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Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation
Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of Regulations of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education as proposed in LCB File #R127-26

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education will hold a public hearing **at 9:02 A.M.** on **Wednesday, November 18, 2026** via livestream and at the following locations: **Nevada Department of Education Offices at 700 East Fifth Street, Board Room, Carson City and 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada.** The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the amendment of regulations pertaining to Chapter 391.120, and 391.425 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statue (NRS) 391.019.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 233B.0603:

1. **The need and the purpose of the proposed regulations and/or amendments:** In accordance with NRS 391.019, the Commission on Professional Standards in Education shall adopt regulations:
    - *Prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel and the procedures for the issuance and renewal of those licenses.*

2. **Description of the proposed regulation, or the subjects and issues involved:** The proposed regulation is relating to educational personnel; revising the subjects recognized for an endorsement to teach middle school or junior high school education; revising the requirements for the issuance of a secondary license with an endorsement in career and technical education; revising the requirements for renewing certain business and industry endorsements; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This regulation will remove the middle school computer science endorsement, remove 6 semester credits required to renew a CTE or B&I license, and other conforming language. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.

3. **The revised text of the proposed regulation is attached to this notice.**

4. **Estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public:** There is no economic effect of the regulation on the business that it regulates and no impact on the public.

5. **Methods used by the agency in determining the impact on a small business:** Small business are not impacted by this regulation.

6. **The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation**: No costs.

7. **Description and citation of duplicative or overlapping regulations of other state or local governmental agencies:** There is no duplication or overlap of regulations of state or local government agencies.

8. **Is the regulation required by federal law?** This regulation is not required pursuant to federal law.

9. **Does the regulation include provisions more stringent than a federal regulation regarding the same activity?** There is no federal law affecting or overlapping the proposed regulations.

10. **Does the proposed regulation establish a new fee or increase an existing fee?** The proposed regulation does not establish a new fee or increase an existing fee.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposed regulation may be obtained at the hearing, on the Commission on Professional Standards in Education webpage, by contacting the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, Nevada Department of Education, via email at COPS@doe.nv.gov, by telephone at (702) 668-4317 or in person at the Nevada Department of Education, 2080 E. Flamingo Rd. Las Vegas, Nevada. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education may provide in- person testimony, submit written comment to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education via email at COPS@doe.nv.gov, or submit their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, Nevada Department of Education, 2080 E. Flamingo Rd. Las Vegas, Nevada 89119. Comments may be submitted via email leading up to and for the duration of the meeting, and those submitted via mail must be received by the Department on or before **Friday, November 13, 2026.** A record of all submitted comments will be retained, and the Commission will proceed to consider any public comment received.

This notice and the text of the proposed regulation has been sent to all persons on the agencies mailing list for the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, posted on the Commission on Professional Standards in Education webpage, Nevada's Public Notice webpage, the Nevada State Legislature's Administrative Regulations notices webpage, available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and physically posted at the Nevada Department of Education Offices. Copies of this notice will also be emailed and/or mailed to members of the public upon request.

Notice required by NRS 233B.064: Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

LCB File No. R127-26

June 25, 2026

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

AUTHORITY: §§ 1-3, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; revising the subjects recognized for an endorsement to teach middle school or junior high school education; revising the requirements for the issuance of a secondary license with an endorsement in career and technical education; revising the requirements for renewing certain business and industry endorsements; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel. Existing law also requires the Commission to adopt regulations: (1) identifying fields of specialization in teaching which require the specialized training of teachers; and (2) setting forth the educational requirements a teacher must satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in each field of specialization. (NRS 391.019) Existing regulations recognize computer science as a subject for an endorsement of a license to teach middle school or junior high school education. (NAC 391.111) **Section 1** of this regulation removes computer science as a recognized subject for such an endorsement.

Existing regulations require a person seeking a secondary license with an endorsement in career and technical education to: (1) hold a bachelor's degree in education with a major or minor in career and technical education or a bachelor's degree that is aligned to a subject area for which a program of career and technical education may be offered; and (2) complete 23 semester hours of credit of certain course work. (NAC 391.120) **Section 2** of this regulation: (1) reduces the required semester hours of credit to 22 hours; and (2) eliminates the requirement to complete a certain amount of course work in career development and work-based learning and management of pupil organization in career and technical education.

With certain exceptions, existing regulations generally require a person who desires to renew a business and industry endorsement for the first time to provide proof that the person has received credit for 12 semester hours of specified course work or the equivalent number of hours of professional development. (NAC 391.425) **Section 3** of this regulation: (1) reduces the required semester hours to 6 hours; and (2) eliminates the requirement for a person to provide proof that he or she has received credit for a certain amount of semester hours or professional development in career development and work-based learning and management of pupil

organization in career and technical education. Additionally, **section 3** eliminates certain exemptions concerning the renewal of a business and industry endorsement rendered obsolete by the elimination of such a requirement to provide such proof.

Existing regulations exempt a person who desires to renew a business and industry endorsement for ethnic music, ethnic dance or dance performance from the general requirement to provide proof of the receipt of credit for a certain amount of semester hours or an equivalent amount of professional development if the person provides proof that he or she has received credit for 12 semester hours of specified course work. (NAC 391.425) **Section 3** reduces the required semester hours to 6 hours and revises the required course work for the renewal of endorsements for ethnic music, ethnic dance or dance performance.

Existing regulations recognize musical instrument technology and repair as a program area for which a business and industry endorsement may be issued. (NAC 391.420) **Section 3** exempts a person who desires to renew a business and industry endorsement for musical instrument technology and repair from the general requirement to provide proof of the receipt of credit for a certain amount of semester hours or an equivalent amount of professional development if the person provides proof that he or she has received credit for 6 semester hours of prescribed course work, including 3 semester hours of: (1) course work that includes classroom management; and (2) teaching methodology for career and technical education or secondary education.

Section 1. NAC 391.111 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.111 1. To receive a license to teach middle school or junior high school education, a person must hold a bachelor's degree or a higher degree from an accredited college or university and have completed:

(a) A program of preparation for teaching middle school or junior high school education which is approved by the Board; or

(b) Twenty-four semester credits of course work in professional education which must include:

(1) Eight semester credits of supervised student teaching in a designated level of middle school or junior high school;

(2) A course in the methods and materials for teaching the major or minor field of specialization at the middle school, junior high school or secondary grade level, or a course in integrated methods at the middle school or junior high school level;

(3) Three semester credits of course work in a course of study regarding education or strategies for working with students with disabilities, including curricular adaptation;

(4) Six semester credits of course work in at least two of the following areas:

(I) The foundations, history, theory or philosophy of middle school;

(II) The curriculum, pedagogy or assessment for middle school;

(III) Adolescent growth and development;

(IV) The nature and needs of the adolescent, including social, emotional and cultural concerns;

(V) Classroom management strategies;

(VI) School, family and community collaboration; or

(VII) Supervision and evaluation of programs and pupils in a middle school; and

(5) Six semester credits of course work in any of the following subjects:

(I) English as a second language, bilingualism or biculturalism;

(II) Computer science and educational technology;

(III) Tests and measurement;

(IV) Educational psychology;

(V) Multicultural education; or

(VI) Educational research.

2. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 1, an applicant for a license to teach middle school or junior high school education must have:

(a) Passed, at the level of competence specified by the Commission, a competency examination approved by the Commission, on the subject matter of a field of specialization or area of concentration; and

(b) Completed 24 semester credits in a major field of endorsement or area of concentration. Subsequent minor fields of endorsement may be added to the license upon verification of 14 semester hours of credit.

3. The following subjects are recognized for an endorsement of a license to teach middle school or junior high school education:

(a) Art;

(b) ~~[Computer science;~~

~~(c)]~~ English language arts;

~~[(d)]~~ ***(c)*** Instrumental and vocal music;

~~[(e)]~~ ***(d)*** Instrumental music;

~~[(f)]~~ ***(e)*** Mathematics;

~~[(g)]~~ ***(f)*** Science;

~~[(h)]~~ ***(g)*** Social science;

~~[(i)]~~ ***(h)*** Vocal music; and

~~[(j)]~~ ***(i)*** World languages, in accordance with subsection 26 of NAC 391.131.

4. A major or minor field of endorsement or area of concentration identified in subsection 3 shall be deemed to be satisfied if the applicant holds a bachelor's degree or a higher degree with a major, minor or area of concentration identified on the official transcript of record conferred by a regionally accredited college or university.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.120 1. Except for a person who is applying for a secondary license pursuant to subsection 2, to receive a secondary license, a person must hold a bachelor's degree and have completed:

(a) A program of preparation for teaching in the secondary grades approved by the Board pursuant to NAC 391.557 and 391.558;

(b) Courses approved by the Department pursuant to NAC 391.082; or

(c) Twenty-two semester hours of courses in secondary education, as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, 8 semester hours of supervised teaching;

(2) A course in the methods and materials of teaching a field of specialization;

(3) Three semester hours in strategies for working with students with disabilities, including curricular adaption; and

(4) Any other courses in secondary education approved by the Commission.

2. To receive a secondary license with an endorsement in career and technical education, a person must hold a bachelor's degree in education with a major or minor in career and technical education pursuant to NAC 391.1301 or a bachelor's degree that is aligned to a program of study for which the board of trustees of a school district may offer a program of career and technical education pursuant to NAC 389.803 and:

(a) Have completed ~~[23]~~ ***22*** semester hours of credit as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, 8 semester hours of supervised teaching;

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, 3 semester hours in the methods of teaching career and technical education;

(3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, 3 semester hours in secondary curriculum and instruction;

(4) ~~[Three semester hours in career development and work-based learning;~~

~~(5) Three semester hours in management of pupil organization in career and technical education; and~~

~~(6)~~] Three semester hours in strategies for working with students with disabilities, including curricular adaptation; and

(5) Any other courses in secondary education approved by the Commission; and

(b) Hold a valid license issued by a licensing authority of this State in the area of career and technical education for which the person is applying for an endorsement if such a license is required by state law.

3. If a person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter is applying for an additional license pursuant to NRS 391.0315 and the person has 3 years of verified teaching experience, the person is not required to complete the 8 semester hours of supervised teaching required by subsection 1 or 2, as applicable.

4. An applicant for an endorsement in career and technical education who holds a valid secondary license is exempt from the requirements of subparagraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph (a) of subsection 2.

Sec. 3. NAC 391.425 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.425 1. To receive a business and industry endorsement, the applicant must:

(a) Have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent;

(b) Provide to the Department proof acceptable to the Department that the applicant has been employed:

(1) Full time for at least 2 years after 18 years of age in a position in a business or industry which relates to the program for which he or she is applying for endorsement; or

(2) For an aggregate total of 4,000 hours after 18 years of age in a position in a business or industry which relates to the program for which he or she is applying for endorsement; and

(c) Hold the appropriate professional license if one is required by law for employment in an occupation which the person desires to teach.

2. A person who holds a license with a business and industry endorsement or career and technical education endorsement may receive an additional business and industry endorsement if:

(a) He or she provides to the Department a Workforce Competency Credential issued by the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute, or its successor organization, related to the area of endorsement for which he or she is applying; or

(b) He or she:

(1) Provides to the Department proof acceptable to the Department that he or she has taught for at least 2 full academic years in a program of career and technical education; and

(2) Holds a recognized certification from the industry or field for which he or she is applying to add an additional business and industry endorsement.

3. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 1, a person who wishes to receive or renew a business and industry endorsement for military science must be certified by the secretary of the military branch in which the applicant serves or from which the applicant has retired to teach pupils in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program developed pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2031. A person who meets the requirements of this subsection and who teaches pupils in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program is exempt from the:

(a) Provisions of subsection 4; and

(b) Provisions of NAC 391.036.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 5 to 8, inclusive, a person who desires to renew for the first time an endorsement issued pursuant to this section must provide proof that

he or she has received, from a regionally accredited postsecondary institution or an approved program in professional development for educators, credit for ~~[12]~~ ***6*** semester hours or the equivalent number of hours of professional development as follows:

(a) Three semester hours or the equivalent number of hours of professional development in curriculum and instruction for career and technical education or secondary education; ***and***

(b) Three semester hours or the equivalent number of hours of professional development in a course involving teaching methodology for career and technical education or secondary education **.** ~~[;~~

~~(c) Three semester hours or the equivalent number of hours of professional development in a course on career development and work-based learning; and~~

~~(d) Three semester hours or the equivalent number of hours of professional development in a course on career and technical student organization and management.~~

~~5. A person who holds a master's degree or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university in his or her area of endorsement is exempt from the requirements of paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection 4.~~

~~6.]~~

5. A person who adds an additional business and industry endorsement to an existing license pursuant to subsection 2 is exempt from the requirements of subsection 4 for the additional endorsement.

~~[7.]~~ ***6.*** A person who desires to renew for the first time a business and industry endorsement for ethnic music issued pursuant to this section is exempt from the requirements of subsection 4 if the person provides proof that he or she has received, from an accredited postsecondary institution, credit for ~~[12]~~ ***6*** semester hours as follows:

(a) Three semester hours of course work that includes classroom management ***;*** ~~[or music methodology, or both;]~~ and

(b) ~~[Nine]~~ ***Three*** semester hours in ~~[the subject area of]~~ music ~~[.]~~ ***methodology.***

~~[8.]~~ ***7.*** A person who desires to renew for the first time a business and industry endorsement for ethnic dance or dance performance issued pursuant to this section is exempt from the requirements of subsection 4 if the person provides proof that he or she has received, from an accredited postsecondary institution, credit for ~~[12]~~ ***6*** semester hours as follows:

(a) Three semester hours of course work that includes classroom management ***;*** ~~[or dance methodology, or both;]~~ and

(b) ~~[Nine]~~ ***Three*** semester hours in ~~[the subject area of]~~ dance ~~[.]~~ ***methodology.***

8. A person who desires to renew for the first time a business and industry endorsement for musical instrument technology and repair issued pursuant to this section is exempt from the requirements of subsection 4 if the person provides proof that he or she has received, from an accredited postsecondary institution, credit for 6 semester hours as follows:

(a) Three semester hours of course work that includes classroom management; and

(b) Three semester hours in teaching methodology for career and technical education or secondary education.