



Professional Standards Commission
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NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES

FROM: Professional Standards Commission and
Kelly C. Henson, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority contained in Official Code of Georgia Title 20, it is proposed that the Professional Standards Commission initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with Georgia Administrative Procedures Act so as to provide for (1) **amending** the current rules in Chapter 505-2 Certification, effective June 15, 2015, as follows: 505-2-.04, 505-2-.15, 505-2-.27, 505-2-.40, 505-2-.90, and 505-2-.114 (2) **repealing** the current rules in Chapter 505-2 Certification, effective July 1, 2017, as follows: 505-2-.36; (3) **initiating** the current rule in Chapter 505-2 Certification, effective July 1, 2017, as follows: 505-2-.36; (4) **amending** the current rules in Chapter 505-3 Educator Preparation, effective June 15, 2015, as follows: 505-3-.102, and 505-3-.105; (5) **repealing** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation, effective June 15, 2015, as follows: 505-2-.71; (6) **initiating** the current rule in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation, effective June 15, 2015, as follows: 505-3-.71; and (7) **amending** the current rule in Chapter 505-6 Ethics, effective June 15, 2015, as follows: 505-6-.01.

All interested persons shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments orally or in writing. Anyone interested in making a written statement may do so by submitting it to the undersigned at 200 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 1702, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032. It is requested that such a statement be delivered on or before May 5, 2015. Opportunity for oral hearing shall be granted if requested by 25 persons who will be directly affected by the proposed rule, by a governmental subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members.

The Professional Standards Commission will consider the proposed rules during its regular meeting on May 14, 2015, to begin at approximately 12:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Atlanta Galleria, 6345 Powers Ferry Road NW, Atlanta., GA 30339.

These rules may be viewed in their entirety on the GaPSC website at <http://www.gapsc.com/Commission/Rules/home.aspx>. Presentation of rules in this format is permissible under O.C.G.A. § 50-13-2.

This notice is issued pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

Discussion (Certification)

505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE, dated April 15, 2015, be AMENDED to clarify the GPA requirement for Induction Pathway 4 certificates.

505-2-.15 ADJUNCT LICENSE

It is proposed that Rule 505-2-.15 ADJUNCT LICENSE, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to establish that an Adjunct license may be issued for the field of Special Education field of Visual Impairment, to remove the restriction that Adjunct License holders may only teach grades 6-12, and to make the license transferrable among LUAs.

505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION PROCEDURES

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION PROCEDURES, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to clarify the verification of lawful presence requirement and update the name of a required form.

505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS, dated July 1, 2014, be RESCINDED and that a new rule with the same name and number be ADOPTED to change renewal requirements starting with certificates expiring in 2018.

505-2-.40 IN-FIELD ASSIGNMENT

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.40 IN-FIELD ASSIGNMENT, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to correct a reference to a rule that has a new name.

505-2-.90 CAREER AND TECHNICAL SPECIALIZATIONS

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.90 CAREER AND TECHNICAL SPECIALIZATIONS, dated January 15, 2015, be AMENDED to clarify the assessment requirements for several areas.

505-2-.114 VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

It is proposed that Rule 505-2-.114 VISUAL IMPAIRMENT, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to establish that an Adjunct license may be issued in this field.

Discussion (Educator Preparation)

505-3-.71 SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY PROGRAM

It is proposed that Rule 505-3-.71 SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY PROGRAM, dated May 15, 2014, be RESCINDED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED. Program standards have been updated to align with national standards, and there has been a change in requirements.

505-3-.102 SPECIAL EDUCATION VISUAL IMPAIRMENT ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM

It is proposed that the GaPSC Rule 505-3-.82 SPECIAL EDUCATION VISUAL IMPAIRMENT ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM Rule, dated May 15, 2014, be AMENDED to reflect the requirement of Special Education Certification for candidates entering a Special Education Visual Impairment Endorsement Program.

505-3-.105 TEACHER SUPPORT AND COACHING (TSC) ENDORSEMENT

It is proposed that Rule 505-3-.84, TEACHER SUPPORT SPECIALIST ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM, dated June 15, 2005, be AMENDED to include the policy and procedures for current holders of TSS Endorsement to convert to the TSC Endorsement. The revised rule is intended to include a phase-in timeline for converting to the TSC Endorsement.

Discussion (Ethics)

505-6-.01 THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR EDUCATORS

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-6-.01 THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR EDUCATORS, dated October 15, 2014, be AMENDED to clarify terminology.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly C. Henson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Kelly C. Henson
Executive Secretary