

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDER OF RULEMAKING TO WITHDRAW PROPOSED AMENDMENT 5 CSR 20-400.220, APPLICATION FOR A SUBSTITUTE CERTIFICATE OF LICENSE TO TEACH

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Sections 161.092, 168.011, 168.021, 168.071, and 168.081, RSMo

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PRIORITY AREA

Educator Recruitment & Retention

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment added language allowing department-approved training as an alternative route to obtain a substitute certificate of license to teach. The Department filed an emergency amendment at the same time as this proposed amendment. The emergency amendment garnered significant interest in this alternate path to acquiring a substitute certificate and remains in effect until February 28, 2021. This increased participation will allow for a thorough review of the impact of this change. Due to the brief amount of time available to collect and analyze data on the effectiveness of substitute teachers who have taken the online training, the Department has determined that it is prudent to withdraw this proposed amendment to allow additional time for study and consideration of an online-training option.

PRESENTER

Paul Katnik, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Educator Quality, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education file a final order of rulemaking with the Secretary of State to withdraw the proposed amendment to 5 CSR 20-400.220, Application for a Substitute Certificate of License to Teach.

Title 5—DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
Division 20—Division of Learning Services
Chapter 400—Office of Educator Quality

ORDER OF RULEMAKING

By the authority vested in the State Board of Education (board) under sections 161.092, 168.011, 168.071, and 168.081, RSMo 2016, and section 168.021, RSMo Supp. 2020, the board withdraws a proposed amendment as follows:

5 CSR 20-400.220 Application for Substitute Certificate of License to Teach **is withdrawn.**

A notice of the proposed rulemaking containing the text of the proposed amendment was published in the *Missouri Register* on October 1, 2020 (45 MoReg 1406). This proposed amendment is withdrawn.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS: The board has received numerous comments on this proposed amendment. A total of forty-one (41) responses were in favor of the proposed amendment citing increased flexibility for addressing the shortage of substitute teachers, the advantage of targeted training to give individuals the knowledge and skills needed as a substitute teacher, and the reduced cost of the online training compared to sixty (60) semester hours. A large majority of the comments were in opposition to the amendment. A total of two hundred forty-three (243) comments were against the rule citing the danger of lowering standards, the risk of undermining the entire teaching profession, and the importance of students having individuals with the appropriate knowledge and skills to be an effective substitute teacher.

RESPONSE: In light of these comments, the board is withdrawing this proposed amendment to further study the on-line training option by collecting and analyzing data on its effectiveness.