

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

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-4.720, Screening of Children in the School Readiness Program

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Sections 1001.02(1), (2)(n), Florida Statutes

**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., establishes use of an age-appropriate screening for children ages birth to five and a referral process for identified developmental delays by local early learning coalitions.

The rule has been substantially rewritten to update and simplify child developmental screening requirements.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6M-4.720, F.A.C.

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