

EMERGENCY ORDER RELATING TO THE IMPACT OF HURRICANE IRMA

As a result of the devastating effects of Hurricane Irma, many people have relocated within Florida including students who wish to attend a public school where they are temporarily residing in Florida. These displaced students may lack the required records to enroll in Florida public schools because such records were left behind in haste or destroyed. Further, in some instances, the administration of the ACT was postponed because of Irma, preventing some teachers from getting their results back in time to apply for an award under section 1012.731, Florida Statutes, by the November 1, 2017 deadline. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 17-235, Section 4B., section 252.46, Florida Statutes, and as directed by the State Coordinating Officer, I order the following statutes and rules waived to allow school districts to enroll students displaced by Hurricane Irma and authorize relief to facilitate the recovery of those students and teachers impacted by the storm:

- Section 1012.731(3)(b), Florida Statutes, is waived provided that eligible classroom teachers submit documentation of a qualifying assessment score for the Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program by December 1, 2017. As a result of this extension, the deadline provided in section 1012.731(4), Florida Statutes, for school district submission to the Department is extended to January 2, 2018.
- Rules 6A-1.0985 and 6A-1.09941, Florida Administrative Code, to the extent necessary to allow Florida public school districts to admit such students where such records are unavailable to the parent or guardian of the student.
- Section 1003.21, Florida Statutes, to the extent it requires proof of age for attendance eligibility where such records are unavailable to the parent or guardian of the student.
- Section 1003.22, Florida Statutes, requiring presentation of a certification of a school-entry health examination where such records are unavailable to the parent or guardian of the student. This statute shall be waived for initial enrollment of students.

ORDERED in Tallahassee, Florida, this 10 day of October, 2017.



Pam Stewart, Commissioner of Education