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**Georgia Department of Education
Item for State Board of Education Approval
– Rule Adoption –**

Item Name

PFEA - State Board Rule -160-5-1-.28 Student Enrollment and Withdrawal (Initiation)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the State Board of Education authorize the State School Superintendent to initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act so as to amend State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.28 *Student Enrollment and Withdrawal*.

Supports the Following Education Goal or Goals in the Agency Strategic Plan

- Guide schools to become safe, healthy, positive places where students feel connected and supported.

Rule Adoption Purpose

This rule is being amended to ensure that it aligns with the provisions and changes outlined in Senate Bill 431, which was passed by the Georgia General Assembly during the 2026 Legislative Session.

Additional Details

State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.28 *Student Enrollment and Withdrawal* is being amended to incorporate changes made in Senate Bill 431 (2026 Legislative Session) related to the immediate enrollment of students in foster care, which clarifies that the immediate enrollment of students in foster care must be no later than three school business days.

Changes to the rule include adding definitions for the terms Foster Care Student, School Business Day, and School Day; incorporating language clarifying that no receiving school shall fail or refuse to immediately enroll a foster care student and under no circumstances later than three school business days following the receipt of a completed enrollment registration form for such foster care student from his or her parent or legal custodian; and including requirements that the receiving school principal or designee provide the parent or legal custodian accurate contact information of the regional educational service agency (RESA) student affairs officer and GaDOE's chief privacy officer if the receiving school does not enroll the foster care student within the required timeframe.

If approved, this rule will be posted for at least 30 days for public review and comment.

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