

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Full Board**

December 12, 2025

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

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider Approval of Public Notice of Approval of Amendment to 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 leading 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.

The Board approved the public notice of intent to amend this regulation on November 6, 2025. The amended regulation was available for public comment, and no public comments were received. The amended regulation is ready for final approval.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Regulation 8.011, Academic  
Degree Program Coordination  
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