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**Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation**  
**August 10, 2026**

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education is proposing regulation language pertaining to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The Workshop has been scheduled for **Wednesday, September 16, 2026**, via [Livestream Link](#) and at the following locations: **Nevada Department of Education Offices at 700 East Fifth Street, Board Room, Carson City 89701 and 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119**. The purpose of the Workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics to be addressed in a proposed regulation:

**9:07 A.M. Workshop T001-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX – Authorization to serve without an endorsement as a school social worker and NAC 391.320 – Endorsement to serve as a school social worker.** The Commission will consider a temporary regulation. The intent of this regulation is to comply with Assembly Bill 49 (2025) allowing an employer to hire a person to provide services as a school social worker pending Department licensure, and Senate Bill 277 allowing a person who is enrolled in a program for school social work to complete their internship while working in a school. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this temporary regulation to a Public Hearing.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop, on the [Meeting Materials page](#), by contacting the Nevada Department of Education, via email at [geraldine.mendiola@doe.nv.gov](mailto:geraldine.mendiola@doe.nv.gov), by telephone at 702-668-4317, or in person at the **Nevada Department of Education Offices at 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City 89701 or 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119**. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Commission may provide in-person testimony, submit written comment to the Commission via email at [COPS@doe.nv.gov](mailto:COPS@doe.nv.gov) or submit their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form to the **Nevada Department of Education Offices, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City 89701 or 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119**. Comments may be submitted via email leading up to and for the duration of the workshop, and those submitted via mail must be received by the Commission on or before **Friday, September 11, 2026**.

This notice has been sent to all persons on the agencies mailing list for administrative regulations and the Department of Education and posted on the Nevada Department of Education's website at <https://doe.nv.gov>, Nevada's Public Notice site at <https://notice.nv.gov>, the Nevada State Legislature's webpage at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>, and physically at the Nevada Department of Education Offices and with Nevada State Library and Archives. Copies of this notice will also be emailed and/or mailed to members of the public upon request.

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**SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT  
PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608**

**DATE:** August 10, 2026

**RE:** Workshop T001-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX – Authorization to serve without an endorsement as a school social worker and NAC 391.320 – Endorsement to serve as a school social worker.

I, Victor Wakefield, being the duly appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Nevada Department of Education, do hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge or belief:

1. The proposed regulation is not likely to (a) impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business, or (b) directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business.
2. A concerted effort was made to determine any economic burden.
3. All relevant materials were reviewed, and the Department considered its history with implementing similar regulations; the proposed changes are within the scope of the Department's activities and present no significant cost of enforcement.
4. Comments have not been solicited from small businesses, and no summary of their response is provided, because small businesses are not impacted by this regulation and thus no burden or adverse economic impact can be assessed.

I hereby further certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. Wakefield".

Dr. Victor Wakefield  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

**PROPOSED TEMPORARY REGULATION OF THE  
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

**LCB FILE NO. T001-26P**

**The following document is a proposed temporary regulation submitted  
by the agency on 08/10/2026**

*The intent of this regulation is to comply with Assembly Bill 49 (2025) allowing an employer to hire a person to provide services as a school social worker pending Department licensure, and Senate Bill 277 allowing a person who is enrolled in a program for school social work to complete their internship while working in a school. Additionally, the intent is to align state licensure requirements with current professional standards, evidence-based practices, and clinical research in school social work to address appropriate qualifications, training, and scope of practice to effectively support student learning, mental health, and development within our current educational context..*

**NAC 391.320 Endorsement to serve as *a school* social worker.** ([NRS 385.080](#), [391.019](#))

*1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 391.XXX (authorization to serve without an endorsement as a school social worker), a person must hold an endorsement as a school social worker before providing school social work services to pupils.*

~~1. 2.~~ To ~~receive~~ *qualify for* an endorsement to serve as a *school* social worker, a person must:

(a) Hold a current license (*LSW, LMSW, or LCSW*) issued by the *Nevada* Board of Examiners for Social Workers ~~or hold a current equivalent license issued by a similar agency in another state and agree to obtain a license issued by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers within 1 year after the date on which the person applied for an endorsement; and~~

(b) ~~Have completed an educational program for social workers in schools which includes a practicum in schools or the equivalent professional or practicum experience providing services directly to children of school age, both individually and in groups, and to their families~~ *Hold a bachelor's degree or higher in social work from a college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE); and*

~~2. In addition to the requirements listed in subsection 1, a person who wishes to receive such an endorsement must~~

*(c) have completed an education program for social workers which includes a practicum in schools or professional or practicum experience providing services directly to children of school age.*

~~(a) Have completed a program to serve as a social worker in schools that is approved by the Board;~~

~~—(b) Hold the credential issued by the National Association of Social Workers certifying that the holder is a specialist in social work in schools; or~~

~~—(c) Hold a master's degree in social work from a college or university that has been accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.~~

~~—3. An endorsement to serve as a social worker held by a person who is not licensed in this State expires 1 year after the date on which the holder applied for the endorsement if the holder has not obtained a license issued by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers by that date.~~

*3. A school social work provisional endorsement may be issued to a person if they*

*(a) Hold a bachelor's degree or higher in social work from a college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE);*

*(b) Are currently enrolled in a master's degree social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE); and*

*(c) Have completed all required coursework and preliminary field hours, except for the final internship and its concurrent coursework.*

*4. A person who holds a provisional endorsement issued pursuant to subsection 3 is authorized to complete any required internship and its concurrent coursework or practicum hours for the purpose of obtaining a full endorsement as a school social worker while remaining employed in such a position. A person completing their internship or practicum hours under this section:*

*(a) Is authorized to provide support or other services relating to school social work.*

*(b) Must practice under the ongoing supervision of a person who holds a full endorsement as a school social worker;*

*(c) Must work under a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the CSWE-accredited preparation program and the employer;*

*(d) Is strictly prohibited from conducting mental health risk assessments.*

*(e) Must be assigned duties and school social work services that provide direct opportunities to develop the nine core competencies established by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE); and*

*(f) Must not count hours spent performing non-social work employment duties (including, but not limited to, serving as a substitute teacher, classroom aide, or administrator) toward the required hours of their social work practicum or internship.*

5. 4. To renew the endorsement, the holder must:

(a) Continue to hold a valid license issued by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers; and

(b) *Submit a copy of their Board license to the Department.* ~~Each time that the license is renewed by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers, deliver a copy of the license to the Office of Educator Licensure within the Department.~~

[Bd. of Education, Certification Reg. § 391.470, eff. 10-23-81]—(NAC A by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 11-27-91; R051-13, 10-23-2013; R138-15, 6-28-2016)

*NAC 391.XXX Authorization to serve without an endorsement as a school social worker.*

1. *A school district or charter school may hire an applicant for a position as a school social worker if the candidate:*

(a) *Submits a current, valid renewable, unencumbered license from the Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers;*

(b) *Submits a receipt that they have applied for a Nevada educator license;*

(c) *Has cleared a fingerprint background check with the Department of Public Safety as described in NRS 391.104; and*

(d) *Is not otherwise prohibited from being employed as a school social worker in this state.*

2. *If the candidate meets the requirements of section 1, a school district or charter school may place the candidate in an assignment that is commensurate with the candidate's Nevada State Board license for up to one year not to exceed the length of the current school year in which the candidate was hired.*

- 3. The school district or charter school shall notify the Department on a form prescribed by the Department each time an employee is hired without a Nevada educator license pursuant to this regulation.*
- 4. The school district or charter school shall immediately discontinue employment with an employee who was hired and placed in assignment if the employee does not submit a valid Nevada educator license to their employer upon receipt from the Department.*