

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:		February 2015	
<p>CONSIDERATION OF A NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING TO ADOPT RULE 5 CSR 20-600.140 PRESCHOOL PROGRAM STANDARDS</p>			
STATUTORY AUTHORITY:		<input type="checkbox"/> Consent Item <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item <input type="checkbox"/> Report Item	
Sections 160.031, 163.018, RSMo			
<p>DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 2:</p> <p>All Missouri children will enter kindergarten prepared to be successful in school.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>HB 1689 (2014) authorized school districts to include children up to two years from kindergarten entry and eligible for free or reduced-price lunch in their reported ADA counts for the purpose of receiving state aid. To qualify for state aid, preschool programs must meet standards established by the State Board of Education. The proposed rule establishes preschool program standards.</p> <p>PRESENTER(S):</p> <p>Stacey Preis, Deputy Commissioner, Learning Services, 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 authorize publication in the <i>Missouri Register</i> of a notice of proposed rulemaking to adopt rule 5 CSR 20-600.140 relating to establishing preschool program standards, and that the State Board finds this proposed rule necessary to carry out the purposes of Sections 160.031 and 163.018, RSMo.</p>			

Title 5 - DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
Division 20 – Division of Learning Services
Chapter 600 – Office of Early and Extended Learning

PROPOSED RULE

5 CSR 20-600.140 Prekindergarten Program Standards

PURPOSE: This rule requires that any school district reporting children ages three (3) to five (5) for calculation in their average daily attendance must meet standards approved by the State Board of Education.

- (1) Any school district reporting children ages three (3) to five (5) for calculation in their average daily attendance must meet standards approved by the State Board of Education including:
 - (A) A lead teacher in each prekindergarten classroom who holds a bachelor's degree and teaching certificate in early childhood education or early childhood special education; and
 - (B) A teacher assistant or paraprofessional who holds a child development associate's degree; associate's degree in early childhood; or sixty (60) college hours with a minimum of three (3) college credit hours in early childhood, child development, or child/family related courses and experience working in a program with young children and their families for any classroom with more than ten (10) children.

AUTHORITY: sections 161.092, 163.011, 163.018, RSMo Supp. 2015 and 168.011, RSMo 2000

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

PRIVATE COST: This proposed rule will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in the support of or in opposition to this proposed rule with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Attention: Assistant Commissioner, Office of Quality Learning, PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480 or by email at: eel@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.*