

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Action Item**  
August 17, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendment to Rules 6A-4.002, General Provisions; 6A-4.004, Florida Educator's Certificates with Academic, Administrative, Degreed Career and Technical, and Specialty Coverages and 6A-4.0012, Application Information

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Sections 1001.02(2)(n), 1012.55(1), 1012.56(13), 1012.586, and 1012.59(1), F.S.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The 2022 Florida legislature passed Senate Bill 896 (Chapter 2022-186). The bill creates a new pathway for military veterans to obtain educator certification in Florida and removes the requirement for military reservists to document active duty for the military waiver. Changes to the Course Code Directory (Rule 6A-1.09441, F.A.C.) approved by the State Board of Education prompted an update to the STEM Course List used to determine an applicant's eligibility for the STEM pathway.

To implement these provisions, the following amendments are proposed:

- Proposed Rule 6A-4.0012, F.A.C., creates a new online and hard copy certification form for applicants to apply for the 5-year Temporary Certificate for military veterans, and removes the active duty requirement for members of the armed forces reserves to be eligible for a military certification fee waiver.
- Proposed Rule 6A-4.002, F.A.C., specifies that only a 3-year Temporary Certificate may be issued after the certificate has been expired for more than a year since the new 5-year Temporary Certificate for military veterans can only be issued once.
- Proposed Rule 6A-4.004, F.A.C., outlines the eligibility criteria for the new 5-year Temporary Certificate for military veterans and updates the Florida STEM Course List incorporated by reference due to recent changes to the Course Code Directory.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rules 6A-4.002, 6A-4.004, 6A-4.0012, F.A.C., Form CG-10M, Temporary Military Veterans Certificate Application; and Florida STEM Course List

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