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 qualifications for an endorsement to teach English as a second language; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 391.237 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 391.237 1. To receive an endorsement to teach English as a second language, a person must have:
- (a) A valid elementary, secondary or special license, a valid license to teach special education, or a valid license to teach middle school or junior high school education; and
- (b) Completed at least [12] 3 semester hours of credit in [a course of study that includes any] each of the following [:] areas of study:
 - (1) Methods and materials for teaching English as a second language;
 - (2) Theories for the acquisition of a second language;
 - (3) Testing and evaluation of pupils studying English as a second language; [or] and
 - (4) Developing a curriculum for pupils studying English as a second language.
- 2. To receive an endorsement as a professional teacher of English as a second language, a person must have completed the requirements for an endorsement to teach English as a second language and:

- (a) Hold a master's degree; and
- (b) Have 3 years of experience as a teacher.
- 3. Requirements for the successful completion of a course of study in which a person is enrolled are in addition to the requirements to receive an endorsement.
- [4. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue a provisional 1-year endorsement to teach English as a second language to a person who has a deficiency in credits of more than 6 semester hours if the school district, charter school or private school that will employ the person provides a written assurance to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that the person will complete the courses of study necessary to ensure that he or she has a deficiency in credits of 6 semester hours or less by the end of the 1-year period for which the endorsement is valid. The written assurance must also identify the courses of study that will be completed.
- 5. Upon expiration of an endorsement issued pursuant to subsection 4, a person may apply for another provisional endorsement pursuant to NAC 391.055 if he or she satisfies the requirements of that section.]