

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
November 8, 2012**

SUBJECT: New Board of Governors Regulation 3.001 Relating to Penalties for Failure to Report Child Abuse

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approval of new Board of Governors Regulation 3.001 relating to Penalties for Failure to Report Child Abuse

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Section 39.205, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During the 2012 legislative session, section 39.205, Florida Statutes, was amended to authorize the Board of Governors to impose a million dollar penalty on a university if the Board determines that a university administrator or law enforcement agency willfully and knowingly failed to report known or suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect that occurred on university property or at a university-sponsored event or function to the Department of Children and Family Services. To implement the new requirements, a new regulation was developed working in conjunction with university attorneys and compliance officers. The regulation was submitted to the Board for approval to publish for public comment at the September 2012 meeting.

Pursuant to the Board's Regulation Development Procedure, Regulation 3.001 was posted on the Board's website for public comment. No public comments were received during the posting period and Regulation 3.001 is submitted to the Board for approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed New Board Regulation 3.001

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