

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
August 19, 2008

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed New Rule 6A-6.0573, Industry Certification Process

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1003.492(2), Florida Statute

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this rule is to implement requirements of Section 1003.492(2), Florida Statutes, requiring the Department of Education to “use the expertise of Workforce Florida, Inc., and Enterprise Florida, Inc., to develop and adopt rules for implementing an industry certification process” essential to the statewide implementation of the Career and Professional Education Act of 2007.

As required by statute, the Agency for Workforce Innovation has defined industry certification based upon the highest available national standards for specific industry certification to ensure student skill proficiency and to address emerging labor market and industry trends. This list, “Comprehensive Industry Certification List” was approved at the April 2008 Workforce Florida, Inc.’s Board Meeting and is incorporated by reference within the rule to be published by March 1 of each year. Processes are established in the proposed rule for identifying program-to-certificate linkages and to identify certifications deemed sufficiently rigorous academically (as defined in the proposed rule) in order to be eligible for bonus FTE funding. The rule also creates a process for school districts to register as Career and Professional Academies and to submit a specific program-to-certification linkage to be included in the Industry Certification Funding list for the next school year. In addition, the rule provides the calculation for determining if a program meets expected performance criteria.

The Department has worked closely with the Agency for Workforce Innovation and Workforce Florida, Inc., to develop a rule which is supported by all three agencies.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed New Rule 6A-6.0573, Industry Certification Process, Comprehensive Industry Certification List, April 2008, 2008-09 Industry Certification Funding List, and Form ICP-1.

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