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## **Approval of Rule 6A-6.0951, F.A.C., The Hope Scholarship Program**

**State Board of Education**

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# Rule 6A-6.0951, F.A.C., The Hope Scholarship Program

- During the 2021-22 school year, Emergency Order 21-175 laid the groundwork for Emergency Rule 6AER21-02.
- Emergency Rule 6AER21-02 provided a mechanism to transfer a child to a private school or another public school under a Hope Scholarship if the student was subjected to harassment in response to a school district's COVID-19 mitigation protocols.

## Rule 6A-6.0951, F.A.C., The Hope Scholarship Program

- Now that the Emergency Rule has expired, Rule 6A-6.0951, F.A.C., must be updated.
- Harassment, in the general sense and on the basis of COVID-19, remains a qualifying incident.
- And the rule fully retains the original intent of the Hope Scholarship: to empower parents and students subjected to bullying incidents at public schools with educational options.



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