

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE:	EP-01
COMMITTEE:	Education Professions (EP)
DATE:	May 11, 2016

SUBJECT/TITLE

Request for Approval to Extend the Required Submission Date for District Plans as Required by Regulation 43-205.1 (R.43-205.1), Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Professional Teaching (ADEPT)

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

Regulation 43-205.1 (IV)(G) states May 1 is the required deadline date for districts to submit assurances to the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) related to ADEPT guidelines compliance. Approval to extend this due date will allow districts appropriate time to plan for adjustments to the Expanded ADEPT system made in the spring of 2016 in response to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) changes.

CRITICAL FACTS

- R.43-205.1 cites May 1 as the districts' due date for ADEPT plans.
- Federal reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) in December 2015 presented an opportunity for SC to adjust its approach to teacher evaluation.
- Adjustments to the system (in response to the federal changes) warranted the development of guidance documents specific to the 2016–17 school year as districts transition from the old to the new system.
- Districts need an extension to July 1, 2016, in order to respond appropriately to the new guidance.

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

- Expanded ADEPT System Guidelines were approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) on March 11, 2015. The required May 1 due date was extended to June 1 as part of those guidelines.
- December 2015: ESEA is reauthorized allowing greater flexibility at the state level to determine processes for teacher evaluation.
- January 2016: The SCDE requests approval of four changes by the SBE to include extension of implementation timeline, removing the requirement of use of test score–based measures within evaluation, using student learning objectives (SLOs) as an artifact to score

