

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE:	PH-03
COMMITTEE:	Public Hearing
DATE:	February 10, 2016

SUBJECT/TITLE

Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-51 (R.43-51), Certification Requirements (Second Reading)

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

SBE R.43-51 governs the requirements for granting educator certification. Amendments to R.43-51 will clarify that both content and pedagogy examinations must be presented for certification; clarify the experience requirement necessary for an out-of-state educator to qualify for a professional, as opposed to an initial, teaching certificate; include provisions for issuing certificates for qualifying participants in all currently approved alternative certification pathways; and modify language within the regulation.

CRITICAL FACTS

R.43-51 outlines requirements for certification. Changes will clarify information regarding required examinations and that an initial certificate is issued to an out-of-state educator presenting less than twenty-seven months of successful teaching experience within the last seven years. Alternative pathways approved since the last update to the regulation have been added. Current language is specific to a particular educator preparation accrediting body (the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)) and offices within the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE). The purpose of these amendments is to remove specific organizational names as these names often change. The new educator preparation accrediting body is the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP); however, a new accrediting body may be formed in the future. This change would eliminate the need for a regulation change any time an accrediting body or SCDE office changes.

Changes have been made and are highlighted in yellow to reflect input from Legislative Council staff.

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

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| • October 23, 2015 | Drafting notice published in <i>State Register</i> . |
| • November 23, 2015 | Written comments were due. |

- December 9, 2015 R.43-51, Certification Requirements submitted to EP Committee for first reading approval and to the SBE (First Reading).
- January 7, 2016 SCDE staff met with Legislative Council staff.
- January 25, 2016 Written comments were due.
- February 10, 2016 SBE public hearing and promulgation of amendments to R.43-51 (Second Reading).
- February 10, 2016 Submit amendments to R.43-51 to the General Assembly.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

COST: N/A
FUND/SOURCE: _____

ATTACHMENTS

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

Name of Attachments:

Attachment 1: R.43-51, Certification Requirements (First Reading)
 Attachment 2: R.43-51, Certification Requirements (Second Reading) with Legislative Council staff changes

RECOMMENDATION

The SCDE recommends that the SBE approve amendments to R.43-51, Certification Requirements (Second Reading).

ACTION REQUEST

FOR APPROVAL: FOR INFORMATION ONLY: