

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Items
June 19, 2007

SUBJECT: Approval of Code of Ethics as Requested by the Governor

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the *Department of Education Code of Ethics for Officers and Designated Employees*.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

20.15(1) and 1001.02, Florida Statutes
Executive Order 07-01

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

One of the first official acts of Governor Crist was the entry of Executive Order 07-01, which set out the Governor's priorities with respect to establishing a an open and ethical executive branch of state government, structured to maximize honesty, access, and service.

Among the elements of the executive order, the Governor adopted a more stringent Code of Ethics for his office and for the leadership of executive agencies under his purview. Further, the governor requested executive agencies to adopt an ethics code in line with the Governor's Code, as adapted to fit the unique requirements and variables of each agency.

The *Department of Education Code of Ethics for Officers and Designated Employees* represents a more stringent Code than currently exists under statute and is patterned after the Governor's Code.

Supporting Documentation Included: Department of Education Code of Ethics for Officers and Designated Employees

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