

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
February 20, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-4.300, School Readiness Application and Waiting List Procedures

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Ss 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1002.85(2)(b)1., 1002.87(3), F.S.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Division of Early Learning (DEL) administers federal and state child care funds and partners with 30 local early learning coalitions to deliver comprehensive early learning services statewide. The division oversees three programs—the School Readiness Program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program and Child Care Resource and Referral services. Section 1002.84, F.S., requires the local early learning coalition to use of a uniform waiting list to track children waiting for enrollment in the school readiness program based on family household income and the priorities established under s. 1002.87, F.S.

The rule is being amended to make technical changes, simplify wait list management procedures and add household income as a criterion for wait list management at the local early learning coalition to comply with requirements in House Bill 1255.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6M-4.300, F.A.C.

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