

## FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 23-24, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Florida School Code.

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Discuss and approve principles to be used by the Department of Education in recommending a revised Florida School Code.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Senate Bill 1162 requires the Florida Board of Education to recommend to the Legislature a new school code by January 1, 2002. Rewriting the school code is a massive task. There are 19 chapters addressing all aspects of K-12, workforce development, community colleges, universities, independent education providers, funding, facilities, personnel, and financial aid. Many other areas of law refer to sections of the school code. Just correcting these references will involve hundreds of pages of changes.

The Secretary and Commissioner have jointly established a workgroup to begin the process of recommending to the Legislature a revised school code. The workgroup includes persons from each delivery system and from the independent sector. The group has met once to discuss a way to proceed. The results of that meeting will be addressed in the presentation.

Legislative staff and members, with input from the public and independent education communities, citizens, and State and Florida Board members should accomplish the drafting of the revised School Code. Given that the process is just beginning, the Florida Board should outline some guiding principles that would help direct the work of staff in proposing a new structure and content.

This presentation suggests an approach to restructuring the chapters of the School Code to reflect the reorganized education system in Florida.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Copy of PowerPoint Presentation

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