



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 April 15, 2015, as follows: 505-2-.02, 505-2-.04, 505-2-.05, 505-2-.14, 505-2.19, 505-2-24, 505-2-.26, 505-2-.33, and 505-2-.144; (2) **amending** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective July 1, 2015, as follows: 505-2-.03; (3) **repealing** the current rules in Chapter 505-3 Educator Preparation, effective April 15, 2015, as follows: 505-3-.76, 505-3-.77, and 505-3-.78; (4) **initiating** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation, effective April 15, 2015, as follows: 505-3-.79 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 February 26, 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 March 12, 2015, to begin at approximately 12:00 noon 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 PSC 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-.02 CLASSIFICATION

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.02 CLASSIFICATION, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to clarify the information provided about certificate levels, particularly as they relate to leadership degrees.

505-2-.03 PRESERVICE CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.03 PRESERVICE CERTIFICATE, dated July 1, 2015, be AMENDED to clarify requirements for the ethics assessment.

505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE, dated July 3, 2014, be AMENDED to clarify requirements for the ethics assessment.

505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE, dated July 3, 2014, be AMENDED to clarify requirements for converting an Induction Pathway 4 certificate to a Professional certificate.

505-2-.14 ENDORSEMENTS

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.12 ENDORSEMENTS, dated July 3, 2014, be AMENDED to clarify that a Non-Renewable Professional ESOL endorsement may be added to a Permit certificate in a foreign language field, in accordance with established Certification Division practice.

505-2-.19 SUPPORT PERSONNEL LICENSE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.19 SUPPORT PERSONNEL LICENSE, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to clarify the requirements for this license.

505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS, dated January 1, 2015, be AMENDED to clarify the Educator Ethics Assessment requirement and revise the Content Pedagogy requirement.

505-2-.26 CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENTS

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.26 CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENTS, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to clarify requirements for the ethics assessment.

505-2-.33 CERTIFICATE UPGRADE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.41 EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE UPGRADES, dated July 3, 2014, be AMENDED to clarify the grandfathering period for transition fields, the options for completing an in-field upgrade, and the application of upgrades to the general or leader level of certificates.

505-2-.144 SCHOOL COUNSELING

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.144 SCHOOL COUNSELING, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to adjust the numbering in the rule.

Discussion (Educator Preparation)

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

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.76 ALTERNATIVE PREPARATION FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM, dated July 3, 2014, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same name and number be INITIATED. This new rule further develops and articulates standards and expectations for the non-traditional educational leadership preparation program as well as creates a

two-tiered preparation structure. 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.

505-3-.77 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.77 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM, dated May 15, 2014, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same name and number be INITIATED. This new rule further develops and articulates standards and expectations for the educational leadership preparation program as well as creates a two-tiered preparation structure.

505-3-.78 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONVERSION PROCESS

It is proposed that GaPSC rule 505-3-.78, EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONVERSION PROCESS, dated May 15, 2014, be REPEALED as this rule is no longer needed.

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Kelly C. Henson
Executive Secretary