

**CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE
LICENSE TO TEACH OF JOSHUA W. COOK, CASE # HR 14-023**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 168.071, RSMo

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DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

SUMMARY:

Joshua W. Cook held a provisional certificate of license to teach in the area of Physical Education, grades K-12, which expired on August 16, 2012. Mr. Cook's certificate was valid at the time of the incidents.

Educator Certification's staff assignment report regarding Mr. Cook indicates that he was last employed by a Missouri public school district in the 2011-2012 school year.

In April 2012, the Children's Division, Out of Home Investigative Unit, determined that there was a preponderance of evidence to establish that Mr. Cook had sexually abused two minor students.

Mr. Cook received notice of the hearing, but was neither present nor represented by counsel.

PRESENTER(S):

William R. Thornton, General Counsel, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the State Board of Education revoke Mr. Cook's teaching certification pursuant to its authority under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 168.071 (Supp. 2014).