



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 January 15, 2016, as follows: 505-2-.01, 505-2-.02, 505-2-.03, 505-2-.04, 505-2-.20, 505-2-.22, 505-2-.32, 505-2-.33, 505-2-.43, 505-2-.102, 505-2-.162, and 505-2-.181, with 505-2-.36 becoming effective July 1, 2017; (2) **repealing** the current rule in Chapter 505-2 Certification, effective January 15, 2016, as follows: 505-2-.153; (3) **initiating** the current rules in Chapter 505-2 Certification, effective January 15, 2016, as follows: 505-2-.153; (3) **amending** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation, effective January 15, 2016, as follows: 505-3-.76 and 505-3-.77.

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 December 4, 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 December 10, 2015, to begin at approximately 12:30 p.m. at the Professional Standards Commission Board Room, 4th Floor, 200 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032.

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-.01 GEORGIA EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.01 GEORGIA EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to expand the definition of certificated personnel, and to clarify which public school personnel are required to hold GaPSC certification or licensure.

505-2-.02 CLASSIFICATION

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.02 CLASSIFICATION, dated April 15, 2015, be AMENDED to accommodate the new Retired Educator certificate, proposed to go into effect on October 15, 2015; and to establish a procedure for assigning leader levels to Georgia educators who earned certification through interstate reciprocity prior to January 15, 2016 and subsequently earn Educational Leadership certification based on a degree that was held at the time of initial Georgia certification under the requirements of Rule 505-2-.153 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, proposed to go into effect on January 15, 2016.

505-2-.03 PRE-SERVICE TEACHING CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that Rule 505-2-.03 PRE-SERVICE TEACHING CERTIFICATE, dated July 1, 2015, be AMENDED to clarify that a Pre-Service certificate is not required for candidates who already hold a teaching certificate.

505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE, dated June 15, 2015, be AMENDED to clarify that an applicant who completed student teaching in Georgia may not qualify for an Induction Pathway 3 certificate even if they become certified in another state; to outline a content testing exemption for GaTAPP candidates qualifying for Induction Pathway 4 certificates; and to clarify that enrollment in an educator preparation program is not required for issuance of an Induction Pathway 4 certificate; and to remove redundant information.

505-2-.20 SUBSTITUTE TEACHING

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.20 SUBSTITUTE TEACHING, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to add the Retired Educator Certificate, proposed to go into effect on October 15, 2015, to the highest priority group for substitute teaching.

505-2-.22 CERTIFICATION BY STATE-APPROVED PROGRAM

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.22 CERTIFICATION BY STATE-APPROVED PROGRAM, dated January 15, 2015, be AMENDED to clarify the requirements for cooperating teachers of out-of-state program candidates who complete clinical practice requirements in Georgia.

505-2-.32 VALIDITY PERIODS AND DATING OF CERTIFICATES

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.32 VALIDITY PERIODS AND DATING OF CERTIFICATES, dated October 15, 2015, be AMENDED to add the validity period of the new Retired Educator Certificate, proposed to go into effect on October 15, 2015.

505-2-.33 CERTIFICATE UPGRADE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.33 CERTIFICATE UPGRADE, dated April 15, 2015, be AMENDED to clarify the requirements for degrees to qualify for a grandfathering period and to establish a new procedure for evaluating advanced degrees started by out-of-state educators prior to becoming certified in Georgia through reciprocity.

505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS (2017 version)

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS, dated July 1, 2017, be AMENDED to add Continuing Education Units as an option for renewal coursework earned by educators who are not employed; to clarify the renewal requirements for educators employed by

Georgia private schools; and to clarify the renewal requirements for educators who are not employed at the time of renewal but have been employed within the five years prior to the renewal date.

505-2-.43 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

It is proposed that Rule 505-2-.43 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to clarify the requirements to remediate unsatisfactory performance ratings and the restrictions on certificate issuance to educators who have earned 2 unsatisfactory performance ratings; and to make a change to the requirements for remediating an unsatisfactory performance rating with a subsequent satisfactory rating.

505-2-.102 READING SPECIALIST

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.102 READING SPECIALIST, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to allow for issuance of an Induction certificate in this field.

505-2-.153 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.153 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE, dated July 3, 2014, be RESCINDED and that a new rule with the same name and number be INITIATED to establish certification requirements under the new Educational Leadership preparation and certification structure established by GaPSC Rules 505-3-.76 and 505-3-.77, which became effective on April 15, 2015.

505-2-.162 COACHING ENDORSEMENT

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.162 COACHING ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to eliminate the option for a Supplemental Induction (SI) endorsement. The option for the SI is being removed because educators who hold Induction certificates may not be admitted to GaPSC-approved Coaching Endorsement programs (See GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.85 COACHING ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM).

505-2-.181 TEACHER LEADER ENDORSEMENT

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.181 TEACHER LEADER ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to eliminate the option for a Supplemental Induction (SI) endorsement. The option for the SI is being removed because educators who hold Induction certificates may not be admitted to GaPSC-approved Teacher Leader Endorsement programs (See GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.104 TEACHER LEADER ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM).

Educator Preparation:

505-3-.77 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.77 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM, dated April 15, 2015, be AMENDED. This amended rule replaces the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium Standards (ISLLC Standards) with the Georgia Educational Leadership Standards as the standards that define the program content and expectations for the educational leadership preparation program. In addition, this amended rule corrects the last admission date for currently approved Educational Leadership programs to spring semester 2017.

505-3-.76 ALTERNATIVE PREPARATION FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.60 ALTERNATIVE PREPARATION FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM, dated July 3, 2014, be AMENDED. This amended rule replaces the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium Standards (ISLLC Standards) with the Georgia Educational Leadership Standards as the standards that define the program content and expectations for the educational leadership preparation program. No more than five (5) program providers will be approved. Data will be collected and

analyzed yearly to determine the effectiveness of these programs during a three-year pilot phase.

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Kelly C. Henson
Executive Secretary