

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
November 15, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0786, Forms for Charter School Applicants and Sponsors

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1002.33(28), Florida Statutes

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

House Bill 7069, in the 2017 Florida Legislature, helped to assure that the Florida Standard Charter Contract serves as the starting point for all negotiations between approved charter schools and their district sponsors. The legislative amendment to s. 1002.33(7), F.S., maintains that “any term or condition of a proposed charter contract that differs from the standard charter contract adopted by rule of the State Board of Education shall be presumed a limitation on charter school flexibility.” Additionally, s. 1002.33(21), F.S., mandates that the Florida Department of Education also develop a standard charter renewal contract. Further, the establishment of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act prompts a revision to the Model Florida Charter School Application and Standard Model Charter School Application Evaluation Instrument that schools and districts use. This rule change proposes revisions to the model application (Form IEPC-M1), and the evaluation instrument (Form IEPC-M2) around questions that probe a charter applicant’s capacity and plan for school safety and security. Additionally, this rule proposes revisions to the Florida Standard Charter Contract (Form IEPC-SC), and it establishes the Florida Standard Charter Renewal Contract (Form IEPC-SCR), to align with recent legislative changes and feedback the Department received from charter school operators and authorizers.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6A-6.0786, F.A.C. The Model Florida Charter School Application (Form IEPC-M1); the Standard Model Charter School Application Evaluation Instrument (Form IEPC-M2); the Florida Standard Charter Contract (Form IEPC-SC); and the Florida Standard Charter Renewal Contract (Form IEPC-SCR) (under separate cover)

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