

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE:	EP-04
COMMITTEE:	Education Professions
DATE:	September 13, 2016

SUBJECT/TITLE

Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-62 (R.43-62), Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification (First Reading)

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

This regulation governs requirements for additional areas of certification. The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) requests to expand this regulation from its current focus to include initial areas of certification and to implement a SBE approval process for the creation, revision, and deletion of initial areas of certification, add-on certification areas, specialized endorsements, and specialized alternative certification areas.

CRITICAL FACTS

Section 59-25-110 authorizes the SBE, by rules and regulations, to formulate and administer a system for the examination and certification of teachers. Amendments to this regulation will establish a clear approval process for the creation, revision, and deletion of initial areas of certification, add-on areas of certification, specialized endorsements, and specialized alternative certifications. Currently, there is not an established approval process for initial areas of certification. These changes allow the SBE to continue to provide appropriately qualified educators for South Carolina public schools and to address needed changes in educator training and certification more readily. Text deleted from the current regulation has been inserted into the *Guidelines for R.43-62* approved by the SBE on October 14, 2015.

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

- July 22, 2016 Drafting notice published in *State Register*.
- August 22, 2016 Written comments are due
- September 13, 2016 R.43-62, Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification submitted to EP Committee for first reading approval and to the SBE (First Reading).
- November 28, 2016 Written comments are due.
- December 13, 2016 SBE Public hearing and promulgation of the amendments to R.43-62 (Second Reading)
- January 11, 2017 Submit amendments to R.43-62 to the General Assembly

ECONOMIC IMPACT

COST: None
FUND/SOURCE: N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments: yes no
(attachments must be submitted with synopsis)

Name of Attachments: R.43-62, Credential Classification

RECOMMENDATION

The SCDE recommends that the SBE approve amendments to R.43-62, Credential Classification (First Reading).

ACTION REQUEST

FOR APPROVAL: FOR INFORMATION ONLY: