

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

September 23, 2016

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-20.036, District Workforce Education Student Financial Aid Fee

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1009.22, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Districts are authorized in section 1009.22, F.S., to assess financial aid fees for students enrolled in career certificate and applied technology diploma programs (up to 10 percent of the standard tuition rate and out-of-state fee). Districts currently collect this fee locally and distribute the funds in financial aid awards to students with financial need who are enrolled in their postsecondary programs. Districts report financial and student level information on these awards in standard reporting formats to the Department. These changes will amend the rule to be consistent with current law and terminology and to remove obsolete language.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-20.036, F.A.C.

Facilitator: Rod Duckworth, Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education.

6A-20.036 District Workforce Education Fee-Generated Adult and Vocational Student Financial Aid Fee.

~~Districts shall assess each fee non-exempt vocational and adult student a financial aid fee equal to ten (10) percent of the student's required fee amount.~~

(1) All financial aid fees collected from the optional financial aid fee authorized in section 1009.22(5), F.S., shall:

(a) Be deposited in the district's Financial Aid Fee Trust Fund, which is the separate workforce education student financial aid trust fund. Revenue in this fund is to be used to pay in full or in part the fees of persons with demonstrated financial need. Funds used to pay students' fees shall be transferred from the Financial Aid Fee Trust Fund to the district's General Fund. Districts may implement an alternative accounting procedure in which financial aid fees are recorded in a discrete General Fund account which is subsequently reduced as these monies are used to pay course fees.

(b) Be used to pay in full or in part the fees of eligible students as quickly as possible. Funds not needed to pay fees may be carried forward for use in the following fiscal year.

(2) A student applying for ~~adult and vocational student~~ financial aid must be a Florida resident and must complete a Pell Grant application. Districts shall use the Pell Grant assessment of the financial need in establishing criteria and procedures for approving financial aid fee awards ~~waivers~~.

(3) Districts shall be required to report on students who were awarded financial aid from this fee through the Department's Comprehensive Management Information System, as prescribed in Rule 6A-1.0014, F.A.C. ~~The Division of Applied Technology and Adult Education shall prescribe an annual report format in which each district shall provide sufficient detail necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of this financial aid program. The annual report shall include at least the following:~~

~~(a) Criteria used to determine student eligibility for financial aid fee payments, the amount and number of payments in full or part by type of student.~~

~~(b) Student demographic data as required by the Commissioner. The data requirements will be limited to data contained in the Division of Public Schools, Student and Staff Data Base.~~

~~(c) Financial data on:~~

~~1. Amount of financial aid fees collected during the fiscal year;~~

~~2. Amount of financial aid fees paid; and,~~

~~3. Balance of financial aid fees unused or unobligated at the end of the fiscal year and carried forward to the next fiscal year.~~

(4) All financial aid fee revenue shall be reported in the district's annual financial report, as prescribed in Rule 6A-1.0071, F.A.C.

(5) Districts shall be required to collect and provide to the Department of Education on request an annual report of financial aid fee data to include the following:

1. Amount of financial aid fees collected during the fiscal year;

2. Amount of financial aid fees paid; and,

3. Balance of financial aid fees unused or unobligated at the end of the fiscal year and carried forward to the next fiscal year.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), 1008.35, 1009.22, 1010.01, 1011.01 229.053(1) FS.; ~~Proviso Language, paragraph 11, Specific Appropriation 509, Chapter 91-193, Laws of Florida.~~ Law Implemented 1008.385, 1009.22, 1010.01, 1010.02, 1010.22, 1011.01(3)(a) F.S. ~~Proviso Language, paragraph 11, Specific Appropriation 509, Chapter 91-193, Laws of Florida.~~ History—New 8-19-91, Amended