PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; revising the programs in which certain persons who hold an endorsement to teach a program of alternative education may provide instruction or teach; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- **Section 1.** NAC 391.392 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 391.392 1. To receive an endorsement to teach a program of alternative education, a person must:
 - (a) Hold a valid:
 - (1) Elementary license;
 - (2) License to teach middle school or junior high school education;
 - (3) Secondary license;
 - (4) License to teach special education; or
- (5) Special license that is endorsed for a recognized field of teaching other than business and industry;
 - (b) Have 3 years of verified experience in teaching a program of alternative education; or
- (c) Have completed at least 3 semester hours of course work in one or more of the following areas of study:
 - (1) Behavior management;

- (2) Methods of teaching pupils who have specific learning disabilities;
- (3) Parental involvement in programs of alternative education; or
- (4) Methods of teaching pupils in a program of alternative education or pupils who are at risk of dropping out of school.
- 2. Except as limited by subsection 3, a person who holds an endorsement to teach a program of alternative education may:
- (a) Provide instruction in any recognized field of teaching for which he or she holds a valid endorsement; and
 - (b) Teach courses outside his or her area of endorsement.
- 3. A person who holds an endorsement to teach a program of alternative education initially issued on or after July 1, 2005, may use that endorsement to provide instruction and teach as authorized by subsection 2 only [in]:
 - (a) In an adult high school program as defined in subsection 2 of NAC 389.690 [...]; or
- (b) To act as a teacher of record for a pupil who is enrolled in a course of distance education which has been approved by the Department pursuant to NRS 388.834 and NAC 388.825.
- 4. An endorsement to teach a program of alternative education is not required to teach a program of alternative education.
 - 5. As used in this section [, "program]:
 - (a) "Course of distance education" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388.823.
 - **(b)** "**Program** of alternative education" means:
 - (1) An alternative program as defined in NAC 388.500; or
 - (2) An adult high school program as defined in subsection 2 of NAC 389.690.