

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
March 22, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Repeal of Rule 6A-3.016, Responsibilities of Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Operations for Student Transportation

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Sections 1001.02(1), 1006.21 and 1006.22, Florida Statutes

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This rule is recommended for repeal in order to eliminate redundant responsibilities of the Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Operations and in order to streamline the rules by moving recordkeeping requirements to another rule.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed 6A-3.016, F.A.C.

**Facilitator:** Linda Champion, Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations

**6A-3.016 Responsibilities of Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Operations for Student Transportation.**

*Rulemaking Authority 1001.02, 1006.21, 1006.22 FS. Law Implemented 1001.02, 1006.21, 1006.22 FS. History—New 9-17-72, Amended 7-20-74, Repromulgated 12-5-74, Formerly 6A-3.16, Amended 11-15-94, 11-26-06, Repealed*

**6A-3.016 Responsibilities of Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Operations for Student Transportation.**

It shall be the duty of the Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Operations, acting under rules and regulations of the State Board and with the assistance of the professional staff of the Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Operations, to exercise all powers and to perform all duties related to the responsibilities listed below:

- (1) Formulation and enforcement of law and regulations.
  - (a) To propose such laws or changes in laws as are necessary to assure safe, adequate and economical transportation in each district of the state where transportation is needed.
  - (b) To apportion and distribute state aid for transportation.
  - (c) To require adherence to the minimum standards in the field of student transportation adopted by the state board, including standards for the design and equipment of school buses.
  - (d) To interpret statutory and regulatory provisions for student transportation and encourage adherence thereto.
- (2) Transportation personnel. To sponsor such training programs from the state level as may be needed to improve the efficiency of persons responsible for the operation and maintenance of school buses.
- (3) Transported students. To cooperate with and furnish technical assistance to district school authorities with a view to the promotion of safety, comfort, and convenience for transported students.
- (4) Purchase, lease, and use of equipment.
  - (a) To develop specifications for physical equipment subject to the approval of the state board.
  - (b) To encourage plans and procedures in the ownership and operation of buses that will insure a maximum of economy, efficiency and safety.
  - (c) To ascertain and ensure that plans of district school systems for purchasing school buses are administratively sound and that procedures are such as to assure that standards and specifications are met and buses are purchased in accordance with law and regulations of the state board.

~~(5) Insurance. To advise with school boards with reference to their responsibilities for provision for insurance covering liability for damages on account of bodily injury or death suffered as a result of the transportation service, and to conduct periodic insurance studies.~~

~~(6) Routes and schedules. To furnish upon request when practicable, advice and assistance to district school officials in planning school bus routes and schedules.~~

~~(7) Operating principles. To furnish technical assistance to district school authorities with a view to the promotion of economy and efficiency of operation of school buses.~~

~~(8) Maintenance of buses. To provide assistance in planning for garages, bus shelters and equipment, and to approve plans and specifications for bus repair shops.~~

~~(9) Transportation records, reports, and accounting.~~

~~(a) To prescribe records to be kept and reports to be made by the district school authorities in order to assure adequate and comparable transportation information.~~

~~(b) All school districts shall report school bus inventories using the Department's Automated School Bus Inventory System which may be accessed at <http://stm.fldoe.org/default.asp>. The Department's Automated School Bus Inventory System (Form 420) as noted above is hereby incorporated by reference to become effective November 2006. For viewing purposes only, hard copies of the reporting requirements in the Automated School Bus Inventory System may be obtained by contacting the Director of the School Transportation Management Section, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.~~

~~(c) To conduct research, investigations and surveys of various phases of transportation, make the findings and results of such studies available, and encourage district school boards to make practical application of such results.~~

~~(10) Interagency relationships. To cooperate with other state and federal agencies in improving the student transportation service.~~

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