

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE:	PH-05
COMMITTEE:	Public Hearing
DATE:	February 10, 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 (Second 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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 23, 2015• November 23, 2015• December 9, 2015 | Drafting notice published in <i>State Register</i> .
Written comments were due. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 7, 2016• January 25, 2016• February 10, 2016 | R.43-62, Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification submitted to EP Committee for first reading approval and to the SBE (First Reading).
SCDE staff meet with Legislative Council staff.
Written comments were due.
SBE public hearing and promulgation of amendments to R.43-62 (Second Reading) |

