## PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

AUTHORITY: §§1-7, NRS 388.575.

A REGULATION relating to education; prescribing the requirements for the statewide program of education for incarcerated persons and for programs of education for incarcerated persons operated by school districts; providing for the transfer of credits earned by an incarcerated person in a program of education who is transferred to another facility or institution operated by the Department of Corrections; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- **Section 1.** Chapter 388 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this regulation.
- Sec. 2. As used in sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this regulation, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 and 4 of this regulation have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
  - Sec. 3. "Incarcerated persons" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388.573.
- Sec. 4. "Program of education" means a program of education for incarcerated persons operated by the board of trustees of a school district pursuant to NRS 388.573 to 388.583,

inclusive, and sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this regulation, in a facility or institution operated by the Department of Corrections.

- Sec. 5. 1. The statewide program of education for incarcerated persons is hereby established pursuant to NRS 388.575.
  - 2. The statewide program and each program of education must:
- (a) Be operated in accordance with the standards prescribed in NAC 387.190 and subsections 1, 2 and 3 of NAC 387.330 for an adult high school diploma program;
  - (b) Comply with the applicable standards adopted by the State Board of Education; and
- (c) Comply with the requirements for an adult standard diploma set forth in NAC 389.688 to 389.699, inclusive.
  - 3. An incarcerated person is eligible for participation in a program of education if he:
  - (a) Is 17 years of age or older;
  - (b) Has not graduated from a high school; and
  - (c) Is not currently enrolled in a high school.
- 4. A facility or institution operated by the Department of Corrections that offers a program of education must use the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System to evaluate and determine the placement of incarcerated persons in a program of education.
- Sec. 6. 1. If an incarcerated person who has earned credits in a program of education is transferred to another facility or institution within this state, all credits earned by that incarcerated person must be transferred to another program of education operated within the facility or institution to which the incarcerated person is transferred if the requirements of this section are satisfied.

- 2. An incarcerated person who is participating in a program of education and who is transferred from a facility or institution to another facility or institution shall:
- (a) Notify the educational personnel who operate the program of education at the facility or institution in which the person is currently incarcerated of his pending transfer; and
  - (b) Return all textbooks and other school property to that facility or institution.
- 3. An incarcerated person who is participating in a program of education and who is transferred from a facility or institution to another facility or institution in this state shall, if he desires to participate in a program of education at the facility or institution to which he is transferred, notify the educational department at that facility or institution as soon as possible of his previous participation in a program of education. An incarcerated person may satisfy the notice required by this subsection by appearing in person or by submitting an inmate request form DOC-2049. Upon receipt of such notice, the educational personnel at the facility or institution to which the incarcerated person was transferred shall request the class records and schedules for the incarcerated person from the facility or institution in which the person was previously incarcerated. To the extent practicable, the incarcerated person must be placed in classes that are comparable to the classes which he was previously attending so that he may continue his course of study with minimal disruption.
- 4. If a facility or institution receives a request for records for an incarcerated person pursuant to subsection 3, the educational personnel of the program of education at the facility or institution in which that person was previously incarcerated shall make available to the facility or institution to which the incarcerated person was transferred the appropriate educational records of the incarcerated person, including, without limitation, enrollment in courses, status of completion of competency for each course, grades received and credit

awarded. Such information must be made available within a reasonable time to allow continuity of the educational program for the incarcerated person.

- 5. Upon successful completion of a course by an incarcerated person in a program of education, the facility or institution in which the person is incarcerated shall credit those courses to his transcript.
- Sec. 7. If an interagency panel is required to be convened pursuant to NRS 388.583 because a person employed by a school district to operate a program of education is excluded from a facility or institution, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall:
  - 1. Ensure that the interagency panel is convened as required by NRS 388.583;
  - 2. Provide written notice to each party invovled, including:
    - (a) The time and location of the hearing;
    - (b) An identification of the reasons for the exclusion of the employee; and
    - (c) A copy of the complaint; and
- 3. Not later than 7 days after the hearing is conducted by the interagency panel, provide written notice by certified mail to each party involved of the decision of the interagency panel.