

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
April 19, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of Emergency Rule 6AER23-01, Required Reporting of SESIR Incidents to Law Enforcement

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1006.07(9), F.S., requires that the State Board of Education adopt rules establishing the requirements for the school environmental safety incident report or SESIR. Chapter 2023-18, Laws of Florida, authorizes the State Board of Education to adopt emergency rules for the purpose of implementing the changes to ss. 1006.07(9) and 1006.13(2)(a), F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SESIR is a reporting system that districts must use to report disruptive or criminal incidents to the Department so that the data can be used to meet federal and state reporting requirements. The Office of Safe Schools provides training and technical assistance to districts and schools on the proper reporting of SESIR data. This data is used by districts to design and evaluate interventions to provide a safe learning environment.

In the 2019 legislative session, the Department was directed to adopt rules establishing the requirements for SESIR reporting (Senate Bill 7030, Chapter 2019-22, Laws of Florida). On February 12, 2020, Governor DeSantis, by letter, directed the Department to finalize rulemaking to improve reporting challenges on SESIR.

The State Board of Education approved the initial SESIR rule (Chapter 6A-1.0017, F.A.C.) at the May 13, 2020, meeting; the rule was revised in June 2021 to clarify six SESIR definitions and again in December 2022 to include changes to SESIR reporting requirements that originated with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission's establishment of a SESIR Workgroup.

This proposed emergency rule designates the specific SESIR incidents that schools must report to law enforcement; previously school boards had the authority to adopt a policy that *"defines criteria for reporting to a law enforcement agency any act that poses a threat to school safety that occurs whenever or wherever students are within the jurisdiction of the district school board."*

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6AER23-01, F.A.C.

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