

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
October 18, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-4.0021, Florida Teacher Certification Examinations

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1012.59(3), F.S.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This rule is being amended to incorporate Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) testing fee waiver eligibility requirements for retired first responders to align with changes made by House Bill (HB) 1035 during the 2023 Legislative session, which amends Section 1012.59(3), F.S.

Section 1012.59(3), F.S., states that the Department shall waive initial general knowledge, professional education, and subject area examination fees and certification fees for retired first responders, which includes law enforcement officers as defined in s. 943.10(1), F.S., firefighters as defined in s. 633.102(9), F.S., or emergency medical technicians or paramedics as defined in s. 401.23, F.S.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6A-4.0021, F.A.C.

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