

## SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED CHANGES

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**POLICY #: 1100B**

**TITLE: LOBBYIST ACTIVITIES FOR ECONOMIC GAIN**

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Page (Item)	Recommended Change/Addition/Deletion	Rationale
Page 1, Rule 3.	Add “a person representing an employee bargaining group (e.g. union, meet and confer group) when acting on behalf of the employee bargaining group” to the list of those not considered lobbyists.	General Counsel issued an opinion dated January 12, 2011 holding union representatives were not required to register as lobbyists due to the nature of unions and union activities as provided for under Chapter 477, Florida Statutes. In a clarification memorandum dated July 19, 2011, General Counsel stated said opinion applies to “all union AND meet and confer groups” and recommended Policy 1100B be revised to change the practice of treating Meet and Confer representatives as lobbyists.
Page 2, Rule 8.	Change “one year” to “two years” to reflect length of time senior-level employees and School Board members are prohibited from lobbying activities after their employment or term of office has been severed.	Florida Statute 112.313(14) states elected Board members are restricted from lobbying for two (2) years after vacating their office. For standardization purposes, the “two year” rule will also be applied to senior-level employees.
Page 2, Rule 10.	Add language to reflect all lobbying activities between School Board members and lobbyists shall be documented on Lobbying Contact Report Forms (signed by School Board member) and the forms are subject to public inspection.	This addition will align School Board Policy 1100B with the Ethics Code for School Board Members, Policy 1007, Section 4.2, and help ensure there is no violation of the ethics policy.

Page 3, Rule 11.	Add language to reflect lobbyists are prohibited from providing campaign contributions to any school board members for their own campaigns or for other candidates during the “cone of silence.”	This addition will align School Board Policy 1100B with the Ethics Code for School Board Members, Policy 1007, Section 5.4, and help ensure there is no violation of the ethics policy.
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