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Approval of Action Item #24 – Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Rule 6A-20.028, Florida Administrative Code
State Board of Education - July 19, 2023

Presented by:

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Purpose

- Expand scholarship eligibility for students.
- Give students greater access to postsecondary education opportunities, particularly for students who may have to work throughout their schooling to supplement their family income.
- Provide students flexibility to additional testing opportunities, particularly for students who are unable to attend established test administration dates.

House Bill 1537 – Education

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, Student Service Requirements

- Allows students graduating in the 2022-23 school year and thereafter to **combine** volunteer service hours and paid work hours as an option to satisfy the volunteer service hour requirement for each of the four awards in the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.
- A minimum combination of 100 hours must be achieved.

House Bill 1537 – Education

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, Student Test Score Requirements

- Authorizes students graduating in the 2023-24 school year and thereafter to use a Classic Learning Test (CLT) exam score to satisfy the minimum test score requirement for a Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholarship or a Bright Futures Florida Medallion Scholarship.

Proposed Amended Rule

- Specifies that volunteer hours and paid work hours are no longer separate paths to satisfy the service hours eligibility requirement for a scholarship and can now be combined.
- Extends the deadline related to when a student must take a college entrance exam from no later than June 30 to August 31. Scores earned from tests taken no later than August 31 may be counted towards satisfying the minimum test score requirement.
- Adds the Classic Learning Test (CLT) as an option for high school graduating students to achieve a minimum test score to satisfy the test score requirement when qualifying for a scholarship.



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