

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:		April 2017	
CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN ALTERNATIVE MEASURE OF CONTENT AREA COMPETENCY			
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<p>DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:</p> <p>Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>The Missouri Standards for the Preparation of Educators (MoSPE adopted 2012) increased the grade point average (GPA) requirements for teacher certification candidates from 2.5 cumulative, content area, and professional education to 2.75 cumulative and 3.0 in both content area and professional education. The GPA requirements for MoSPE also provided for an alternative measure of content area competency to be approved by the State Board of Education. Given that the new certification rules are active in August 2017, it has now become necessary to clearly define this alternative method.</p> <p>This Alternative Measure of Content Area Competency was added to MoSPE from comments presented during 2012 the rulemaking process. Data were presented indicating a number of candidates who had content GPA between 2.75 and 2.99. Many of these candidates were seeking certification in the fields of mathematics and science.</p> <p>Candidates who have earned a content area GPA between 2.75 and 2.99 for the required content knowledge courses will be eligible for initial certification if they pass the required Missouri Content Assessment at +1 Standard Error of Measurement (SEM) above the Missouri Qualifying Score. This would be effective for candidates completing their certification program beginning in fall 2017.</p> <p>PRESENTERS:</p> <p>Paul Katnik, Assistant Commissioner; and Gale "Hap" Hairston, Coordinator, Educator Preparation, Office of Educator Quality, will assist with the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>The Department recommends that the State Board of Education set the alternative measure of content competency for candidates who have a content area GPA of 2.75 to 2.99 at +1 Standard Error of Measurement (SEM) above the Missouri Qualifying Score.</p>			