



### **Statewide Email**

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**SUBJECT:** Rule Workshop: Textbook Affordability

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The Department of Education plans to initiate rule development for [Rule 6A-14.092, Florida Administrative Code](#), Textbook Affordability. The purpose of this [rule amendment](#) is to update components of Florida College System (FCS) textbook affordability policies and reporting requirements, including: the removal of the seventy-five (75) day requirement language to notify bookstores of adopted materials; the inclusion of reasonable exceptions to the forty-five (45) day posting requirement pursuant to Section 1004.085(5), Florida Statutes; and general clean up to clarify reporting requirements. Other technical changes will be made to rule language.

In 2019, the department's inspector general (IG) engaged the division in a consultation of textbook affordability because of Auditor General (AG) operational audit findings from 2017 to 2019. The objective of the IG's consulting engagement was to identify the reasons for the AG's noncompliance findings. The IG [recommended](#) the division update the rule and develop more explicit technical assistance to support FCS institutional compliance with textbook affordability requirements. To that end, the division established four cross-functional workgroups to make recommendations; those recommendations ultimately informed the proposed rule amendment.

We plan to hold a rule workshop on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. EDT via webinar. You may register for the workshop at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7256741975431192332>.

Please visit our website for updated information regarding rule development: <https://web02.fldoe.org/Rules/Default.aspx>. Please contact Dr. Mike Sfiropoulos, Director of Academic Affairs, at [mike.sfiropoulos@fldoe.org](mailto:mike.sfiropoulos@fldoe.org) should you have questions regarding the proposed rule.