STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Consent Item

August 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0981, Provider Approval and Renewal for Virtual Instruction Program

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1002.45, F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Per new legislation in Senate Bill 2524 and House Bill 5003, the rule will be updated to reflect the change in provider approval (from the Department of Education to the State Board of Education); incorporate Virtual Instruction Financial Statement and; add an applicant's assurance of submitting an audit report to the State Board of Education and the Auditor General yearly. The rule will not incorporate the Model Virtual Instruction Program Contract at this time; it will undergo rule development in the near future.

The applications will be updated to reflect new requirements for applicants to meet the new Florida B.E.S.T. Standards with their proposed curriculum. Currently, the applications require insufficient information/proof of meeting these standards.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-6.0981, F.A.C.; Form VSP-02 Virtual Instruction Program Application for Provider Approval; Form VSP-02R Virtual Instruction Program Application for Provider Renewal; Form VSP-FS Virtual Instruction Financial Statement (under separate cover)

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