

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

May 15, 2007

SUBJECT: New Rule 6A-14.080, FAC., Dr. Philip Benjamin Matching Program for Community Colleges

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

1011.85, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This rule creates requirements and policies for administration of the Dr. Philip Benjamin Matching Program for Community Colleges. This new rule establishes consistency regarding the definitions of "cash", "contributions", and "local funds". It also adds the First Generation in College Scholarships as the third use designation for the Dr. Philip Benjamin Matching Program for Community Colleges. This rule will provide consistency for the foundations in terms of what constitutes eligibility of private contributions, certification process and reporting requirements.

This rule clearly defines the private contributions the foundations may solicit in order to be submitted for state match. Strategic Imperative 7. - Align Financial Resources with Performance states that the ultimate goal of this imperative is to allocate all resources to be used solely to improve student and institutional performance. The funds provided by the Dr. Philip Benjamin Matching Program enables the community colleges to provide needed scientific and technical equipment, scholarships, loans, need-based grants and other activities which will benefit future students as well as students currently enrolled at the community college, will improve the quality of education at the community college, or will enhance economic development in the community. Without the state match for these private contributions, many of these enhancements would not be provided due to budget restrictions.

The proposed rule language was approved by the Community College Council of Presidents on December 1, 2006.

Supporting Documentation Included: New Rule 6A-14.080, FAC., Dr. Philip Benjamin Matching Program for Community Colleges

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