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**Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.03315, F.A.C.,  
Private School Scholarship Compliance**

**State Board of Education**

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## Senate Bill 846

- Signed by the governor in early May, mandates that private schools that participate in any of Florida’s scholarship programs must:
  - Not be owned or operated by a person or an entity domiciled in, owned by, or in any way controlled by a foreign country of concern or foreign principal as defined in Section 288.860, F.S.;
  - Violating this provision “constitutes an imminent threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the school’s students and to the public, sufficient to justify immediate suspension of payment of scholarship funds ... as well as denial, suspension, or revocation of a school’s participation in a scholarship program ....”

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- This rule amendment:
  - Brings the scholarship compliance rule – 6A-6.03315, F.A.C. – into conformity with the language in Senate Bill 846;
  - Increases transparency;
  - Strengthens accountability;
  - Protects health, safety and welfare of students; and
  - Revokes a private school’s participation in state scholarship programs if compliance with this rule and statute is not met.

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- Countries of concern in Section 288.860, F.S., include:
  - People's Republic of China;
  - Russian Federation;
  - Islamic Republic of Iran;
  - Democratic People's Republic of Korea;
  - Republic of Cuba;
  - Venezuelan regime of Nicolas Maduro; and
  - Syrian Arab Republic.
- There are two private schools that may be out of compliance with this new change in statute and rule.



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