

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
November 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.011,
Academic Degree Program Coordination and Approval

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.011, Academic Degree Program Coordination and Approval.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Section 1004.0982, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2025, the Legislature passed House Bill 875, Educator Preparation, and the bill was signed into law by Governor DeSantis on May 30, 2025. The legislation requires the Board of Governors to adopt a regulation that allows for a flexible education pathway for a graduate program leading to school counseling certification. The flexible pathway program allows current teachers who meet certain criteria to enter the workforce as a school counselor by completing fewer internship hours.

Board staff proposes an amendment to Board of Governors Regulation 8.011, Academic Degree Program Coordination and Approval. The proposed amendment requires universities that offer a graduate program that leads to school counseling certification to offer a flexible pathway program for students, as defined by section 1004.0982, Florida Statutes, and State Board of Education Rule 6A-4.0181, F.A.C. The proposed amendment also makes technical changes to align the regulation with other recently amended regulations.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Board of Governors, the amended regulation will be available for public comment for 14 days. If no concerns are raised during this time, the regulation will come before the Board of Governors for final approval at the next meeting.

Dr. Lynn Nelson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Innovation, will provide an overview of the proposed amendment.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Regulation 8.011, Academic Degree Program Coordination and Approval

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