

CONSIDERATION OF A NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING TO AMEND 5 CSR 20-400.540, CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHER OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (GRADES 9-12)

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 20-400.540, Certification Requirements for Teacher of Secondary Education (Grades 9-12), 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 20-400.540 Certification Requirements for Teacher of Secondary Education (Grades 9-12). The State Board of Education is amending paragraph (1)(A)3., subparagraph (1)(A)3.C., and paragraph (1)(A)4., deleting subparagraphs (1)(A)3.A. and (1)(A)3.B., adding a new subparagraph (1)(A)3.A., and renumbering as needed.

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

(1) An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Secondary Education who possesses good moral character may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Secondary Education subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to Secondary Education:

(A) General Requirements—

1. A baccalaureate degree from a college or university having an educator preparation program approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) or from a college or university having an educator preparation program approved by the state education agency in states other than Missouri;

2. The applicant must have a recommendation from the designated official at a baccalaureate or higher-level educator preparation program approved by the department;

3. The applicant must possess *[an overall]* a grade point average to meet the following specifications:

[A. For applicants graduating before the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program approved by the department, a grade point average of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale, and in the major area of study;

B. 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]

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

[C.] B. 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 State Board of Education (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;

4. The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the required exit assessment(s) as defined in [5 CSR 20-400.310 and] 5 CSR 20-400.440. The official score shall be submitted to the department;

5. The applicant must complete the professional requirements as determined by the recommending educator preparation program, which may exceed these minimum requirements; and

6. Individuals who completed an educator preparation program outside of the United States shall provide documentation of completion of coursework in the following:

- A. English Composition, two (2) courses, each a minimum of two (2) semester hours;
- B. U.S. History, three (3) semester hours; and
- C. U.S. Government, three (3) semester hours;

AUTHORITY: sections: 161.092, 168.011, 168.071, 168.081, 168.400, 168.405, 168.409, and section 168.021, RSMo Supp. [2018] 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. 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.*