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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) repealing the current rules in Chapter 505-2 Certification, effective January 15, 2010, as follows: 505-2-.155 and 505-2-.156; (2) initiating the current rules in Chapter 505-2 Certification, effective January 15, 2010, as follows: 505-2-.155 and 505-2-.156; (3) amending the current rules in Chapter 505-2 Certification, effective January 15, 2010, as follows: 505-2-.02, 505-2-.12 and 505-2-.150; (4) repealing the current rules in Chapter 505-3 Educator Preparation, effective January 15, 2010, as follows: 505-3-.68 and 505-3-.69; and (5) initiating the current rules in Chapter 505-3 Educator Preparation, effective January 15, 2010, as follows: 505-3-.68 and 505-3-.69.

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 Two Peachtree Street, Suite 6000, Atlanta, GA 30303. It is requested that such a statement be delivered on or before November 15, 2009. 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, 2009, to begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Professional Standards Commission Board Room, 5th Floor, Two Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30303.

These rules may be viewed in their entirety on the PSC website at <http://www.gapsc.com/rules.asp>. 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.

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Discussion (Certification)

505-2-.02 CLASSIFICATION – CATEGORY, TITLE, TYPE, FIELD, LEVEL

It is proposed that the Classification rule be amended to include the HB 455 requirements that affect Educational Leadership certification and salary compensation.

505-2-.12 ENDORSEMENTS

It is proposed that the ENDORSEMENTS rule be amended to require that the new K-5 MATHEMATICS ENDORSEMENT and K-5 SCIENCE ENDORSEMENTS can only be added to qualifying Clear Renewable teaching certificates referenced in those rules.

505-2-.150 TEACHING ENDORSEMENTS

It is proposed that this rule be amended to change the names of the old Early Childhood Mathematics Endorsement and Early Childhood Science Endorsement to align with the new certification and educator preparation K-5 Mathematics Endorsement and K-5 Science Endorsement rules.

505-2-.155 K-5 MATHEMATICS ENDORSEMENT

This proposed new rule replaces rule 505-2-.155 EARLY CHILDHOOD MATHEMATICS ENDORSEMENT, which is being repealed. This new rule, which has the same number but a new title and all new content, meets the intent of HB 280 to strengthen the preparation of educators teaching mathematics in grades K-5 and makes stipends available for qualified teachers holding this endorsement.

505-2-.156 K-5 SCIENCE ENDORSEMENT

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Discussion (Educator Preparation)

505-3-.68 K-5 MATHEMATICS ENDORSEMENT

This proposed new rule replaces rule 505-3-.68 EARLY CHILDHOOD MATHEMATICS ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM, which is being repealed. This new rule, which has the same number but a new title and all new content, addresses the intent of HB 280. Specifically, this new rule describes endorsement program requirements and content standards designed to enhance the competency levels of educators who teach mathematics to children in grades K through 5. It also requires endorsement programs to include a process for holders of the previous Early Childhood Mathematics Endorsement to add the new K-5 Mathematics Endorsement without repeating the full endorsement program.

505-3-.69 K-5 SCIENCE ENDORSEMENT

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