

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
October 21, 2008

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-3.0171, Responsibilities of School Districts for Student Transportation

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1006.22, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed revisions to Rule 6A-3.0171, FAC., update the content of the Florida School Bus Safety Inspection Manual for school district and charter school bus safety inspectors and revise references contained within the rule regarding the manual revision date.

The proposed revisions remove obsolete provisions relating to school bus inspection procedures and pass/fail criteria for school bus equipment items and update the procedures and criteria. The revisions reflect changes in inspection procedures as provided in the current edition of the Florida School Bus Specifications and changes in federal recommendations and additions to school bus standard equipment as provided in the current safety inspection manual adopted in 2003. For example, the revisions incorporate National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recommendations regarding the proper adjustment of school bus air brakes and with specifications of the National Congress on School Transportation (NCST) regarding the placement of safety devices within the driver's compartment. The proposed revisions address these and other issues and bring the safety inspection manual in line with current federal and industry recommendations pertaining to school bus equipment and inspection standards.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-3.0171, Responsibilities of School Districts for Student Transportation, Summary of Significant Changes to the 2008 Florida School Bus Safety Inspection Manual, and Florida School Bus Safety Inspection Manual (under separate cover).

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