

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

RULE TITLE: Model Forms for Charter School Applicants and Sponsors

RULE NO: 6A-6.0786

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this rule is to provide a model application, model evaluation instrument, and model charter school contract.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule will provide a model application that all potential charter school developers shall be required to use when submitting a charter school application to a sponsor. The proposed rule will provide an evaluation instrument that sponsors shall be required to use when evaluating charter school applications. The proposed rule will provide a model charter school contract format that shall be used by sponsors and charter schools.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS: There are no costs associated with this rule.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 1002.33(26) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1002.33 (6), 1002.33(21) FS.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

TIME AND DATE:

PLACE:

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Adam Miller, Director of Charter Schools, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 522, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

6A-6.0786: Model Forms for Charter School Applicants and Sponsors

(1) Persons or entities wishing to submit a charter school application pursuant to Section

1002.33, Florida Statutes, shall use Form IEPC-M1, Model Florida Charter School Application, October 2010. Form IECP-M1 is hereby incorporated by reference to become effective with the effective date of this rule. Copies of the form may be obtained electronically on the Department's website at <http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org> or from the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

(2) Sponsors shall evaluate Model Florida Charter School Applications using Form IEPC-M2, Florida Charter School Application Evaluation Instrument, October 2010. Form IEPC-M2 is hereby incorporated by reference to become effective with the effective date of this rule. Copies of the form may be obtained electronically on the Department's website at <http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org> or from the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

(3) Upon approval of a charter school application, the sponsor shall have 60 days to propose an initial proposed charter contract to the charter school. The sponsor shall use Form IEPC-M3, Florida Model Contract Format, October 2010, as the basis for the initial contract. Charter school contracts must address, at a minimum, the components included in Form IEPC-M3. Additional components may be included in a charter school contract if mutually agreed upon by both parties. Form IEPC-M3 is hereby incorporated by reference to become effective with the effective date of this rule. Copies of the form may be obtained electronically on the Department's website at <http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org> or from the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida

32399-0400.

*Specific Authority 1002.33 (26) FS. Law Implemented 1002.3(6), and 1002.33(21) FS. History –
New_____.*

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NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Dr. Eric J. Smith,
Commissioner of Education

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: _____

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAW: July 10,
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