

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
April 9, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-4.500, Child Attendance and Provider Reimbursements

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Sections 1001.02(1),(2)(n), 1002.79, F.S.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Division of Early Learning (DEL) administers federal and state child care funds and partners with 30 local early learning coalitions to deliver comprehensive early learning services statewide. The office oversees three programs—the School Readiness (SR) Program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program, and Child Care Resource and Referral services.

Rule 6M-4.500, F.A.C., outlines the procedures for reporting attendance and making payments to providers that serve children in the SR Program. The rule also outlines provisions for increased financial incentive payments for SR Program providers that offer higher quality care for enrolled children. The proposed amendments to the rule make technical changes, clarify procedures for SR provider reimbursements, and remove the quality performance differential for SR providers with a SR program assessment composite score within a range of 4.50-4.99. Amendments also include a provider reimbursement for one (1) staff training day for SR child care personnel. Changes align with federal and state statutory requirements.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6M-4.500, F.A.C.

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