

BLSE Rules & Policies Subcommittee Alternative Proposal

BLSE Policy [BOG Approval Needed]

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RULE 6-10.3 (b) [SUPREME COURT APPROVAL NEEDED]

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Submission from BOG Member, Jay Cohen, for BLSE review and consideration.

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Comment from Florida Bar Staff: If the BLSE feels this goes too far, maybe the middle ground is to permit some number of excess CLE credit hours above the 33 required credit hours to be carried over to the next reporting cycle.