

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
April 15, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendment to Proposed Rule 6A-6.040, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Director Credential for Private Providers

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Sections 1002.73(2)(a) and 1002.79(1), Florida Statutes

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The laws implementing the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program, at Section 1002.57(1) & (4), Florida Statutes, required the Department of Education to:

- adopt minimum standards for a credential for prekindergarten directors of private prekindergarten providers delivering the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program;
- award credit, to the extent possible, to a person who successfully completes the Department of Children and Families' child care facility director credential already required under Section 402.305(2)(f), Florida Statutes, for those requirements of the prekindergarten director credential which may be duplicative.

To implement these requirements, the DOE worked collaboratively with the Department of Children and Families, the Agency for Workforce Innovation, and directors of child care programs. Rule 6A-6.040, FAC, *Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Director Endorsement for Private Providers*, was approved by the State Board of Education on June 20, 2006 with an effective date of December 31, 2006. On October 2, 2007, the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee filed an objective to this rule; specifically relating to the procedures for the issuance of the VPK director's credential. The proposed rule addresses these concerns.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6A-6.040, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Director Credential for Private Providers and Form DOE-DCA 01-07

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