

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

December 11, 2007

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Proposed Rule 6A-2.0010, Educational Facilities

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1013.02(2) Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Rule 6A-2.0010, Educational Facilities, incorporates within the rule, State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF). As Florida laws have changed since the last adoption of SREF, the document and rule must be amended to incorporate these changes. Consistent with current law, authority for building code requirements for public schools has been shifted from the Department of Education to the Florida Building Commission; authority for fire safety for public schools has been shifted from the Department of Education to the State Fire Marshal; growth management requirements have been added; forms have been updated; and minor changes have been made to the space charts. Changes to the financing sections are due to the implementation of two federal funding programs for educational facilities which the Department is responsible for administering - the Qualified Public Educational Facilities (QPEF) Private Bond Allocation Program and the Qualified Zone Academy Bond Allocation (QZAB) Program. Additionally, revisions related to the use of funds consisting of bond proceeds are based on current tax regulations. Building code plan reviewers and inspectors are now required to be licensed through the Department of Business and Professional Regulations (DBPR), Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board.

The rule has been developed by Department staff, reviewed by school districts and community colleges, public comment has been received and reviewed, and further review has been made by the Department and the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-2.0010, Educational Facilities and State Requirements for Educational Facilities (under separate cover)

Presenter: Linda Champion, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Operations