

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
January 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-20.007, William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grants

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.02(1) and 1009.89(2), F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Modifications to the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grants are required due to recent legislation included in Chapter 2023-93, Laws of Florida, that includes the creation of a postsecondary educational grant under the William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education (EASE) Grant Program, thus expanding postsecondary institutional eligibility under the program. The proposed amendments expand opportunities for postsecondary institutions to participate in providing tuition assistance benefits to qualified students. Specifically, the Florida Department of Education (DOE) is required to issue a grant to any full-time degree-seeking undergraduate student registered at an independent nonprofit university who was formerly eligible for the Access to Better Learning and Education (ABLE) Grant Program, is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, has been located in Florida for more than 20 years, and offers specified nursing programs at its Florida campus. In addition, the DOE is required to issue a grant to any full-time degree-seeking undergraduate student registered at an independent for-profit college or university located in and chartered by Florida, is accredited by an accrediting agency or association recognized by the database created and maintained by the United States Department of Education, was licensed by the DOE, and has Level 6 accreditation from the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-20.007, F.A.C.

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