

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
May 24, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of Emergency Rule 6AER23-02, District Threat Management Coordinator Designation and Reporting

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.212(12), F.S., requires the Office of Safe Schools to develop a statewide behavioral threat management operational process, a Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment instrument, and a threat management portal. Chapter 2023-18, Laws of Florida, Section 20, authorizes the State Board of Education to adopt emergency rules implementing the amendments made to section 1001.212(12), F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Behavioral threat management is a key element of Florida school safety prevention efforts. Senate Bill 7026 (2018) required the establishment of threat assessment teams at every school. In 2019, Senate Bill 7030 required that the Office of Safe Schools “develop a standardized, statewide behavioral threat assessment instrument for use by all public schools, including charter schools, which addresses early identification, evaluation, early intervention, and student support.”

The Office of Safe Schools designated Virginia’s Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines or CSTAG as the statewide behavioral threat assessment instrument. As needs evolved, it was determined that Florida would develop a state-specific statewide behavioral threat assessment instrument, which is codified in House Bill 543 (2023), requiring the development of a statewide behavioral threat management operational process, a Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment instrument, and a threat management portal.

This proposed emergency rule requires designation of a District Threat Management Coordinator, which is a necessary step in the transition to and implementation of the Florida-specific threat management process.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6AER23-02, District Threat Management Coordinator Designation and Reporting

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