

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Action Item**  
September 20, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Approval of the 2012 State Board of Education Legislative Priorities

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1001.02, Florida Statutes

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Recommended key legislative priorities of the State Board of Education to be submitted to the Florida Legislature for consideration will be presented for approval.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed 2012 State Board of Education Legislative Priorities

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## **Proposed 2012 State Board of Education Legislative Priorities**

### **Differentiated Accountability Bill**

- Reduces the number of school improvement categories from 6 to 4.
- Redefines entrance criteria for lowest performing category as a school grade of F; removes AYP criteria.
- Redefines exit criteria from the lowest performing category as improving to a school grade of C and meeting a reading and math proficiency target.
- Establishes a hold status for up to two years when only one of the exit criteria are met.
- Clarifies a school has two complete years to implement first turnaround option before required to implement another if still in the lowest performing category.
- Eliminates sanctions and conditions for previously identified schools in the lowest performing category if they meet the new exit criteria.

### **Voluntary Prekindergarten Bill**

- Requires each private and public school prekindergarten provider to use an evidence based curriculum approved by the Department.
- Requires independent pre and post assessments for all VPK providers.
- Includes an estimated cost of \$8,721,000 which has been included in the Department's Legislative Budget Request.

### **Adult Education Jobs Bill**

- Requires Adult Education students to complete action steps to employment.
- Provides authority to School Districts and Florida College System institution boards for a 10% variance of learning outcomes for career education programs that do not require state or federal licensure, certification or registration.
- Adds a Financial Literacy requirement for high school graduation.

### **Virtual School Bill**

- Authorizes Florida Virtual School to have authority and responsibility as a school district.
- Authorizes the SBE to oversee the performance of Florida Virtual School board of trustees in enforcement of all laws and rules.
- Authorizes SBE to offer an alternative readiness screening for kindergarten students enrolled in a full time virtual education program.
- Requires Florida Virtual School to fulfill obligations of exceptional education students.
- Clarifies districts eligible for the sparsity supplement before the wealth adjustment calculation will only be required to provide one virtual option.
- Authorizes Florida Virtual School students to participate in extra-curricular activities in the school district they would be assigned.

### **School Accountability Bill**

- Requires a Level 2 background screening requirement for owners and operators of private schools.
- Requires testing and auditing requirements for McKay Scholarship schools consistent with the requirements for the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program.

### **Higher Education Coordinating Committee (HECC) Residency Bill**

- Clarifies existing provisions for the determination of residency for tuition purposes to align with Federal Tax Code and financial aid.