

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Action Item**  
August 23, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-4.620, Health and Safety for School Readiness Providers

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Sections 1001.02(2)(n), 1002.82(2)(i), (w), (x), (y), (z), F.S.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Division of Early Learning (DEL) administers federal and state child care funds and partners with 30 local early learning coalitions to deliver comprehensive early learning services statewide. The division oversees three programs—the School Readiness Program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program, and Child Care Resource and Referral services. Section 1002.82, Florida Statute, requires the Department of Education to establish health and safety standards and preservice and inservice training requirements.

The rule is being amended to better align with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) health and safety standards and requirements, last revised and effective January 2022, for DCF licensed and/or regulated child care providers in Rules 65C-22.001(6), 65C-22.008(5), and 65C-20.008(7), F.A.C. Health and safety standards for School Readiness providers to eliminate duplication for school readiness programs and an additional School Readiness preservice training requirement is added to comply with federal standards. Amendments to the rule also incorporate Form DEL-SR 6200A, School Readiness Program Health and Safety Handbook, and Form DEL-SR 6200B, School Readiness Program Health and Safety Checklist, which identify SR Program-only standards for all provider types. Eight School Readiness health and safety forms are being repealed as the standards are addressed in DCF standards and the two incorporated rule forms.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6M-4.620, F.A.C., Form DEL-SR 6200A, School Readiness Program Health and Safety Standards Handbook; and Form DEL-SR 6200B, School Readiness Program Health and Safety Checklist

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