

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
July 15, 2020

SUBJECT: Approval of New Rule 6A-14.0306, Death Benefits for Survivors of First Responders and Military Members

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 112.19(5), 112.191(5), 112.1912(2), 295.01(4), and 1001.02 (2)(n), F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed new rule outlines the procedures to provide educational death benefits to eligible spouses and dependents of firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, law enforcement officers, correctional officers, correctional probation officers and members of the Florida National Guard and United States Armed Forces who are killed while performing official duties. Florida College System institutions, school district career centers and charter technical career centers currently offer tuition waivers to spouses and dependents of deceased law enforcement, correctional and correctional probation officers identified in section 112.19(3), F.S., and firefighters identified in section 112.191(3), F.S. In 2019, Senate Bill 7098 (Chapter No. 2019-24, Laws of Florida) amended those statutes and expanded those benefits to include spouses or dependents of deceased first responders and members of the Florida National Guard and United States Armed Forces.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-14.0306, F.A.C.

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