

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:

May 2020

**CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE
LICENSE TO TEACH OF AMY HASS ZELAYA, CASE # HR 20-006**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 168.071, RSMo

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Educator Recruitment & Retention

SUMMARY

Section 168.071, RSMo, and 5 CSR 20-400.230 authorize the State Board of Education to discipline certificates of license to teach, and provides the State Board of Education the authority to informally resolve hearings, appeals, or other matters involving certificate holders by consent agreement, agreed settlement, or voluntary surrender of the certificate of license to teach.

Amy Hass Zelaya holds a Career Continuous Professional Certificate of license to teach in the area of Biology, grades 9-12.

In November 2008, Ms. Zelaya engaged in sexual intercourse with a 15-year-old student of Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia, while she was employed as a teacher with Fairfax County Public Schools. In addition, Ms. Zelaya previously held a license to teach in Virginia, which she voluntarily surrendered in response to a petition for revocation by the Virginia Board of Education related to this sexual misconduct.

On February 14, 2020, a Settlement Agreement Between the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Amy Hass Zelaya was received. The parties agreed to submit this settlement agreement to the State Board of Education for consideration.

PRESENTER

Margaret K. Landwehr, Chief Counsel, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education approve the settlement agreement and revoke Ms. Zelaya’s certificate pursuant to its authority under Section 168.071, RSMo.