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**Approval of New Rule 6A-1.094125, F.A.C.,
Special Magistrate for Unresolved Student Welfare
Complaints**

State Board of Education

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Purpose of Rule 6A-1.094125, F.A.C.,

- Provide parents with an expedient route for certain unresolved disputes.
- Further supports parental rights.

Special Magistrate

- When a parent complaint is not resolved to the parent's satisfaction at the local level, the parent may request the appointment of a Special Magistrate by the Commissioner.
- The Special Magistrate is an attorney who will hold a state-level hearing with the parent and the school district and prepare a recommended decision.
- The State Board must approve or reject the recommendation.

Resolution by the School District

- Before seeking the appointment of a special magistrate, a parent must follow school district procedures for resolution.
 - Attempted resolution by school principal within 7 days.
 - Attempted resolution by school district within 30 days.

Recommended Decision of Special Magistrate

- Special Magistrate holds a hearing.
- Special Magistrate provides a recommended decision of the dispute to the State Board.
- State Board must approve or reject the recommended decision at its next regularly scheduled meeting that is more than 7 calendar days and no more than 30 days after the date the recommended decision is transmitted.



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