

6M-9.110 Requirements and Criteria for Early Learning Coalition Board Composition.

(1) Definitions.

(a) “Ex Officio Member” means a member of the coalition by virtue of holding another office. Ex Officio member positions are set forth in Sections 1002.83(4)(a)-(1)(m), F.S.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) “Substantial financial interest” refers to standards established herein for appointment of private sector business members. A coalition member, a coalition member’s relative, or a coalition board member’s business entity has a substantial financial interest in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program (VPK) or an early learning coalition’s School Readiness Program (SR), if:

1. The coalition member, the coalition board member’s relative, or the coalition member’s business entity has direct or indirect ownership of more than five (5)% percent of the total assets or capital stock, cumulatively, of one or more of the proscribed sources of income listed in paragraph (1)(e); or

2. During the prior two (2) years, more than five (5) percent of the gross income of the coalition member, coalition member’s relative, or coalition member’s business entity was derived, cumulatively, from one or more of the proscribed sources listed in paragraph (1)(e).

(e) “Proscribed sources of income” refers to ~~Proscribed sources of income~~ are sources of income derived from interests in the design or delivery of the VPK program or the SR program, including the following sources:

1. The Department of Education and its divisions including the Division Office of Early Learning, the Department of Children and Families, ~~the Department of Education~~, or a contractor or subcontractor of any of these agencies;

2. An early learning coalition, or a coalition’s or former coalition’s fiscal agent, service provider, contractor, or subcontractor;

3. A school district’s or public school’s preschool program for children from birth until eligibility for admission to kindergarten in a public school under Section 1003.21(1)(a)2., F.S., if the coalition board member’s or coalition board member’s relative’s income was derived from employment in an elected or appointed position in the school district or public school which is responsible for:

a. through d. No change.

4. through 6. No change.

7. A Department of ~~Education Children and Families~~ approved Gold Seal child care accrediting organization;

8. through 10. No change.

(2) Private Sector Business Members. Each early learning coalition may appoint private sector business members. The number of seated private sector members and all voting and non-voting ex officio members shall not exceed thirty (30) total members ~~must be composed of more than one third private sector business members. The percentage of private sector business members is based on the total number of seated board members at a given time, including all voting and non voting ex officio members.~~

(3) No change.

Rulemaking Authority ~~1001.213(2), 1002.83(6)(5)~~ FS Law Implemented 1002.83(6)(5) FS History--New 3-29-15.