

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Action Item**  
October 19, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Approval of New Rule 6A-6.0791, Special Magistrate for Unresolved Student Welfare Complaints at Charter Schools

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Sections 1001.42(8)(c)7.b., 1002.33(9)(p)2., (16)(a)5., (20)(b), F.S.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose for this new rule is to set forth the procedures around the special magistrate for unresolved student welfare complaints at public charter schools. Specifically, it describes the process for a parent to request that the Commissioner of Education appoint a special magistrate to hear certain disputes between a parent and a charter school. The special magistrate, who must be a member of the Florida Bar with a minimum of five years' experience in administrative law, will provide a recommended decision for resolution of the dispute. The recommended decision will be provided to the State Board of Education for approval or rejection.

Related to this, there is a proposed rule amendment in a separate action item to amend the model forms for charter schools and their sponsors, requiring them to develop and agree upon policies and procedures to comply with House Bill 1557.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6A-6.0791, and Form CSSM-1, Parental Request for Appointment of a Special Magistrate for Charter School Students

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