STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Consent Item

July 24, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0531, Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence (RAISE)

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.02(1), 1008.365(9), F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence (RAISE) Program was established to provide instructional supports to school districts, school administrators, and instructional personnel in implementing evidence-based reading instruction and interventions in order to improve student reading achievement. Instructional supports include State Regional Literacy Directors and a high school tutoring program for kindergarten through grade 3 students.

The Department is expanding programmatic opportunities within the RAISE High School Tutoring Program based on changes included in SB 46. The expansion includes: tutoring may occur during or after school; school districts participating in the tutoring program may provide a stipend to instructional personnel and high school students serving as tutoring for after-school tutoring; and unpaid tutoring hours completed by eligible high school tutors may be counted toward community service hours for graduation and community service requirements for participation in the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-6.0531, F.A.C.

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