

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:

August 2015

**CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE
LICENSE TO TEACH OF KATHLEEN A. VITELLO, CASE # HR 14-107**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 168.071, RSMo

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DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

SUMMARY:

Kathleen A. Vitello holds a career professional continuous certificate of license to teach in the areas of Mental Handicap, grades K-9; Behavioral Disorder, grades K-9; and Elementary Education, grades 1-8. Ms. Vitello also held a substitute certificate of license to teach that expired on August 1, 2014. Ms. Vitello is not currently teaching in Missouri.

On November 18, 2008, Ms. Vitello pled guilty and received a suspended imposition of sentence to the Felony, Fraudulently Attempting to Obtain a Controlled Substance. She was placed on (5) years' supervised probation. On May 7, 2013, Ms. Vitello's probation was revoked and she was sentenced to three (3) years in the Department of Corrections.

Ms. Vitello 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 Ms. Vitello's teaching certificates or claim of teaching certificates pursuant to its authority under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 168.071 (Supp. 2014).