STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Consent Item

October 20, 2021

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-9.300, Child Care Resource and Referral and Consumer Education

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1002.92, Florida Statutes

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. DEL is required to submit its proposed rules to the State Board of Education for approval.

The Rule outlines the duties and responsibilities of both the state Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) network office and local CCR&R organizations and makes changes to early learning provider profiles, training and data reporting, and technical assistance requirements to align with new statutory changes. The rule also establishes minimum training requirements for local CCR&R Coordinators and staff; increases the accessibility and availability of CCR&R services for parents, families and providers; and focuses services toward the needs of the family and child(ren) in effort to promote informed quality child care choices.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed rule 6M-9.300, F.A.C.

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