

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

March 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0970, John M. McKay Scholarship for Students with Disabilities Program

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1002.39, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program allows parents of students with disabilities to choose the best academic environment for their children. This scholarship program provides a variety of options including the opportunity to attend a participating private school or transfer to another public school. Eligible students include students with disabilities who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP), and who were enrolled and reported for funding by a Florida school district. Students from military families from other states or countries may also be eligible.

The purpose of this rule amendment is to establish and clarify June 1st as the specific timeframe for claims by McKay participating private schools for supplemental payment requests, thereby ensuring that funds generated through the Florida Education Finance Program for the McKay program will be disseminated within the timeframe of the fiscal year in which the student participated in the program.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-6.0970, John M. McKay Scholarship for Students with Disabilities Program

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