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### PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

Explanation: Matter in *Italics* is new; matter in brackets **H** is material to be omitted.

**AUTHORITY: NRS 391.019**

#### EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL REGULATIONS

**Section 1.** Chapter 391 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth in sections 2 through 5, inclusive, of this regulation.

**Section 2.** NAC 391.010 Definitions. (NRS 391.019) As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Board" means the state board of education.
2. "Commission" means the commission on professional standards in education.
3. "Department" means the department of education.
4. "Endorsement" means a specific area of preparation within a general license that is issued by the department.
5. "Field experience" means supervised experience working in a placement in which a person:
  - (a) Works with pupils who have a handicap; and
  - (b) Demonstrates competency in the assessment of such pupils, educational planning, curriculum, methods of instruction, management of the classroom, working with parents and collaborating with other professionals.
6. "Initial license" means an elementary, secondary, provisional or special license issued to a teacher or other educational personnel:
  - (a) For the first time; or
  - (b) Who held a license that expired or was suspended or revoked by the board.

*7. "Full state licensure" means, for purposes of meeting the highly qualified teacher requirements pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §6319(a) that the teacher has met all state licensure requirements for a renewable license except for the requirements identified in NRS 391.090 and Subsection 4 of NRS 391.033.*

**Section 3.** NAC 391.056 Provisional nonrenewable licensure: Qualifications; period of validity; addition of endorsements. ( NRS 391.019, 391.021 , 391.032 )

1. The superintendent of public instruction may issue a provisional nonrenewable license to an applicant applying for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045 if he otherwise meets the requirements for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045 , but:

- (a) Has a deficiency in credits of 6 semester hours or less for all areas of licensure or endorsement, unless the provision is for an endorsement as a substitute teacher;
- (b) Has not completed the courses or passed the examination required by NAC 391.030 and is not exempt from the requirements of that section;

(c) Lacks confirmation from a college that he has student teaching experience if he is applying for a teaching license, or that he has completed a school counseling practicum or internship if he is applying for a school counseling endorsement, but:

(1) Has completed all necessary course work requirements for the school counseling endorsement;

(2) Has completed 200 hours of the practicum or internship through a regionally accredited college or university, including, without limitation, a minimum of 100 hours in a school setting at the time of his application for licensure; and

(3) Is currently and continuously enrolled in a regionally accredited college or university school counseling practicum or internship program;

(d) Has not passed the tests required by NAC 391.036 and is not exempt from taking such tests; or

(e) Has not completed the course required by paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NAC 391.045.

2. A license issued pursuant to this section becomes invalid 3 years after the date on which the license is issued and may not be extended.

3. The holder of a license issued pursuant to this section may add endorsements with provisions to the license during the first year in which the license is valid. Endorsements without provisions may be added to the license at any time during the period in which the license is valid. If an endorsement is added to the license, the endorsement does not affect the date on which the license becomes invalid.

*4. Effective July 1, 2005, a provisional nonrenewable license may not be issued, pursuant to Subsection 1, (a), (c) or (d) of this regulation, to applicants applying for an elementary license pursuant to Subsection 2 of NAC 391.095 or applicants applying for a secondary license with endorsements in one or more of the following major or minor fields:*

*(a) Art;*

*(b) Biological science;*

*(c) Chemistry;*

*(d) English;*

*(e) French;*

*(f) General science;*

*(g) History;*

*(h) Mathematics;*

*(i) Music;*

*(j) Physical Science;*

*(k) Reading;*

*(l) Social studies;*

*(m) Spanish; and*

*(n) Speech/Drama.*

**Section 4.** NAC 391.1301 Comprehensive majors and minors. ( NRS 391.019 ) The commission recognizes the following fields as comprehensive majors or minors, which require 36 or 24 semester hours of credit respectively:

1. In academic education:

(a) Art;

(b) Biological science;

(c) Business;

- (d) English as a second language;
  - (e) English;
  - (f) General science;
  - (g) Mathematics;
  - (h) Music;
  - (i) Physical education;
  - (j) Physical education and health;
  - (k) Physical science;
  - (l) Recreational physical education;
  - (m) Social studies; and
  - (n) Speech and drama.
2. In occupational education:
- (a) Agricultural education;
  - (b) Automotive service technology;
  - (c) Business education;
  - (d) Child care;
  - (e) Commercial housekeeping;
  - (f) Communications and media;
  - (g) Construction technology;
  - (h) Drafting and design;
  - (i) Electronic technology;
  - (j) Food services;
  - (k) Health occupations;
  - (l) Home economics;
  - (m) Hospitality and recreation;
  - (n) Housing and home furnishing;
  - (o) Human services;
  - (p) Industrial arts;
  - (q) Manufacturing technology;
  - (r) Marketing education;
  - (s) Stage and theater technology; and
  - (t) Technology education.

***3. For the comprehensive majors and minors in academic education identified in Subsection 1, a person who holds a bachelor's degree or a higher degree with a major or minor that was conferred by a regionally accredited college or university shall be deemed to have qualified for a comprehensive major or minor, whichever is applicable, if he has satisfied the requirements of NAC 391.120.***

**Section 5.** NAC 391.392 Endorsement to teach program of alternative education. ( NRS 391.019)

- 1. To receive an endorsement to teach a program of alternative education, a person must:
  - (a) Hold a valid:
    - (1) Elementary license;
    - (2) Secondary license; or
    - (3) 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 high school.

2. 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 holds a valid endorsement; and

(b) Teach courses outside his area of endorsement.

3. An endorsement to teach a program of alternative education is not required to teach a program of alternative education.

4. As used in this section, "program of alternative education" means:

(a) An alternative program as defined in NAC 388.500 ; or

(b) A program of adult education as defined in subsection 2 of NAC 389.690.

***5. An endorsement to teach a program of alternative education issued after July 1, 2005 may only be used to provide instruction in a program of adult education as defined in subsection 2 of NAC 389.690.***