for a full body visual search, the search must may be conducted by one staff of the same sex gender, while a staff of the opposite sex gender is positioned to observe the staff person conducting the search, but cannot view the youth. All cross gender full body visual searches and cross gender frisk searches shall be documented in the logbook and the youth's case management record.
- (b) Use of electronic search equipment is authorized to supplement any frisk search authorized in this rule section. The provisions below stipulate the minimum requirements for use of frisk searches and full body visual searches based on a program's restrictiveness level. However, a program at any level is permitted to conduct frisk or full body visual searches when authorized by the program director, or in the director's absence, his or her designee, for purposes of controlling contraband or ensuring safety and security. When a frisk search is required based on the following provisions, yet the program director or designee authorizes a full body visual search for contraband control or safety and security purposes, the full body visual search shall be in lieu of the frisk search.
- 1. <u>Moderate-risk Non-secure Programs A moderate-risk non-secure program shall conduct a frisk search after a youth's participation in a career, technical, vocational or work program or activity involving the use of tools or other implements that could be used as weapons or as a means of escape. A frisk search shall also be conducted when a youth returns from a home visit. A <u>moderate-risk non-secure program shall conduct</u> a full body visual search of every youth upon admission, except when a youth is admitted from secure detention, in which case a full body visual search is authorized, but not required.</u>
- 2. Secure Programs A secure program shall conduct a frisk search after a youth's participation in a <u>career</u>, <u>technical</u>, <u>vocational</u> or work program or activity involving the use of tools or other implements that could be used as weapons or as a means of escape. A secure program shall conduct a frisk search following a youth's involvement in a visitation activity. In the case of non-contact visitation, such as when the visitor and the youth are separated by an impenetrable barrier, the program director shall not authorize a full body visual search in lieu of a

frisk search. A frisk search shall also be conducted when a youth returns from a supervised off-campus activity conducted away from the facility or its grounds. Although unsupervised off-campus activities, including home visits, are not permitted for maximum-risk youth, a program shall conduct a full body visual search of a high-risk youth returning from a home visit and shall frisk search a youth returning from any other unsupervised off-campus activity. A secure program shall conduct a full body visual search of every youth upon admission, except when a youth is admitted from secure detention, in which case a full body visual search is authorized, but not required.

- (c) A cavity search that involves the examination of the youth's body cavities, beyond a visual inspection of ears, nose and mouth, <u>can may</u> only be conducted by trained medical personnel in an emergency room setting when authorized by the program director upon the strong suspicion that a youth has concealed contraband in a body cavity.
- (d) With the exception of privileged mail to or from a youth's attorney of record, JPO, clergy, or a state or federally authorized advocate or advocacy group representative, the program shall search youths' incoming and outgoing mail, including correspondence and packages, for contraband and for any information that <u>could may</u> threaten the security or safety of the program, including escape plans or gang-related information. During the search of incoming or outgoing mail, the youth receiving or sending the mail shall be present or, if the program conducts mail searches at a central location, a youth representative shall be present to witness the process.
- (3) Staffing Ratios. <u>All Any non secure</u> residential commitment <u>programs</u> program of more than five (5) beds and any high risk and maximum risk restrictiveness level program shall provide awake staff supervision 24 hours per day.
  - (a) No change.
- (b) Staff-to-youth ratios in a privately operated residential commitment program shall be provided as specified in the provider's contract with the department <u>but shall be at least 1:8 during youth waking hours and 1:16 during youth sleeping hours</u>, and shall be monitored for compliance by the department.
  - (c) No change.
- (4) Supervision of Youth. All residential commitment program staff shall promote safety and security by maintaining active supervision of youth to include interacting positively with youth, engaging youth in a full schedule of constructive activities, closely observing behavior of youth and changes in behavior, and consistently applying the program's behavior management system.
  - (a) through (d) No change.
- (e) A residential commitment program shall ensure that staff observe youth at least every ten (10) minutes while they

are in their sleeping quarters, either during sleep time or at other times, such as during an illness or room restriction. Staff shall conduct the observations in a manner to ensure the safety and security of each youth and shall document real-time observations manually or electronically. All 10-minute checks shall be completed in such a way to ensure that staff see the youth's skin. All 10-minute checks shall be recorded on a 10-minute check sheet which includes the staff's name, the youth's name and location, and the time of each check that shall be initialed by the staff who physically conducts the check. All 10-minute check sheets shall be maintained for twelve months, and available for review.

- (f) There shall be no obstructions (clothing, paper, pictures, etc.) over windows or in areas where staff are likely to be in the presence of youth and direct line of sight is needed.
  - (5) through (6) No change.
- (7) Gang Prevention and Intervention. A residential commitment program shall implement gang prevention and intervention strategies within the facility. Any indication of criminal gang activity, either observed or reported, shall be documented and the names of the youth identified as participating in criminal gang activity shall be entered in the alert system in JJIS and forwarded to local law enforcement for review within 24 hours. This information shall be shared with the education provider or local school district providing educational services at the facility, as well as with the youth's JPO and, if identified, his or her post residential services counselor. If local law enforcement certifies the youth as an associate or criminal gang member, the program shall document the information in the alert system in JJIS. For the purpose of this rule chapter, the definitions of criminal gang and criminal gang member are consistent with definitions in Chapter 874, F.S.
  - (a) through (b) No change.
  - (8) No change.
- (9) Contraband. A residential commitment program shall develop a policy and procedure for contraband. The policy and procedure must address, but is not limited to, the following areas:
- (a) Illegal Contraband: At no time shall illegal contraband, as defined in Section 985.711, F.S., be allowed in the secure perimeter of the facility. Such items include: any unauthorized article of food or clothing given or transmitted, or intended to be given or transmitted, to any youth in a juvenile detention facility or commitment program, any electronic equipment, or cellular device, or smartwatch not issued by the department or provider, electronic or vaporless cigarettes, any intoxicating beverage or any beverage that causes or may cause an intoxicating effect, any controlled substance, as defined in Section 893.02, F.S., marijuana as defined in Section 381.986, F.S., hemp as defined in Section 1004.4473, F.S., or any

prescription or nonprescription drug that has a hypnotic, stimulating, or depressing effect, and any firearm or weapon of any kind or any explosive substance, any currency or coin given or transmitted, or intended to be given or transmitted, to any youth, or any cigarettes, as defined in Section 210.01, F.S., or tobacco products, as defined in Section 210.25, F.S., given, or intended to be given to any youth. The facility's policy and procedure will address the requirements of and limitations on staff use of facility or provider issued cellular phones or portable communication devices, with documentation maintained designating the allowable device type as issued to the specific staff member. The policy and procedure may allow specified department staff, medical and mental health personnel, Florida Scholars Academy school board personnel, career and technical vocational education personnel, emergency services personnel, and designated subcontracted staff to possess a non-facility-issued cellular phone or portable communication device for work purposes only. The possession and use of each device shall be documented, and that documentation shall be maintained by the Facility Administrator. Contraband items that may be used as evidence shall be secured by the discovering staff and hand-delivered to the Facility Administrator or designee and subsequently secured under lock and key. The facility staff shall document the chain of custody for the items and give the information to the responding law enforcement officer. In all instances involving the confiscation of illegal contraband, the confiscated item(s) shall be turned over to law enforcement authorities and a report filed.

- (b) Prohibited Items: At no time shall contraband be allowed in the facility as more broadly defined in subsection 63E-7.100(20), F.A.C., which items include: sharps, escape paraphernalia, tobacco products, lighters or matches, metals, unauthorized currency or coin, and non-facility issued keys. At the discretion of the Facility Administrator, contraband that is not illegal shall be discarded, returned to its original owner, mailed to the youth's home, or stored and returned to the youth upon release.
- (c) Program staff: Including Florida Scholars Academy school district employees, subcontracted staff, visitors, and volunteers are prohibited from introducing any item deemed contraband inside the residential facility. All DJJ and Department of Children and Family personnel conducting official State business shall be allowed to maintain their State issued cellular devices. The possession and use of each device shall be documented and that documentation shall be maintained by the Facility Administrator. All program staff, visitors, vendors, and contracted providers shall be searched prior to entering the facility.
  - (d) through (h) No change.

- (10) Tool Management. Unless otherwise specified in a provider's contract, a residential commitment program shall provide a minimum ratio of one (1) staff for every five (5) youths (a 1:5 ratio) during activities involving the use of tools, except in the case of a disciplinary work project involving tools that requires a ratio of one (1) staff for every three (3) youths (a 1:3 ratio). Each residential commitment program shall institute a tool management system to prevent youth from using equipment and tools as weapons or means of escape. At a minimum, tool management shall address:
  - (a) through (k) No change.
  - (11) through (12) No change.
- (13) Mechanical Restraints. When necessary, and only as a last resort to maintain safety and security, the department authorizes the use of physical intervention techniques and mechanical restraints in residential commitment programs pursuant to Chapter 63H-3 63H-1, F.A.C.
- (14) Controlled Observation. A program may use controlled observation only when necessary and as a last resort. It is intended as an immediate, short-term, crisis management strategy for use during volatile situations in which one or more youths' sudden or unforeseen onset of behavior imminently and substantially threatens the physical safety of others and compromises security. Controlled observation is not authorized for use as punishment or discipline.
  - (a) through (c) No change.
- (d) To determine if there are any observable injuries that would contraindicate a youth's placement in a controlled observation room, the program shall use the Health Status Checklist to conduct and document a visual check of the youth upon his or her placement.
- 1. A healthcare professional or a staff person of the same sex gender as the youth shall conduct the visual check unless a same gender staff person is unavailable in the vicinity, in which case a staff person of the opposite gender may conduct the visual check.
- 2. The visual check shall be conducted without the youth disrobing unless there is reason to suspect an injury that is hidden by clothing, in which case, a healthcare professional or a staff person of the same <u>sex gender</u> shall conduct the visual check.
  - 3. No change.
  - (e) No change.
- (f) A staff person of the same <u>sex</u> gender shall frisk search the youth and remove any potentially dangerous or injurious items before the youth is left alone in a controlled observation room. Staff shall remove all jewelry, pocket items, hair ties, hairpins, belts, or other clothing or items that the youth could use for self-injury or injury to others; however, the youth shall not be stripped.
  - (g) No change.

- (h) To ensure the youth's safety while in the controlled observation room, staff shall conduct safety checks at a minimum of at least every ten (10) fifteen minutes and shall observe the youth's behavior. However, continuous sight and sound supervision, defined as staff's provision of continuous, uninterrupted visual and sound monitoring of the youth, shall be provided when the youth is demonstrating physical behaviors that pose a high risk to others of self injury. Staff shall document all safety checks and observations of youth and their behavior while placed in controlled observation on the Controlled Observation Safety Checks Form (RS 002, June 2008), which is incorporated into this rule and is available electronically http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10401, or may be obtained by contacting: DJJ, Office of Residential Services, 2737 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32399.
  - (i) No change.
- (j) The program director or assistant program director shall review the approval, use and administrative review of each use of controlled observation within 14 days of the youth's release from controlled observation to determine if the placement was warranted and handled according to the provisions of this rule section. Any corrective actions deemed necessary to prevent potential misuse of controlled observation shall be immediately implemented. The Controlled Observation Report (RS 001, June 2008), is incorporated into this rule and is available electronically at <a href="http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10402">http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10402</a>,

http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10402, or may be obtained by contacting: DJJ, Office of Residential Services, 2737 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

- (k) through (l) No change.
- (15) Room Restriction. Consistent with the following provisions, a residential commitment program may use room restriction for major infractions that put the safety and security of the youth, other youth, or staff at risk, temporarily restricting the youth's participation in routine activities by requiring the youth to remain in his or her sleeping quarters:
  - (a) through (c) No change.
- (d) Staff shall engage, or attempt to engage, the youth in productive interactions at least every thirty (30) minutes while on room restriction status.
  - (e) through (g) No change.
- (16) Escapes. For purposes of this rule, the definition of escape is consistent with Section 985.721, F.S.
- (a) When a youth escapes from the facility or escapes from supervised activities away from the facility or while in transit to and from such activities, the program shall immediately report the incident by telephone to law enforcement and the department's Central Communications Center. The program shall notify the youth's parent or <u>legal</u> guardian as soon as is practicable. As soon as practicable, but within four hours, the

program shall provide the following persons the completed Escape Notification Form (RS 005, July 2017), which is incorporated into this rule and is available electronically at <a href="http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10403">http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10403</a>, or may be obtained by contacting: DJJ, Office of Residential Services, 2737 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32399:

- 1. through 5. No change.
- (b) through (g) No change.
- (17) Transportation. When transporting a youth, a residential commitment program shall maintain custody and control while ensuring the safety of youth, staff and the community.
- (a) The program shall comply with the following minimum provisions whether or not secure transportation is required:
- 1. The program shall ensure <u>each driver has</u> a current driver's license <u>and does not have any infractions that would deem them ineligible to operate</u> for any staff member operating a program vehicle <u>in accordance with relevant department</u> policy related to vehicle operations.
  - 2. No change.
- 3. The program shall provide the minimum ratio of one (1) staff, not to include the driver, for every five (5) youths (a 1:5 ratio) required for off-campus activities.
  - 4. through 8. No change.
- (b) When transporting youth, a high-risk or maximum-risk program shall provide secure transportation. A <u>moderate-risk</u> non secure program shall provide secure transportation for any youth who has been assessed and determined to be a security risk or risk to self and others and has demonstrated that he or she cannot be transported by less restrictive methods. The program shall comply with the following when securely transporting youth:
- 1. The use of mechanical restraints is required and shall be provided pursuant to Chapter 63H-3 63H-1, F.A.C. In the event of a mass evacuation, soft restraints or flex cuffs may be used if there are not enough mechanical restraints available.
  - 2. No change.
- (c) The program shall ensure that any vehicle used by the program to transport youth is properly maintained for safe operation.
- 1. The program director or designee shall ensure each Each vehicle being used to transport youth <u>passes</u> shall pass an annual safety inspection by the Program Director or designee.
  - 2. through 3. No change.
- (18) Off-Campus Activities. A residential commitment program shall comply with the following provisions on youth's eligibility and participation in off-campus activities.
- (a) A residential commitment program shall provide supervision for youth who leave the facility grounds for necessary activities such as health and court-related events. The program shall determine a youth's eligibility for participation

in other off-campus activities based on the program's restrictiveness level, the youth's performance and behavior in the program, and the assessed risk for the youth to re-offend during the off-site activity.

- 1. A moderate-risk non-secure program shall allow a youth to participate in necessary, supervised off-campus activities such as health and court related activities. The program may also allow a youth to participate in other constructive supervised off-campus activities and, with court approval, may permit the youth to participate in specific temporary release activities, such as community employment and home visits. If an extraordinary family emergency arises, the program director or designee may, with court approval, grant an emergency temporary release. In such a case, the program shall, with input from the youth's family, develop a specific itinerary and coordinate with the youth's JPO.
- 2. For most of a youth's placement in a high-risk program, the program shall restrict a youth's participation in off-campus activities to necessary, supervised activities such as health and court-related activities. However, during the final 60 days of a youth's residential stay and with court approval, the program may grant permission for the youth to leave facility grounds to engage in transitional activities such as enrollment in school or a career and technical vocational skills program, completion of a job interview, performance of community service, and home visits of no more than 72 hours. Additionally, if an extraordinary family emergency arises, such as the death or impending death of a youth's immediate family member, prior to the final 60 days of a youth's stay, the program director or designee may, with court approval and concurrence of the department's residential regional director, grant an emergency temporary release. In such a case, the program shall, with input from the youth's family, develop a specific itinerary and coordinate with the youth's JPO.
  - 3. No change.
  - (b) through (f) No change.
- (19) Disaster and Continuity of Operations Planning. A residential commitment program shall develop a coordinated disaster plan and a continuity of operations plan (COOP), or it may choose to develop one comprehensive plan that incorporates both. The plan(s) shall provide for the continuation of basic care and custody of youth in the event of an emergency or disaster, while ensuring safety of staff, youth and the public.
  - (a) The program's disaster plan shall:
  - 1. through 3. No change.
- 4. Address the preservation of youth information to include, at a minimum, a photo of the youth, the parent(s) or <a href="legal">legal</a> guardian contact information and the youth's related health care needs (including medications, the IHCR and necessary medical supplies);
  - 5. through 8. No change.

- (b) No change.
- (20) through (21) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 985.64, 985.601(3)(a) FS. Law Implemented 985.601(3)(a), 985.03(44), 985.441, 985.711 FS. History—New 5-30-19, Amended 1-18-21, 2-9-21.

#### 63E-7.108 Program Administration.

- (1) No change.
- (2) A residential commitment program's mission statement shall be consistent with the department's mission and principles of the <u>rehabilitative</u> <u>restorative</u> justice philosophy.
  - (3) No change.
- (4) A residential commitment program director shall ensure provisions for staffing that, at a minimum, address the following:
- (a) Level 2 pre-employment screening requirements pursuant to Cehapter 435 and section 985.644, F.S.;
  - (b) through (g) No change.
- (h) A dress code for staff that <u>includes a requirement for attire that staff shall be dressed differently from youth and easily identifiable as staff in video surveillance, which promotes professionalism, safety, and positive role modeling for youth; and</u>
  - (i) No change.
  - (5) through (7) No change.
- (8) A residential commitment program shall report as follows:
  - (a) No change.
- (b) Reporting of Protective Action Response (PAR) incidents or use of mechanical restraints pursuant to <u>Chapter 63H-3,-chapter 63H-1</u>, F.A.C.;
  - (c) No change.
- (d) Reporting of abuse throughout the facility and unhindered access for staff and youth to report abuse to the Department of Children and Family Services central abuse hotline addressed in Cehapter 39, F.S., or if the allegedly abused youth is 18 years or older, the department's Central Communication Center. For purposes of this rule, unhindered access means the program shall allow youth and staff to make the decision to report allegations of abuse without obtaining permission. The program shall provide youth with timely telephone access to report allegations of abuse without intimidation or reprisal. However, if the youth requests telephone access during a scheduled structured activity, the program shall provide access as soon as that activity concludes.
- (e) A residential commitment program director shall immediately contact the department's regional residential director or designee to report the death of any youth residing in the program. The program director shall provide information as needed to enable the department to notify the youth's parent(s), legal guardian, or supportive person(s).

- (9) through (11) No change.
- (12) A residential program shall be reviewed, audited, or investigated as follows:
  - (a) through (d) No change.
- (e) The program shall conduct an annual self-assessment of trauma responsive practices within the facility. The assessment used shall be developed by the department. The completed selfassessment shall be sent to the applicable Residential Regional Director and the surveys completed by June 30 each year.
- (13) A residential commitment program director shall build partnerships and collaborate with juvenile justice stakeholders in the community.
- (a) The program shall establish a community support group or advisory board that meets at least every 90-120 days. The program director shall solicit active involvement of interested community partners including, but not limited to representatives from law enforcement, the judiciary, the Florida Scholar's Academy school board or district, the business community, and the faith community. In addition, the program director shall recruit a victim, victim advocate, or other victim services community representative and a parent whose child was previously, rather than currently, involved in the juvenile justice system.
- (b) The program shall collaborate with the Florida Scholars Academy school district to ensure the delivery of quality educational services consistent with the cooperative agreement between the school district and the department pursuant to section 1003.52, F.S.
  - (c) through (d) No change.
  - (14) through (16) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 985.64, 985.601(3)(a) FS. Law Implemented 985.601(3)(a), 985.03(44), 985.441 FS. History-New 5-30-19. Amended

#### 63E-7.109 Facility and Food Services.

- (1) A residential commitment program is subject to the provisions of Cehapter 64E-26, F.A.C.
  - (2) No change.
- (3) A residential commitment program shall establish and implement cleaning schedules, a pest control system, a garbage removal system, and a facility maintenance system that shall include maintenance schedules and timely repairs based on visual and manual inspections of the facility structure, grounds, and equipment, which shall be conducted bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, yearly, and every three (3) years as prescribed by contract in the Preventive Maintenance Checklist (Form RS 123, February 2019), which is incorporated by available reference and is http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref\_10404, or may be obtained by contacting: DJJ, Office of Residential Services, 2737 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

- (4) The siting of any new facility or structure for a residential commitment program shall be in accordance with applicable statutes and local codes governing new construction, but must include:
  - (a) through (g) No change.
- (h) A closed-circuit television system that includes but is not limited to, a color digital recording device. The digital video recorder (DVR) must be capable of a minimum of 30 days recorded event storage within the hard drive, have a minimum setting of eight frames per second, and be capable of remote viewing. Programs with 15 beds or more must have a minimum of 16 camera inputs. All equipment must be surge protected and have a universal surge protector backup and be connected to an emergency power supply.
  - (5) through (6) No change.
- (7) A residential commitment program shall use a cycle menu that, is reviewed and approved by a dietitian licensed pursuant to Cehapter 468, F.S. The program shall provide each youth with at least three nutritionally balanced meals and one nutritional snack per day and shall:
  - (a) through (c) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 985.64, 985.601(3)(a) FS. Law Implemented 985.601(3)(a), 985.03(44), 985.441 FS. History-New 5-30-19, Amended

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Lori Jernigan, DJJ Assistant Secretary for Residential Services NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Matthew J. Walsh, Secretary

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: September 9, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: August 25, 2025

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

#### Board of Nursing

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B9-15.009 Disciplinary Guidelines; Range of Penalties; Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Updates to the disciplinary

guidelines are being made to include telehealth registrants regarding patient overpayments and refunds, in accordance with Chapter 2025-48, Laws of Florida. The new violation will take effect January 1, 2026.

SUMMARY: Updates to the disciplinary guidelines are being made to include telehealth registrants regarding patient overpayments and refunds, in accordance with Chapter 2025-48, Laws of Florida. The new violation will take effect January 1, 2026.

**SUMMARY** OF **STATEMENT** OF **ESTIMATED** COSTS REGULATORY **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: 464.204 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.072, 464.204 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: Amanda Gray, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399; (850)245-4125 MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

## 64B9-15.009 Disciplinary Guidelines; Range of Penalties; Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances.

- (1) through (2) No Change.
- (3) The following disciplinary guidelines shall be followed by the Board in imposing disciplinary penalties upon registrants for violation of the noted statutes and rules:
  - (a) through (hh) No Change.
- (ii) Failing to meet minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing CNA practice, or engaging in unprofessional conduct, as defined in Rule 64B9-8.005, F.A.C.

(Rule 64B9-15.0015, F.A.C.; Section 464.018(1)(h), F.S.):

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
FIRST OFFENSE	probation, continuing education.	Denial of certification or \$150 fine, reprimand, suspension followed by probation, or revocation.
		Denial of certification or \$150 fine and revocation.

- (jj) through (oo) No Change.
- (pp) Failing to remit the sum owed to the state for an overpayment from the Medicaid program pursuant to a final order, judgment, or stipulation or settlement or failing to comply with 456.0625, F.S., relating to refunding overpayments to patients.

(<u>Sections</u> <u>Section</u> 456.072(1)(jj), F.S. <u>and 456.072(1)(tt)</u>, F.S.)

	MINIMUM		MAXIMUM
FIRST	Suspension	until	Denial of certification or
OFFENSE	repayment.		revocation.

- (qq) through (rr) No Change.
- (4) through (7) No Change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 464.204 FS. Law Implemented 456.072, 464.204 FS. History—New 10-28-02, Amended 8-12-07, 8-3-08, 10-16-12, 5-17-16, 8-22-21, 1-1-26.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Board of Nursing.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Nursing.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: August 8, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: September 11, 2025

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

#### **Board of Nursing**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B9-15.0095 Citation for Certified Nursing Assistants PURPOSE AND EFFECT: A citation is being added to allow an administrative fine for failure to comply with. s. 456.0625, F.S., relating to refunding overpayments to patients, in accordance with Chapter 2025-48, Laws of Florida. The new citation will take effect January 1, 2026.

SUMMARY: A citation is being added to allow an administrative fine for failure to comply with. s. 456.0625, F.S., relating to refunding overpayments to patients, in accordance with Chapter 2025-48, Laws of Florida. The new citation will take effect January 1, 2026.

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: 456.077, 464.006 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.077, 456.072 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: Amanda Gray, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399; (850)245-4125 MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov.

#### THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

#### 64B9-15.0095 Citation for Certified Nursing Assistants.

- (1) through (2) No Change.
- (3) The Board designates the following as a citation violation, which shall result in the Board imposing a penalty of \$25.00:
- (a) A first time failure to report a misdemeanor to the Board, in writing within 30 days after the licensee has been convicted or found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction, in violation of Section 456.072(1)(x), F.S.

(b) A first time failure to comply with s. 456.0625, F.S., relating to refunding overpayments to patients in violation of Section 456.072(1)(tt), F.S. Reimbursement must be paid within 10 business days.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 456.077, 464.006 FS. Law Implemented 456.077, 456.072 FS. History—New 6-20-17, 1-1-26.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Board of Nursing.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Nursing.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: August 8, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: September 11, 2025

## Section III Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### State Board of Education

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE: 6A-1.0998271 Schools of Hope

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rule in Vol. 51 No. 171, September 3, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

#### 6A-1.0998271 Schools of Hope.

- (1) through (4) No change.
- (5) Underused, vacant or surplus facility reports and facility access.
  - (a) through (c) No change.
- (d) Facility Access. Each district must permit a Hope Operator access to any underused, vacant or surplus facility before or after regular school hours within five calendar days from receipt of a Hope Operator's written request for purposes including:
  - 1. No change.
- 2. For planning, repairs, maintenance, renovations and other purposes on an ongoing basis associated with opening and maintaining a School of Hope. All personnel responsible for the repairs, maintenance, and renovations of the school building must undergo a Level 2 background screening pursuant to s. 435.04, F.S.
  - (6) Facility selection, space allocation, and use.
  - (a) No change.
- (b) Shared Facility Plan. Thirty (30) calendar days after the choice of underused, vacant or surplus facility is final, the Hope

Operator and district must agree on a Shared Facility Plan, renewable annually, subject to amendment no later than sixty (60) calendar days before expiration of the annual term. The Shared Facility Plan must address the following:

- 1. Classroom Space and Administrative Space Allocation.
- a. No change.
- b. Contiguous Allocation. The district must ensure that all schools in a building can operate in contiguous space<sub>5</sub>. To the extent this requires that an existing school consolidate its operations, it must do so within seven (7) days of the end of the prior school year.
  - 2. No change.
  - (c) No change.
  - (7) through (11) No change.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

#### **Board of Massage Therapy**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B7-30.002 Disciplinary Guidelines

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rule in Vol. 51 No. 175, September 9, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The correction is as follows:

#### 64B7-30.002 Disciplinary Guidelines.

(1) through (3) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 456.079(1), (3), 480.035(7) FS. Law Implemented 456.072(2), 456.079(1), (2), (3), 480.041, 480.043, 480.046, 480.047 FS. History—New 3-26-87, Formerly 21L-30.002, Amended 9-30-93, 12-12-93, 8-16-94, 10-1-95, 2-5-96, 5-12-96, 5-29-97, Formerly 61G11-30.002, Amended 2-18-98, 11-4-98, 1-26-00, 10-7-02, 10-12-03, 12-13-05, 5-19-13, 12-2-14, 1-2-19, 10-8-20, 7-27-21, 12-4-22,

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Stephanie Webster, Executive Director, Board of Massage Therapy, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C06, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3257, or (850)245-4162, Stephanie.Webster@flhealth.gov.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

#### **Board of Massage Therapy**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE: 64B7-32.001 Definitions

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rule in Vol. 51 No. 174, September 8, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The correction is as follows:

#### 64B7-32.001 Definitions.

(1) through (8) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 480.035(7) FS. Law Implemented 480.033(3), (9), 480.041(1)(b) FS. History—New 3-25-86, Formerly 21L-32.001, 61G11-32.001, Amended 9-3-12, 12-31-17, 8-31-20, 10-10-21,

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Stephanie Webster, Executive Director, Board of Massage Therapy, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C06, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3257, or (850)245-4162, Stephanie. Webster@flhealth.gov.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

#### **Board of Massage Therapy**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B7-32.003 Minimum Requirements for Board

Approved Massage Therapy Schools

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rule in Vol. 51 No. 174, September 8, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The correction is as follows:

## 64B7-32.003 Minimum Requirements for Board Approved Massage Therapy Schools.

(1) through (5) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 480.033(3), 480.035(7) FS. Law Implemented 480.033(3), 480.041(1)(b) FS. History—New 3-25-86, Amended 8-15-89, 12-22-92, Formerly 21L-32.003, Amended 10-20-96, Formerly 61G11-32.003, Amended 8-16-98, 10-30-07, 4-25-10, 5-8-12, 3-21-18, 8-31-20, 11-4-21, 2-2-22, 6-5-23, 12-3-23,

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Stephanie Webster, Executive Director, Board of Massage Therapy, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C06, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3257, or (850)245-4162, Stephanie.Webster@flhealth.gov.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

#### **Board of Physical Therapy Practice**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
64B17-7.0029 Terms of Probation
NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 51 No. 121, June 23, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The Board received written comments from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee on Rule 64B17-7.0029, F.A.C. Accordingly, the Board made changes to the proposed rule language as set forth below.

THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE WILL NOW READ:

#### 64B17-7.0029 Terms of Probation.

Any licensee found by the Board to have violated the provisions of chapter 456, F.S., chapter 486, F.S., or the rules adopted thereunder, may be ordered to serve a period of probation by the Board. Unless otherwise approved by the Board or its designee, or addressed by a Final Order of the Board, the following terms are the terms applicable to all probationary terms imposed by the Board.

- (1) The licensee shall be placed on probation for a period of time to be set by the Board. Any deviation from the requirements of the probation without prior written consent of the Board shall constitute a violation of this probation and the underlying final order and may result in additional disciplinary proceedings being brought against the licensee. The probationary period shall not be calculated until such time as a monitor is approved by the full Board. The probationary period shall automatically terminate at the end of a prescribed time, but only if all terms and conditions have been met. Otherwise, the probation shall be terminated only by order of the Board upon proper petition of the licensee, supported by evidence of compliance with the Final Order.
  - (2) through (5) No Change.
- (6) Probationer shall practice only under the supervision of a monitor who is a Physical Therapist licensed in this State under chapter 486, F.S., to be approved by the Board or its designee. Prior to requesting approval of the monitor by the Board or its designee, the Probationer shall provide to the proposed monitor a copy of the administrative complaint filed in the case and shall submit to the Board or its designee a current curriculum vitae and description of the current practice from the proposed monitor. Said materials shall be received in the Board office no later than 14 days before Probationer's first scheduled probation appearance. The Board confers authority to the Chair of the Board to temporarily approve Probationer's monitor. Probationer may practice under the supervison of the monitor subject to the terms and conditions of probation, but the probation period shall not be calculated until the montitor is approved by the full Board. Probationer shall have the monitor with the Probationer at the Probationer's first probation appearance before the Board. A failure of the Probationer or the monitor to appear at the scheduled Board meeting may constitute a violation of the Board's Final Order.
- (7) through (10) No Change.

  Rulemaking Authority 456.072, 486.025, FS. Law Implemented 456.072, 486.125 FS. History New 2-18-24.\_\_\_\_.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Allen Hall, Executive Director, Board of Physical Therapy Practice, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C05, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3252, at (850)245-4373, or by email: Allen.Hall@flhealth.gov.

#### Section IV Emergency Rules

### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

#### **Division of Food Safety**

Kratom Products.

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

5KER25-4 Requirement to Label the Concentration of

7-Hydroxymitragynine on Kratom Products

SPECIFIC REASONS FOR FINDING AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE: On August 20, 2025, the Attorney General of Florida adopted Emergency Rule 2ER25-2 adding 7-Hydroxymitragynine (methyl (E)-2[(2S,3S,7aS,12bS)-3-ethyl-7a-hydroxy-8-methoxy-2,3,4,6,7,12b-hexahydro-1H-indolo[2,3-a]quinolizin-2-yl]-3-methoxyprop-2-enoate) concentrated at a level above four hundred parts per million on a dry-weight basis, to list of Schedule I Controlled Substances in subsection 893.03(1)(a), F.S., and excluded mitragynine from the declaration. Kratom Products are food products sold in Florida that commonly contain 7-Hydroxymitragynine, its isomers, esters and ethers. In order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, the Department is adopting this emergency

REASON FOR CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE IS FAIR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES: This rule is fair and justified because it takes only the actions necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring Kratom Products are properly labeled to put consumers on notice that the product contains a substance that is a controlled substance in certain concentrations.

rule to require that the concentration of 7-Hydroxymitragynine,

its isomers, esters, and ethers, be declared on the label of

SUMMARY: This rule adopts labeling requirements for Kratom Products.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE EMERGENCY RULE IS: Brenda Noble, at Brenda.Noble@fdacs.gov or at (850)245-5520, 3125 Conner Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida 32399

THE FULL TEXT OF THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:

## <u>5KER25-4 Requirement to Label the Concentration of</u> 7-Hydroxymitragynine on Kratom Products.

Kratom Products, as defined in Rule 5K-4.030, F.A.C., shall declare on the label the concentration of 7-Hydroxymitragynine (methyl (E)-2[(2S,3S,7aS,12bS)-3-ethyl-7a-hydroxy-8-methoxy-2,3,4,6,7,12b-hexahydro-1H-indolo[2,3-a]quinolizin-2-yl]-3-methoxyprop-2-enoate), also known as "7-OH" or "7-Hydroxy", and each of its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, whenever the existence of such

isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation, expressed in parts per million (PPM) on a dry-weight basis, of the net contents of the package. The sale of Kratom Products in violation of Rule 5K-4.030, F.A.C., or of this emergency rule shall be subject to penalties as provided in subsection 5K-4.030(5), F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 500.09, 500.12, 500.92, 570.07(23) FS. Law Implemented 500.03, 500.04, 500.09, 500.10, 500.11, 500.12, 500.121, 500.13, 500.92, 500.172 FS. History—New 9-18-25.

THIS RULE TAKES EFFECT UPON BEING FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNLESS A LATER TIME AND DATE IS SPECIFIED IN THE RULE.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 9/18/2025

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

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

South Florida Water Management District

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE: 40E-6.011 Policy and Purpose

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 09, 2025, the South Florida Water Management District (District), received a petition for waiver from Florida Power & Light Company (Application No. 250909-56837) for utilization of Works or Lands of the District known as the L-29 Canal for the replacement of poles and transfer of aerial lines within the north right of way; Section 1, Township 54, Range 37, Miami-Dade County. The petition seeks relief from subsections 40E-6.011(4) and (6), Fla. Admin. Code, which governs placement of permanent and semi-permanent above-ground structures within 40 feet from top of canal bank within Works or Lands of the District.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Juli Russell at (561)682-6268 or e-mail at jurussel@sfwmd.gov. The District will accept comments concerning the petition for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. To be considered, comments must be received by the end of business on the 14th day at the South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, MSC 1410, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, Attention: Juli Russell, Office of Counsel.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Dentistry

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B5-14.010 Pediatric Moderate Sedation Requirements: Operatory, Recovery Room, Equipment, Medicinal Drugs, Emergency Protocols, Records, and Continuous Monitoring NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 16, 2025, the Board of Dentistry, received a petition for variance or waiver filed by Adam Zamorek, regarding Rule 64B5-14.010, F.A.C. which sets the requirements for each pediatric moderate sedation permit applicants and permit holders. Petitioner seeks to have the Board waive or grant a variance to the requirement that sedation cases be completed within two years of application and include at least 20 pediatric moderate sedation cases. Petitioner believes that his training and experience exceed the spirit and intent of this requirement, even if not meeting it exactly as written. Comments on this petition should be filed with the Board of Dentistry within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Traci Zeh, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry/MQA, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C04, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258; (850)488-0595; Traci.Zeh@flhealth.gov

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Dentistry

RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:

64B5-14.0025 Application for Permit

64B5-14.003 Training, Education, Certification, and Requirements for Issuance of Permits

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 16, 2025, the Board of Dentistry, received a petition for variance or waiver filed by Brittany Wall regarding paragraphs 64B5-14.003(2)(a), (b) and subsection 64B5-14.0025(2), F.A.C., regarding the Moderate Sedation Permit. Dr. Wall seeks to have the Board waive or grant a variance to the requirements set forth in said rules and accept her training, licensure and experience. Comments on this petition should be filed with the Board of Dentistry within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Traci Zeh, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry/MQA, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C04 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258; (850)488-0595; Traci.Zeh@flhealth.gov

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Dentistry

**RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:** 

64B5-14.0025 Application for Permit

64B5-14.003 Training, Education, Certification, and Requirements for Issuance of Permits

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 02, 2025, the Board of Dentistry, received a petition for an amended petition for variance or waiver filed by Brent Waldman, D.D.S., regarding paragraphs 64B5-14.003(2)(a), (b) and subsection 64B5-14.0025(2), F.A.C., regarding the Moderate Sedation Permit. Dr. Waldman seeks to have the Board waive or grant a variance to the requirements set forth in said rules and accept the training and experience. Comments on this petition should be filed with the Board of Dentistry within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Traci Zeh, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry/MQA, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C04 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258; (850)488-0595; Traci.Zeh@flhealth.gov

#### Section VI Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Agricultural Environmental Services

The Florida Coordinating Council on Mosquito Control announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 9, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: FDACS Conner Complex, Building 6 Conf Room, 3125 Conner Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32311.

-and online via -

https://meet.goto.com/179655973

You can also dial in using your phone.

Access Code: 179-655-973 United States +1(571)317-3122

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To address the business of the council.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jessica Ber, Coordinator, FCCMC@FDACS.gov, (850)617-7936.

For more information, you may contact: Jessica Ber, Coordinator, FCCMC@FDACS.gov, (850)617-7936.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Consumer Services RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES: 5J-21.001 Standards 5J-21.003 Registration and Identification

5J-21.008 Guidelines for Imposing Administrative Penalties

5J-21.010 Registration

5J-21.011 Florida Retail Fuel Transfer Switch Modernization Grant Program

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 6, 2025, 10:00 a.m. until conclusion of public comment.

PLACE: The Rhodes Building, 2005 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32399 or via Microsoft Teams. Join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-

meeting?rtc=1 Meeting ID: 282 251 272 218 3, Passcode: DZ7Hf2kb. Dial in by phone +1(850)391-8548,,755390252# United States, Tallahassee, Phone conference ID: 755 390 252# GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is a workshop to discuss proposed Rule Chapter 5J-21, F.A.C. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Richard Kimsey, Director of the Division of Consumer Services, 2005 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32399 (850)410-3800 Richard.Kimsey@FDACS.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: Richard Kimsey at (850)410-3800. 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 EDUCATION

The Florida Department of Education announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: September 29, 2025, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., ET; October 6, 2025, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., ET; October 13, 2025, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., ET; October 20, 2025, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., ET; and October 27, 2025, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., ET, or until business is concluded, whichever is earlier. If business is finished in fewer meetings, subsequent meetings will not occur.

PLACES: September 29, 2025, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., ET https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-

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October 13, 2025, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., ET

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Meeting ID: 253 592 567 085 1 Passcode: JY2i4H9F

October 20, 2025, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., ET

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Meeting ID: 221 005 837 738 2 Passcode: 43HV3Dg6

October 27, 2025, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., ET

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Meeting ID: 214 689 870 623 4 Passcode: gq3BA3TH GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Gifted standards

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Dr. Jennie Jones at: Jennie.Jones@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 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Dr. Jennie Jones at: Jennie.Jones@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).

For more information, you may contact: Dr. Jennie Jones at: Jennie.Jones@fldoe.org.

#### REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

**Emerald Coast Regional Council** 

The Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) Board announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited. DATE AND TIME: Monday, September 22, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Chautauqua Building, 95 Circle Drive, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Update to previous notice - this meeting will now be held inperson only.

The Emerald Coast Regional Council Executive Committee (ECRC) Board will hold a public meeting at 9:30 a.m., September 22, 2025, at the Chautauqua Building, 95 Circle Drive, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435.

The ECRC Executive Committee board meeting will be held in person at the location listed above.

View the Full Agenda: Visit ecrc.org/ECRCBoardMeetings.

Public input is important to ECRC; we encourage our community members to share their feedback in the way that works best for them. To submit a comment or learn more about how to participate, visit www.ecrc.org/ECRCBoardMeetings. All comments received will be shared with the TPO Board for consideration. For questions or additional information, please contact marketing@ecrc.org.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations to access meetings and limited English proficiency are available upon request. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or need translation services should contact Marketing & Outreach toll-free at (800)226-8914 or TTY 711 at least 48 hours in advance.

Para información en español, (850)332-7976, ext. 226 o TTY 711. Si necesita acomodaciones especiales, llame con 48 horas de antemano o TTY 711. Participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who believe they have experienced discrimination may file a complaint with the Title VI Coordinator, (850)332-7976, ext. 203.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: tammy.neal@ecrc.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 48 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Marketing and Outreach toll-free at (800)226-8914 or TTY 711, or by emailing marketing@ecrc.org. Para informacion en espanol, puede llamar a Ada Clark al (850)332-7976, ext. 278 o TTY 711. Si necesita acomodaciones especiales, por favor llame 48 horas de antemanos. 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 announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: September 25, 2025, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.,

Est.

PLACE: Virtual Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 225 501 005 946 6

Passcode: NM3vo6BJ

Join on a video conferencing device Tenant key: 929981474@t.plcm.vc

Video ID: 117 349 990 0

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Case Management Efficiency Work Group Meeting (SB7012) A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Agenda Itams

Introductions (standing)

Updates – all aspects of work group in progress

Next steps Next meeting

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: tami.gonyea@myflfamilies.com

#### FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 1, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 N. Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. The meeting will also be available via webinar. The webinar registration and access information for the review committee meeting is posted to the following website: https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/competitive/2025/2025-213.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Review Committee Meeting will be to give the scores and to submit a recommendation to Florida Housing's Board of Directors regarding the responses submitted for Florida Housing Finance Corporation's RFA 2025-213 Live Local SAIL Financing for Mixed Income, Mixed-Use, and Urban Infill Developments.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Bryan A. Barber, (850)488-4197.

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: Bryan A. Barber, (850)488-4197. 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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#### FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marine Fisheries

**RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:** 

68B-14.001 Purpose and Intent, Designation as Restricted Species

68B-14.002 Definitions

68B-14.0035 Size Limits: Amberjacks, Black Sea Bass, Gray Triggerfish, Grouper, Hogfish, Red Porgy, Snapper

68B-14.00355 Size Limits for Importation and Sale

68B-14.0036 Recreational Bag Limits: Snapper, Grouper, Hogfish, Black Sea Bass, Red Porgy, Amberjacks, Tilefish,

Exception, Wholesale/Retail Purchase Exemption

68B-14.0038 Recreational Snapper Seasons

68B-14.0039 Recreational Grouper and Tilefish Seasons

68B-14.004 Recreational Amberjack Season

68B-14.0041 Recreational Gulf Gray Triggerfish Season

68B-14.0042 Recreational Hogfish Season

68B-14.0043 Recreational Red Porgy Season

68B-14.0045 Commercial Harvest Requirements; Licenses, Season Closures, Bag and Trip Limits

68B-14.0046 Commercial Individual Fishing Quotas (IFQs)

68B-14.005 Regulation and Prohibition of Certain Harvesting Gear: Allowable Gear, Incidental Bycatch, Violation

68B-14.006 Other Prohibitions and Exception

68B-14.008 Open and Closed Areas for Recreational Harvest of Goliath Grouper

68B-14.009 Reporting Requirement

68B-14.0091 Recreational Goliath Grouper Harvest Permits; Goliath Grouper Tag Specifications; Harvest Reporting Requirements

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: October 6-21, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (EDT)

PLACE: Details on public workshop locations included below for each scheduled date.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is holding a series of public workshops to gather input on the management of the recreational red snapper fishery in Atlantic state and federal waters. Public feedback gathered during these workshops will be considered when developing recommendations for state management through Exempted

Fishing Permits as well as for state management through the Council process. All stakeholders interested in Atlantic red snapper management are encouraged to attend.

Scheduled Workshops and Locations:

Monday, October 6, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (EDT)

PLACE: William "Bill" Gulliford Jr. Community Center, 4875 Ocean St., Jacksonville, FL 32233

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (EDT)

PLACE: Willie Galimore Community Center 99 Riberia Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (EDT)

PLACE: Brannon Center- River Room, 105 S Riverside Dr., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

Thursday, October 9, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (EDT)

PLACE: Radisson Resort at the Port, 8701 Astronaut Blvd., Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (EDT)

PLACE: St. Lucie County Commission Chambers, 2300 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce, FL 34982

Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (EDT)

PLACE: Palm Beach County Library-Main Branch, 3650 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Thursday, October 16, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (EDT)

PLACE: University of Florida Ft. Lauderdale Research & Education Center, 3205 College Ave. Davie, FL 33314 Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 pm (EDT)

PLACE: Statewide webinar. More information about how to participate in the webinar will be available on the FWC website prior to the webinar date: http://www.myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/rulemaking/worksho

ps/.
If you have questions regarding this workshop, please contact

the Division of Marine Fisheries Management at (850)487-0554 for more information.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jessica McCawley, at 620 South Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-0554.

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 ADA Coordinator, at (850)488-6411. 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: Jessica McCawley, at 620 South Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-0554.

ABLE TRUST

The Able Trust - Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: September 25, 2025, 10:00a.m.

PLACE: Virtial via Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89263725469?pwd=Zc8zuaTjlbnGaC1MgpDQpKhoDWT4nG.1

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Able Trust (Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation) will hold its quarterly Board of Directors meeting. The agenda will include review of financial reports, grant recommendations to assist in creating successful employment opportunities for persons with disabilities; reviewing committee reports; and other business that may come before the organization.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Arnaldo Ramos via email at arnaldo@abletrust.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 1 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Arnaldo Ramos via email at arnaldo@abletrust.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: Arnaldo Ramos via email at arnaldo@abletrust.org

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

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares and Mobile Homes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, State of Florida has received the petition for declaratory statement from Milagros Pregro, Unit Owner - Second Moorings Condominium Association, Inc. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Chapter 718, Florida Statutes as it applies to the petitioner.

Petitioner rendered her resignation following a board meeting. The Board did not officially remove the Petitioner as a board member, nor reflect her resignation on sunbiz. DBPR No. 2025-063908.

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

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

## 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

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Division of Emergency Management

Request for Proposal RFP-DEM-25-26-004 Logistics Services for Emergency Sheltering and Housing Program

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (Agency) will hold a public opening of the Proposals at the date and time below to which all persons are invited. Anyone who wants to attend, may do so in person or via conference call. At the time of the meeting, the Agency will open and read aloud the names of Respondents that came in before the deadline of 5:00 p.m. on October 9, 2025.

Date and Time: October 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Place: William E. Sadowski Office Building

2555 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399

Conference Call Info: Dial in Number: 1(888)585-9008

Conference Room: 527-059-248

General Subject Matter to be considered: In accordance with the timeframe set forth in section 120.525, Florida Statutes, a Public Opening is hereby noticed within the timeline for the Request for Proposal (RFP-DEM-25-26-004) for Logistics Services for Emergency Sheltering and Housing Program.

The Agency reserves the right to issue amendments, addenda, and changes to the Timeline of Events and specifically to the meeting notice listed above. The Agency will post notice of any changes or additional meetings within MyFloridaMarketPlace (MFMP) Vendor Information Portal (VIP) in accordance with section 287.042(3), Florida Statutes, and will not re-advertise notice in the Florida Administrative **MFMP** VIP Review (FAR). Access the https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/.

For more information, contact the Procurement Officer for this solicitation:

Jenene Helms, Purchasing Officer

Florida Division of Emergency Management

2555 Shumard Oak Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32399

Phone: (850)815-4609

Email: Jenene.Helms@em.myflorida.com

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting the Procurement Officer.

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).

#### SUN 'N LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District - Unsolicited Proposal for a New Wastewater Treatment Plant and Public Works Facility and Related Improvements

Notice of Bid/Request for Proposal

Report on the Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District Proceeding with Unsolicited Proposal for a New Wastewater Treatment Plant and Public Works Facility and Related Improvements

Pursuant to Section 255.065(3)(d), Florida Statutes.

On October 22, 2024, the Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District ("District") received an unsolicited proposal to design and construct a new wastewater treatment plant and public works facility and related improvements (hereinafter referred to as the "WWTP") from Sustainability Partners, LLC's ("SP"), in conjunction with The Haskell Company ("Haskell") and the Ardurra Group, Inc. ("Ardurra") (together hereinafter referred to as the "Team").

On June 3, 2025, the Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District Board of Supervisors ("Board of Supervisors") held the first of two duly noticed public meeting pursuant to section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes, wherein the District presented and heard public comment regarding the unsolicited proposal for the WWTP. After hearing public comment, the Board of Supervisors gave unanimous consent to District staff in favor of moving the unsolicited proposal to its second publicly noticed meeting for the Board of Supervisors to determine if the unsolicited proposal is in the public's interest.

On July 1, 2025, the Board of Supervisors conducted its second duly noticed public meeting on the unsolicited proposal pursuant to section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes. The District's general manager and attorney provided an overview of the process required under section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes, including the five (5) factors the Board of Supervisors must consider for its determination of the public's interest; the proposed Resolution 2025-07 for the Board of Supervisors' consideration; and, that if the unsolicited proposal is determined to be in the public interest's, the process that will commence with District staff and the Team to prepare a comprehensive agreement for the WWTP. The comprehensive agreement will need to comply with the requirements of section 255.065, Florida Statutes. The Board of Supervisors then heard public comment from the public at the meeting and public comments sent to the District Clerk's Office. The Board of Supervisors engaged in a discussion regarding the unsolicited proposal after hearing all public comments.

The Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 2025-07 finding the unsolicited proposal for the WWTP was in the public's interest in a vote of 5 to 0. In making its decision, the District considered all public comments, and the Supervisors

specifically made comments in response supporting their decisions.

The unsolicited proposal is available upon request and the Board of Supervisors' June 3, 2025, and July 1, 2025, duly noticed public meetings (including the agenda memos, back-up documents, and public comments received) are all available at: https://www.snldistrict.org/government/agendas minutes.ph p and which are all incorporated into this report by reference. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07 A RESOLUTION OF THE SUN 'N LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, FLORIDA, DETERMINING PURSUANT TO SECTION 255.065. **FLORIDA** STATUTES. THAT THE UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL FROM SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERS, LLC, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HASKELL COMPANY AND ARDURRA GROUP FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE WASTEWATER PLANT AND PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS IS IN THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE DISTRICT CLERK TO ADVERTISE THE SAME IN THE FLORIDA REGISTRY AS REQUIRED BY STATUTE; AND, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District (hereinafter the "District") was created by Ordinance Number 74-4, Highlands County, Florida, as codified at Section 9-81, Highlands County Code of Ordinances, as amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the District is an independent special district as defined by the Uniform Special District Accountability Act codified in Chapter 189, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, at the June 3, 2025, regular meeting of the District's Board of Supervisors, pursuant to section 255.065, Florida Statutes, entitled, "Public-Private Partnerships" (and hereinafter referred to as "P3"), the District presented and heard public comment regarding Sustainability Partners, LLC's ("SP"), unsolicited proposal to design and construct a new wastewater treatment plant and public works facility and related improvements (hereinafter referred to as the "Project" or "WWTP") in conjunction with The Haskell Company ("Haskell") and the Ardurra Group, Inc. ("Ardurra") (together hereinafter referred to as the "Team"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 255.065, Florida Statutes, the determination as to whether the Team's unsolicited proposal for the WWTP is in the public's interest, is based on the Board of Supervisors' consideration of the following five (5) factors: 1. The benefits to the public; 2. The financial structure of and the economic efficiencies achieved by the proposal; 3. The qualifications and experience of the private entity that submitted the proposal and such entity's ability to perform the project; 4. The project's compatibility with regional

infrastructure plans; and 5. Public comments submitted at the meeting.

WHEREAS, specifically, under section 255.065, Florida Statutes, the District and the Team will commence preparing an interim agreement and/or a comprehensive agreement for the design and construction of the WWTP, which will include, but not be limited to, the rights and responsibilities of the Team and the District; requirements for insurance and bonding; design preparation and reviews standards; financing; fees to be charged; and cost savings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors consented at the first publicly noticed meeting on June 3, 2025, to move the unsolicited proposal to its second publicly noticed meeting on July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors determines that based on the findings stated herein and the findings stated on the record at the Board of Supervisors' June 3, 2025, publicly noticed meeting, the unsolicited proposal is in the public's interest and the District should move forward with preparing an interim and/or comprehensive agreement for the design and construction of the WWTP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED SUN 'N LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the "WHEREAS" clauses above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. SP's unsolicited proposal in conjunction Haskell and Ardurra (consisting of 110 pages) is incorporated into this Resolution by reference.

SECTION 3. The Board of Supervisors hereby makes the following findings based on its review of the unsolicited proposal for the WWTP and after having heard public comment on the same at the Board of Supervisors' June 3, 2025, and July 1, 2025, publicly noticed meetings:

1. The benefit to the public. As stated in the WWTP proposal, the Project will provide for the timely and cost-effective design, construction, financing, and maintenance of the WWTP. The District's existing wastewater treatment plant located in Unit 23 is nearing the end of its useful life and the District's current facilities do not provide for the required capacity necessary to facilitate the population growth the District anticipates occurring over the next 20-year planning period (2044). The Team's collaborative proposal and approach allows the District flexibility in how the District proceeds with the design, construction, financing, maintenance, and operation of the WWTP. The Project will also provide the District with the ability to provide and maintain high-quality and cost-effective utility services for residents for at least the next twenty years with no additional significant investments. The Project will also allow for the capability of installing a public access reuse system which would provide District utility customers with high-quality reuse water for irrigation and other appropriate purposes. All of these public benefits flowing from the WWTP Project will also cause the necessary capacity and access needed for lot owners in currently undeveloped areas of the District to begin to plan for the eventual development of their lot(s), which in turn generates additional growth and revenue for the District to provide higher and better services. As stated in the WWTP proposal, the SP, Haskell, and Ardurra team will provide needed funds, design, engineering, procurement, construction, training, ongoing maintenance and operational support as desired by the District. The WWTP will enhance and benefit the environment and the health, safety, and welfare of landowners and persons inhabiting the District, through the continued provision, inter alia, of centralized and professionally maintained central wastewater collection, treatment, disposal and reuse facilities and services.

2. The financial structure of and the economic efficiencies achieved by the proposal. As stated in the WTP proposal, the Team is agnostic to the sources of the District's funding. The District currently has identified approximately 30 million dollars in revenue from special assessments levied on benefited property owners throughout the District in 2024, in the amount of \$2,700.00 per Equivalent Residential Connection ("ERC"), with the first annual installment due in October 2025 and being payable over 15 years, to fund, in particular, the new WWTP. The District also anticipates securing a state loan from an approved funding program to provide for additional required project funding. The Team's flexibility will allow the District to continue to follow its current plan for the financing of the WWTP and will allow the District to continue to collect the special assessment in the manner originally provided for. The proposal notes that SP is also able to provide all, part or none of the capital needed to fully implement the solution and can, in many cases, act as matching funds required for grants. Furthermore, SP's ability to capitalize on an "as needed" basis can help keep the project both on budget and on track. Consequently, the WWTP proposal provides economic efficiencies not only in relation to financing but also with respect to the project's overall cost and timeline.

3. The qualifications and experience of the private entity that submitted the proposal and such entity's ability to perform the project. As stated in the WWTP proposal and shown through successful past developments, the Team has the qualifications and experience to timely and efficiently complete the WWTP. Sustainability Partners is a US-based, Public Benefit Company with a history of helping governmental entities develop and renew their essential infrastructure and meet their sustainability goals. SP can facilitate all, or any, of the necessary components (design, engineering, procurement, installation, ongoing maintenance and funding) that empower a community to improve its critical infrastructure and, thereby, better serve

its constituents. With flexible funding and tremendous depth of expertise and experience, SP accelerates infrastructure improvements and the adoption of sustainable solutions across the nation. SP's team consists of a highly qualified group of professionals, with decades of industry experience, who have direct working knowledge and understanding of how to successfully deliver competitive infrastructure solutions. Haskell is a leading integrated design-build firm serving the water and wastewater markets. Founded and headquartered in Jacksonville Florida in 1965, Haskell's integrated project delivery model has established a creative thinking process combined with innovative design and construction methodologies that continue to exceed the expectations of today's multi-faceted clients. Employing more than 2,400 architects, engineers, constructors administrative professionals with decades of experience, Haskell drives a competitive advantage for its clients to deliver unique customized solutions. Ardurra is a Florida corporation established in 1950 that offers full-service consulting, engineering and technical services. Ardurra provides engineering and technology solutions to municipal utilities throughout the Southeast, focusing on water, wastewater, conveyance, pump stations, and related services. Ardurra's experienced team offers extensive collaborative delivery project experience, and familiarity with the complexities of large-scale, water-infrastructure projects.

4. The project's compatibility with regional infrastructure plans. The WWTP Project is compatible with the regional infrastructure and the County's comprehensive plan (the District does not have land use authority under the terms of its Charter). The Project will address the District's well-documented need for an updated, centralized and professionally maintained central wastewater collection, treatment, disposal and reuse facility. The project will provide for the capacity needed for the District's pursuit of a proactive development strategy. The overall improvements to be made by the Project, will also assist the District and community in achieving an environmentally responsible plan for the reuse of water, including but not limited to, the irrigation of lawns and recreations areas, including the District's two 18-hole golf courses and related practice facilities.

5. Public comments submitted at the meeting. At the Board of Supervisors' June 3, 2025, first publicly noticed meeting on the Team's unsolicited proposal, a majority of the public comments were in favor of pursuing the WWTP project via the Team's unsolicited proposal. At least one comment questioned the District's plan to finance the WWTP, and if the Team's unsolicited proposal would cause the District to alter its financing plan. At the Board of Supervisors' meeting of July 1, 2023, the second publicly noticed meeting, the District received no further public regarding the WWTP project via the Team's

unsolicited proposal. Since the Board of Supervisors and the public will have further opportunities to review, consider, and comment upon, and in the case of the Board of Supervisors, approve, the interim agreement and/or comprehensive agreement for the WWTP and the other components of the Project, the District believes the comments made will be sufficiently addressed in the forthcoming agreements.

The district has also determined that the Team's unsolicited proposal meets each of the Project Approval, Project Qualification Requirements and other applicable requirements set forth in section 255.065, Florida Statutes and that the Team's unsolicited proposal is for a Qualifying Project within the meaning of section 255.065.

SECTION 4. The District Clerk is directed to publish in the Florida Administrative Register, for at least seven (7) days, a report that includes this Resolution and make publicly available the unsolicited proposal.

SECTION 5. All prior adopted Resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed and replaced with the provisions provided for herein.

SECTION 6. If any portion of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other parts of this Resolution.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

The passage of this resolution was moved by Supervisor Beverly Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Greg Norton, and upon being put to a vote, the Resolution was approved by a vote of 5-0.

The District President thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted on the 1st day of July, 2025.

SUN 'N LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT Michael Gilpin, President

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Vaughn, District Board Secretary

#### PARRISH MCCALL CONSTRUCTORS, INC.

Putnam County - Melrose Elementary School Addition & Renovation

Parrish McCall Constructors, Inc, the construction manager, is soliciting competitive bids and pre-qualification for the following project:

Putnam County - Melrose Elementary School Addition & Renovation

Anticipated bid packages include the following: Concrete, Masonry, Structural Steel, Ornamental Metals, Casework, Thermal & Moisture Protection, Roofing, Doors/Frames/Hardware, Sitework, Landscape & Irrigation, Hardscape, Curtainwall/Storefront, Gypsum Assemblies, Painting, Flooring/Tile, Acoustical Systems, Signage, General

Trades, Mechanical (HVAC), Electrical, Plumbing, Access Controls, Security, Food Service Equipment, Fire Protection, Low Voltage (Communications), Construction Cleaning

Bid documents can be found on the project page on BuildingConnected under 'Files'. Link is included below. All bids in excess of \$75,000 should be submitted to the Parrish McCall main office in sealed envelopes. All other bids should be submitted via BuildingConnected. Bid documents are expected to be issued on January 02, 2026.

https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5b1eafc8a11cdd001 0a863a7

All subcontractors under consideration for a package in excess of \$100,000 will be required to complete the SCORE system qualification process. Please visit the following link to enroll in the SCORE system.

https://parrish-mccall.com/subcontractors/

#### 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., Friday, September 12, 2025, and 3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 18, 2025.

Rule No.	File Date	<b>Effective Date</b>
5KER25-4	9/18/2025	9/18/2025
53ER25-46	9/17/2025	9/22/2025
53ER25-47	9/17/2025	9/22/2025
53ER25-48	9/17/2025	9/22/2025
53ER25-49	9/17/2025	9/22/2025
53ER25-50	9/17/2025	9/22/2025
61K1-4.001	9/16/2025	10/6/2025
61K1-4.017	9/16/2025	10/6/2025
61K1-4.021	9/16/2025	10/6/2025
61K1-4.022	9/16/2025	10/6/2025
61K1-4.025	9/16/2025	10/6/2025
64B9-3.008	9/12/2025	10/2/2025
64B9-15.0035	9/12/2025	10/2/2025
64B14-4.002	9/16/2025	10/6/2025
68B-7.002 (corrective)	9/16/2025	9/17/2025
68B-24.0065	9/16/2025 10/6/2025	

LIST OF RULES AWAITING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL SECTIONS 120.541(3), 373.139(7) AND/OR 373.1391(6), FLORIDA STATUTES				
Rule No.	File Date	<b>Effective Date</b>		
14-10.0043	4/11/2025	**/**/***		
60FF1-5.009	7/21/2016	**/**/***		
64B8-10.003	12/9/2015	**/**/***		
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/***		

#### REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITIES

Tampa Bay Water - A Regional Water Supply Authority Annual Regulatory Plan

Tampa Bay Water's 2025-2026 Regulatory Plant was published on the agency's website on September 16, 2025, in compliance with Section 120.74 Fla. Stat. The 2025-2026 Regulatory Plan can be obtained by visiting www.tampabaywater.org or by contacting the agency's Records Department at records@tampabaywater.org.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

FLORIDA FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT CITY OF FREEPORT, FLORIDA

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) determined that Freeport's project involving the construction of a new 1.0 mgd wastewater treatment facility providing primary, secondary, and tertiary treatment; disinfection; effluent disposal; and solids handling is not expected to generate controversy over potential environmental effects and will have no significant impact on the flood plain. The total estimated construction cost is \$78,400,000. The project may qualify for a Clean Water State Revolving fund (CWSRF) loan composed of federal or 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 Florida Finding of No Significant Impact can be obtained by writing to: Amy ODonnell, CWSRF Program, Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd, MS#3505, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or calling (850)245-2173 or emailing amy.odonnell@floridadep.gov.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

FLORIDA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION NOTICE (FCEN) LEE COUNTY

WW3602C

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has determined that the Lee County's project involves the construction at Fort Myers Beach Water Reclamation Facility

of preliminary treatment, including screening, grit removal, and odor control; secondary treatment, including oxidation ditches, chemical storage and feed facilities, secondary clarifiers with RAS/WAS and scum pumping, and an intermediate pump station; and rehabilitation of the existing deep bed filters to be converted to denitrification filters with chemical storage and feed facilities is not expected to generate controversy over potential environmental effects. The estimated cost for this project is \$101.9 million. The project may qualify for Clean Water SRF loans composed of federal and state funds. DEP will consider public comments about the environmental impacts of the proposed projects that are postmarked or delivered at the address below within thirty (30) days of this notice. A copy of the FCEN can be obtained by writing to: Pankaj Shah, DEP, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 3505, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or calling (850)245-2962 or emailing pankaj.shah@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.