

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
October 18, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-4.00821, Florida Educational Leadership Examination

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1012.59(1)(b), (c), (3), F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This rule is being amended to incorporate Florida Educational Leadership Examination (FELE) 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.

The rule is also being amended to decrease retake registration fees for the FELE consistent with previous amendments to Rule 6A-4.0021 (Florida Teacher Certification Examinations, FTCE) per s. 1012.59(1)(b)-(c), F.S., which states that the retake fee for the full battery of certification subtests may not exceed the fee for the initial registration and the retake fee for each subtest must be prorated based on the number of subtests within the examination. This requirement is delineated for the FTCE in Rule 6A-4.0021, F.A.C., and this change will make FELE retake fee policies consistent with those for the FTCE.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-4.00821, F.A.C.

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