



Summary of Proposed Changes to GaPSC Educator Ethics Rules

July 13, 2017 Initiation

Public Comment Period: July 24, 2017 – August 22, 2017

At its July 13, 2017, meeting, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) initiated the rulemaking process for the Educator Ethics rules listed below. A summaries of the proposed rule change is provided below, and the **proposed rule is available at:**

<http://www.gapsc.com/Commission/Rules/home.aspx>

The 30-day public comment period for this rule is open from **July 24, 2017, through August 22, 2017**. Written comments related to this rule must be addressed to GaPSC Executive Secretary, Mr. Kelly Henson and may be submitted via e-mail (RulesComments@GaPSC.com) or via regular mail (200 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 1702, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032). If you have questions about this proposed rule, please contact Dr. Paul Shaw, Ethics Division Director, at paul.shaw@gapsc.com.

Educator Ethics Rule Changes		
Rule #	Rule Name	Summary of Rules Action
505-6-.01	The Code of Ethics for Educators	<p>Amendments to Georgia’s Code of Ethics for Educators have been initiated to consolidate the standards in the code from eleven (11) to ten (10), including eliminating abandonment of contract as a separate standard, and adding the definition for <u>breach of contract</u>. A diverse and representative task force informed the proposed rule changes, which were also discussed at multiple local and statewide meetings.</p> <p>If adopted, the rule will become effective January 1, 2018.</p>