STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Consent Item March 30, 2022

SUBJECT: Approval of New Rule 6A-6.05732, Reimbursement for Workers' Compensation Insurance Premiums

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 446.54, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This rule is required by the creation of section (s.) 446.54, Florida Statutes (F.S.), which establishes a program to reimburse employers, including school districts and Florida College System institutions, for the proportionate cost of workers' compensation premiums for students 18 years of age or younger who are participating in work-based learning opportunities. The statute specifies that students placed in paid work-based learning opportunities shall be covered by the employers and that students in unpaid work-based learning opportunities shall be considered employees of the school district or state college for the purpose of workers' compensation coverage. The rule specifies that employers, including school districts and state colleges, may be reimbursed for the proportionate costs of the workers' compensation insurance premiums needed to provide the student coverage. The rule describes procedures for employers to request reimbursement and the Florida Department of Education to make the reimbursements.

Supporting Documentation Included: New Rule 6A-6.05732, F.A.C.

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