

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

September 15, 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 purpose of this rule amendment is to establish a written affidavit clarifying that each McKay Scholarship participant agrees to and understands the rules of the program. The amendment also: 1) strengthens and clarifies private school requirements relating to return of scholarship funds received erroneously by requiring a written explanation by the private school; 2) clarifies Department authority to conduct on-site audits, as appropriate, during inquiry investigations; and 3) allows referral to Office of Inspector General with the Department at any point during an inquiry.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-6.0970, John M. McKay Scholarship for Students with Disabilities Program and Form IEPC-AFF1, Affidavit

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