STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Consent Item

August 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-8.615, VPK Training Requirements

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1002.73(2)(b), and 1002.79, F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This rule establishes the minimum standards for courses in emergent literacy and the VPK performance standards as well as defines the required training courses individuals are required to complete to qualify as VPK instructors.

The proposed rule text and the incorporated form will be amended to align with statutory requirements in ss. 1002.55(3)(c)2., 1002.59(1), 1002.61(4) and 1002.63(4), F.S. Grammatical and simplification edits were made throughout to provide clarification.

Individuals seeking to become VPK instructors will be required to complete all VPK training requirements outlined in the rule.

Rule revisions are being made to align with ss. 1002.55(3)(c)2., 1002.59(1), 1002.61(4) and 1002.63(4), F.S., following the passage of House Bill (HB) 419 and HB 7011.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6M-8.615, F.A.C., and Form DEL-VPK 25, Training Requirements for Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program Instructors

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