

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
October 21, 2008

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0960, Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship Program

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 220.187, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Rule 6A-6.0960, Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship Program, became effective in 2007 to implement Section 220.187, Florida Statutes, to allow nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations to provide scholarships from eligible contributions to qualified students attending eligible private schools or public schools outside the school district in which the student resides or in a laboratory school.

During the 2008 Legislative Session, House Bill 653 (Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarship Program) passed which amended the statute to include new provisions related to scholarship eligibility for foster care students and siblings of students enrolled in the program. In addition, the list of approved assessments to be administered by the private schools to students receiving Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarships has been removed from rule and is available on the Department's website allowing for the list of assessments to be updated as necessary without going through the rule promulgation process.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-6.0960, Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship Program and Subsection (3) of Section 220.187, Florida Statutes

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