

Office of School Board Attorney
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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO BOARD POLICIES IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE IMPLICATIONS OF SENATE BILL 1604, ADOPTED BY THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE IN JULY OF 2007

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

At its October 17, 2007, meeting, the School Board approved Agenda Item H-3 presented by Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board member. Item H-3 directed the Superintendent and the Board Attorney to review the provisions of Senate Bill 1604, along with pertinent Florida Statutes and implement or recommend changes for implementation or incorporation into relevant District documents and policies, including the Code of Student Conduct, that was adopted at the Board's November 20, 2007 Board meeting.

In accordance with the Board's direction, the School Board Attorney conducted a comprehensive review of SB 1604 and other pertinent state statutes. In addition, the School Board Attorney held a meeting with representatives of the State Attorney's Office, and district administration in order to obtain relevant input from the State Attorney's Office with respect to the impact of SB 1604.

As a result of our review of SB 1604 and with input provided by the State Attorney's Office, the School Board Attorney prepared a report detailing her recommendations with respect to SB 1604.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida receive the report of the recommendations of the School Board Attorney with respect to incorporating the relevant aspects of SB1604 in pertinent District documents and policies and authorize the Superintendent to begin rulemaking to implement the recommended changes.