## PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## LCB File No. R031-16

The Nevada Department of Education is proposing new regulations pursuant to Section 8

(Subsection 5) of Senate Bill 511 – Teach Nevada Scholarships

(The State Board may adopt any regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 2 to 10, inclusive, of this act.)

- 1. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - a. "Teacher" has the meaning as defined in NRS 391.311, excluding those licensed pursuant to NAC 391.170, NAC 391.185, NAC 391.305, NAC 391.320, NAC 391.316, and NAC 391.370.
  - b. "Veteran" has the meaning as defined in NRS 417.005.
  - c. "Teacher Program Provider (TPP)" means a public or private university, college, or other alternative route to licensure program approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to NAC 391.558 or the Commission on Professional Standards in Education pursuant to NAC 391.461 to offer a course of study or training designed to qualify a person to be a teacher.
- 2. A TPP may apply for a grant from the Account established by NRS 391.xxx (SB 511) on a form prescribed by the Department.
- 3. The Board will determine criteria for grant recipients on an annual basis, prior to releasing the grant application form.
- 4. A TPP that is awarded a grant from the Account:
  - a. Must award a Teach Nevada Scholarship to a scholarship recipient in an amount equal to the semester cost for TPP tuition and ancillary fees, not to exceed the maximum amount allowed per semester and/or in the aggregate pursuant to NRS 391.XXX (SB511).
    - i. Scholarship funds shall only be used by a recipient for tuition and ancillary TPP fees.

- ii. A scholarship may not be awarded in a lump sum amount for the entire licensure program.
- b. Shall submit a list of scholarship recipients to the Department each semester by a date determined by the Department and in a form prescribed by the Department including, but not limited to, the following information:
  - i. Recipient's first and last name;
  - ii. Preparation program area;
  - iii. Projected date the recipient will complete requirements for conditional licensure;
  - iv. Projected program completion date by which recipient will be eligible for standard or professional licensure; and
  - v. Amount to be awarded to recipient each semester and in aggregate.
- c. Shall, each semester, notify the Department of any unused scholarships, and return unused scholarship awards to the Board by a date determined by the Department.
- 5. A scholarship recipient must maintain continuous progress toward completion of the program on schedule to continue receiving scholarship funds.
  - a. On behalf of the scholarship recipient, a TPP may request from the Department an extension for extenuating circumstances.
- 6. A scholarship recipient may only receive the remaining 25% of the money deposited in the trust account established for the scholarship recipient if the recipient provides the TPP with documentation of the following within 120 days of the completion of five years of teaching:
  - a. A valid teaching license with no pending or final disciplinary action;
  - b. Proof that the recipient was employed as a licensed, full-time contracted teacher for five continuous years in Nevada public schools, with ratings of effective or highly effective on the statewide performance evaluation system pursuant to NRS 391.465 and NRS 391.3125.
    - i. For three of the five years, a recipient must have been employed at any of the schools on a list approved by the Board in the initial year which the recipient receives the scholarship.

- ii. At any time during these three years of employment, a scholarship recipient may transfer employment to another public school which is on the list approved by the Board in the initial year which the recipient receives the scholarship.
- 7. A TPP shall receive \$1,000.00 from the Board when:
  - a. At the conclusion of each semester, a request is submitted by the TPP on a form prescribed by the Department;
  - b. The TPP provides a list to the Department of each scholarship recipient's name, program enrollment date, and program completion date; and
  - c. Funds are available to the Board for this purpose.
- 8. Unless granted an exception pursuant to subsection 5, when a scholarship recipient does not complete the scholarship program for any reason, a TPP must pay the Board for credit to the Account pursuant to NRS 391.XXX (SB511) at the conclusion of the semester in which the recipient exits the program.