

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 17, 2004

SUBJECT: Proposed Amended Community College Rule, 6A-14.076

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.02(1)(9), 1010.58(1), Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose of the amendment is to provide a consistent definition in the reporting of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students among the 28 community colleges. The current rule provides two different methodologies for computing FTE students between college credit and non-college credit courses. These differing methodologies results in an incomparability of FTE students among the community colleges which can lead to faulty analysis of data. This problem, if not corrected with this proposed rule change, may result in incorrect appropriations to colleges when FTE are used as a basis for the appropriation. The proposed definition of 30 credit hours for college credit courses provides a consistent methodology with non-credit courses, and such definition is consistent with the national conventions for reporting FTE at community colleges.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed amended community college rule.

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