**Proposed changes to the Missouri**

**State Regulations Implementing Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Effective July 30, 2023**

**Regulation V – Procedural Safeguards/Discipline**

NOTE: This chart only shows substantive changes being proposed to the Part B State Regulations implementing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Other changes of a non-substantive nature, such as terminology or wording changes, spelling/punctuation/grammar corrections, etc. are not shown here. For a complete picture of all changes being proposed, the reader is directed to the regulatory document itself.

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| V | 65 | **D. PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS NOTICE (34 CFR 300.504)**  A copy of the state approved procedural safeguards available to the parents of a student with a disability **and a copy of the Parents’ Bill of Rights, per section 161.850 RSMo,** shall be given to parents only one (1) time a school year, except that a copy also shall be given to the parents: | Seven commenters each submitted the same comment, “I’m in support of this change to add the Parent Bill of Rights to the Compliance Indicators.I would like to further advocate for language change in this section that states that the Parent Bill of Rights will be read aloud to parents and/or students prior to the start of any meetings pursuant to IDEA.Parents are often emailed or merely handed the Bill of Rights prior to a meeting. Some parents have their own disabilities and may lack certain reading skills or visual capabilities to access the Bill of Rights. Furthermore, parents without disabilities are under the stress of attending the meeting and may disregard a piece of paper handed to them while someone is speaking. Taking a few moments during the meeting to address the Parent Bill of Rights would (1) remind the parent of their rights and responsibilities, (2) remind the LEA of the parent’s rights, and most importantly (3) benefit the student through fostering an environment of support and collaboration.It would also be beneficial for DESE to develop a video where the Parent Bill of Rights is read aloud and have the link available on the DESE website. LEAs can increase accessibility to the Parents Bill of Rights through providing parents this link.” | **Proceed with change.**Rationale: Add wording to describe when a copy of the Parents’ Bill of Rights is to be provided to parents per RSMo 161.850. **The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provides protections for parents who need assistance accessing materials due to a disability. Publicly funded agencies must comply with ADA guidelines making the proposal to require the Parents’ Bill of Rights to be read aloud prior to any meeting required under IDEA unnecessary.****DESE does not need to change the State Plan to post a recording of the Parents’ Bill of Rights and will take steps to make a recording available.** |