

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 17, 2003

SUBJECT: Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) Education Advisory Council

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

This is an update.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On April 15, 2003, the State Board of Education approved the creation of the Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) Education Advisory Council for the purpose of providing recommendations to the State Board regarding the implementation of universal prekindergarten education programs. Subsequent legislation expands the scope of the Council's work.

The 2003 Legislature passed Committee Substitute/Committee Substitute/Senate Bill 1334, Senate Bill 534, & Senate Bill 360 to address the implementation of Amendment 8 to Florida's Constitution, Universal Prekindergarten. This bill requires a performance audit of the current school readiness programs to be conducted by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA), a financial and operational audit to be conducted by the Auditor General, and a study to be conducted by the State Board of Education.

The legislation requires the State Board of Education's study to be presented to the Governor and the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House by October 1, 2003.

Supporting Documentation Included: CS/CS/SB 1334, SB 534, & SB 360; April 15, 2003 State Board of Education Approved Board Action to create the Universal Prekindergarten Education Advisory Council; Universal Prekindergarten Education Advisory Council – An Update

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