

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 18, 2003

SUBJECT: Third Grade Reading/Promotion – Plan for Monitoring Districts' Compliance

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approval of the Department of Education's plan for the monitoring school districts' implementation of and compliance with the requirements of s. 1008.25(5)-(7), Florida Statutes, regarding third grade promotion requirements.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1008.25(5)-(7), 1008.32, Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The statewide public school student progression law eliminating social promotion includes new requirements regarding promotion from third grade that focus on the student's reading proficiency. The law also provides the State Board of Education with specific authority to enforce these requirements.

The proposed monitoring plan was developed as part of the Department of Education's activities to implement the State Board of Education's *Strategic Imperative #2: Applying Existing Academic Standards Consistently At All Levels*, Priority Project (2.1.1. Promotion Compliance Monitoring System).

Effects of Policy:

The proposed monitoring plan provides an appropriate method for the Department to enforce the statutory requirements related to third grade promotion.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Section 1008.25, Florida Statutes – Public school student progression; remedial instruction; reporting requirements.

Section 1008.32, Florida Statutes – State Board of Education oversight enforcement authority.

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