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Amendments to Rule 6A-1.0017

School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)

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What is School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)?

- SESIR collects data on **26 incidents** of crime, violence, and disruptive behaviors.
- This collection is limited to incidents that occur **on school grounds, on school transportation, and at off-campus, school-sponsored events.**
- Incidents can occur **24** hours a day, **365** days per year.
- Incidents are reported by schools via their district's data system which uploads the data to the Florida Department of Education.



House Bill 543 (2023) Requirements

- House Bill 543 – Public Safety, continues Florida’s work of improving school safety and security
- House Bill 543 was signed April 3, 2023, by Governor DeSantis
- Section 23 reads, in part: *“The State Board of Education shall adopt rules establishing the requirements for the school environmental safety incident report, including those incidents that must be reported to a law enforcement agency.”*

Purpose of Proposed Changes to Rule 6A-1.0017

Incorporate changes implemented via emergency rule 6AER23-01:

- Require that certain SESIR incidents be reported to law enforcement:

Level I - Most Serious

Aggravated Battery
Arson
Homicide
Kidnapping
Sexual Battery

Level II

Burglary
Drug Sale/Distribution
Simple Battery
Robbery
Weapons Possession
Sexual Assault

Level III

Disruption On Campus
Drug Use/Possession
Hazing
Fighting
Grand Theft
Sexual Offenses (Other)
Threat/Intimidation
Trespassing
Criminal Mischief
Other Major Offenses

Level IV – Least Serious

Alcohol

Proposed Rule

- Defines “Reported to Law Enforcement” as school staff communicating with a School Resource Officer (SRO) or other law enforcement official about an incident.
- Requires all SESIR incidents be Reported to Law Enforcement *except* Bullying, Harassment, Sexual Harassment, and Tobacco.
- Requires any SESIR incident be Reported to Law Enforcement if it includes certain related elements: Alcohol-related; Drug-related; Gang-related; Hate crime-related; Hazing-related; Injury-related (more serious); and Weapon-related.

Proposed Rule

Clarifies Weapons Possession and Weapon-Related definitions:

(z) Weapons Possession (Level II): Possession of a firearm or weapon ~~any instrument or object~~ as defined by Section 790.001(6) and (13), F.S., that can inflict serious harm on another person or that can place a person in reasonable fear of serious harm.

(i) Weapon-related: All SESIR incidents are required to be reported as Weapon-related where anyone involved possessed or used a firearm or weapon or if the incident was related to possession, use or sale of firearms or weapons, as defined in Section 790.001(6) and (13), F.S.

These updates address changes in the weapons statute that resulted from House Bill 543 – Public Safety.



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