MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM: December 2019

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDER OF RULEMAKING TO AMEND RULE 5 CSR 20-100.320, PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM STANDARDS

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:
Sections 161.092, 163.011, 168.011, and 163.018, RSMo

[ ] Consent Item [x] Action Item [ ] Report Item

STRATEGIC PRIORITY

Access, Opportunity, Equity – Provide all students access to a broad range of high-quality educational opportunities from early learning into post-high school engagement.

SUMMARY

On August 13, 2019, the State Board of Education approved a notice of proposed rulemaking to amend Rule 5 CSR 20-100.320, relating to the Prekindergarten Program standards. This notice of proposed rulemaking was published for comment in the Missouri Register on October 1, 2019.

The proposed amendment revised Section (1) and added Section (2), in response to changes in Section 163.018, RSMo. The statutory changes came as a result of House Bill 604 which allowed a district or a charter school that has declared itself as a local education agency to contract with an early childhood education program to provide early learning services. The revised statute gave the State Board the authority to set standards for any early childhood education program that is under a contract. The standards contained in the proposed amendment are entitled “Prekindergarten Program Standards.” The standards address the following:

- Staff qualifications
- Program and day length
- Staff to child ratios
- Curriculum alignment
- Screening
- Background Checks
- Accreditation

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education received nine comments to the proposed rule. The comments did not result in a change to the rule.

PRESENTERS

Chris Neale, Assistant Commissioner; and Jo Anne Ralston, Coordinator, Office of Quality Schools, will assist in the presentation and discussion of this item.
RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education authorize publication in the Missouri Register of an order of rulemaking to amend Rule 5 CSR 20-100.320, Prekindergarten Program Standards, and that the State Board of Education finds the proposed amendment necessary to carry out the purposes of Sections 161.092, 163.011, 168.011, and 163.018, RSMo.
ORDER OF RULEMAKING

By the authority vested in the State Board of Education (board) under sections 161.092, 163.011, and 168.011, RSMo 2016, and section 163.018, RSMo Supp. 2019, the board amends a rule as follows:

5 CSR 20-100.320 Prekindergarten Program Standards is amended.

A notice of proposed rulemaking containing the text of the proposed amendment was published in the Missouri Register on October 1, 2019 (44 MoReg 2450-2451). No changes have been made in the text of the proposed amendment, so it is not reprinted here. This proposed amendment becomes effective thirty (30) days after publication in the Code of State Regulations.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS: The board received nine (9) comments on the proposed amendment.

COMMENT #1: Sue Whitener, Missouri educator, urges the board to adopt these standards as proposed.
RESPONSE: This comment is in favor of the proposed amendment. No changes will be made due to this comment.

COMMENT #2: Patrick McPartland, Missouri educator, urges the board to adopt these standards as outlined.
RESPONSE: This comment is in favor of the proposed amendment. No changes will be made due to this comment.

COMMENT #3: Susan Williams, retired Missouri educator, urges the board to adopt these standards as proposed.
RESPONSE: This comment is in favor of the proposed amendment. No changes will be made due to this comment.

COMMENT #4: Cynthia Perkins, Missouri educator, urges the board to adopt these standards as proposed.
RESPONSE: This comment is in favor of the proposed amendment. No changes will be made due to this comment.

COMMENT #5: Julie Frisch, Missouri educator, urges the board to adopt these standards as proposed.
RESPONSE: This comment is in favor of the proposed amendment. No changes will be made due to this comment.
COMMENT #6: Todd Ziegler, Missouri educator, urges the board to adopt these standards as proposed.  
RESPONSE: This comment is in favor of the proposed amendment. No changes will be made due to this comment.

COMMENT #7: Megan Ziegler, Missouri educator, urges the board to adopt these standards as proposed.  
RESPONSE: This comment is in favor of the proposed amendment. No changes will be made due to this comment.

COMMENT #8: Lisa Baldwin, Missouri educator, urges the board to adopt these standards as proposed.  
RESPONSE: This comment is in favor of the proposed amendment. No changes will be made due to this comment.

COMMENT #9: Charlene Steadman, Missouri educator, supports the high standards proposed.  
RESPONSE: This comment is in favor of the proposed amendment. No changes will be made due to this comment.