

**CONSIDERATION OF A NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING TO AMEND 5 CSR 20-400.500, APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF LICENSE TO TEACH**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Sections 161.092, 168.011, 168.021, 168.071, 168.081, 168.400, 168.405, and 168.409, RSMo

Consent Item     Action Item     Report Item

**PRIORITY AREA**

Educator Recruitment & Retention

**SUMMARY**

Professional education coursework provides teacher candidates the knowledge and skills they require to be successful first-year teachers. A grade point average is required to ensure the teacher candidate has learned these skills and knowledge. This proposed amendment eliminates a required cumulative grade point average while maintaining a required 3.00 grade point average in content-area and professional knowledge course work.

**PRESENTER**

Paul Katnik, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Educator Quality, will participate 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 a notice of proposed rulemaking to amend 5 CSR 20-400.500, Application for Certificate of License to Teach, and that the State Board finds the proposed amendment necessary to carry out the purposes of Sections 161.092, 168.011, 168.021, 168.071, 168.081, 168.400, 168.405, and 168.409, RSMo.

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

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

**5 CSR 20-400.500 Application for Certificate of License to Teach.** The State Board of Education is amending subsection (5)(B) and paragraph (5)(B)3., deleting paragraphs (5)(B)1., and (5)(B)2., adding a new paragraph (5)(B)1., and renumbering as needed.

*PURPOSE: This proposed amendment would eliminate the required cumulative grade point average in all applicable certification rules.*

(5) An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach who has successfully completed an educator preparation program approved by the department must comply with the following additional criteria in addition to any requirements specific to the content area for which the applicant seeks certification:

(B) The applicant must possess *[an overall]* a grade point average to meet the following specifications:

*[1. For applicants graduating before the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program approved by the department, a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, and in the major area of study;*

*2. For applicants graduating in or after the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program approved by the department, a cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale of 2.75 or higher, and a grade point average of 3.00 or higher in professional education and the specific content area for which certification is sought; or]*

**1. A grade point average of 3.00 or higher in professional education and the specific content area for which certification is sought; or**

*[3.] 2. For applicants graduating [in or after the spring semester of the year 2017] from a baccalaureate program who do not meet the appropriate [cumulative] content area grade point average requirements, competency may otherwise be demonstrated by achievement of exit assessment scores greater than or equal to a score deemed satisfactory by the board to qualify for forgiveness of a disqualifying [cumulative] content area grade point average. Such satisfactory score shall be higher than the Missouri qualifying score;*

*AUTHORITY: sections 161.092, 168.011, 168.071, 168.081, 168.400, 168.405, and 168.409, [RSMo 2000, and sections 161.092, 168.021, 168.071, 168.081, and 168.400, RSMo Supp. 2013] RSMo 2016 and section 168.021, RSMo Supp. 2019. Original rule filed Oct. 29, 2013, effective May 30, 2014. Amended: Filed \_\_\_\_\_.*

*PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.*

*PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.*

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Attention: Dr. Paul Katnik, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Educator Quality, PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480 or by email to [educatorquality@dese.mo.gov](mailto:educatorquality@dese.mo.gov). To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*