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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 #R015-26

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education will hold a public hearing **at 9:08 A.M.** on **Wednesday, April 15, 2026** via [livestream](https://www.livestream.com) and at the following locations: **Old Assembly Room, Nevada State Capital, 101 N. Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701** and **Nevada Department of Education, 2080 East Flamingo Road, Suite 114, Las Vegas, NV 89119**. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the amendment of regulations pertaining to Chapter 391 and R011-24 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 391.019 and 391.032.

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.*

NRS 391.032, the Commission on Professional Standards in Education shall adopt regulations:

- *Providing for the issuance of provisional licenses to teachers and other educational personnel before completion of all courses of study or other requirements for a license in this State.*

2. Description of the proposed regulation, or the subjects and issues involved: The proposed regulation is relating to educational personnel; eliminating certain requirements for the conversion of an interim endorsement in special education to an initial endorsement; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This regulation will remove the 2-year requirement and 2 effective evaluations to convert an IRC endorsement to an initial endorsement as the endorsement holders may complete their coursework in less than 2 years. 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. 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 Commission on or before **Friday, April 10, 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. R015-26

February 20, 2026

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

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 391.019 and 391.032.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; eliminating certain requirements for the conversion of an interim endorsement in special education to an initial endorsement; 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. (NRS 391.019) Existing law additionally requires the Commission to adopt regulations which provide for the issuance of provisional licenses to teachers and other educational personnel before the completion of all courses of study or other requirements for a license in this State. (NRS 391.032)

Existing regulations provide for the issuance of an interim endorsement in special education to an applicant who is employed by a school district or charter school in an assignment for which an endorsement in an area of specialization related to special education is otherwise required. An interim endorsement in special education may be converted to an initial endorsement in an area of specialization related to special education if the holder has, after the completion of at least 2 full school years: (1) successfully completed the requirements set forth in the written agreement entered into with the board of trustees of the school district or the governing body of the charter school, as applicable, to complete any remaining requirements for an endorsement within 3 years after the date on which the interim endorsement was issued; (2) received at least one performance evaluation rating designating the overall performance of the licensee as highly effective or effective during each school year; (3) satisfied the requirements for an initial endorsement; and (4) paid the required fee. (Section 1 of LCB File No. R011-24) **Section 1** of this regulation removes the requirements that the holder has: (1) completed at least 2 full school years; and (2) received at least one performance evaluation rating designating the overall performance of the licensee as highly effective or effective during each school year.

Section 1. Section 1 of LCB File No. R011-24 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall issue an interim endorsement in special education to a person who submits an application which is accompanied by proof satisfactory to the Superintendent that the applicant:

(a) Holds a bachelor's degree or a more advanced degree;

(b) Holds a valid renewable elementary, secondary or special teaching license, a valid license to teach special education, a valid license to teach middle school or junior high school education or a valid renewable license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education;

(c) Is employed by a school district or charter school in an assignment for which an endorsement issued pursuant to NAC 391.340, 391.343, 391.360, 391.363, 391.367, 391.378 or 391.390 is otherwise required and has entered into a written agreement with the board of trustees of the school district or the governing body of the charter school, as applicable, to complete any remaining requirements for an endorsement issued pursuant to NAC 391.340, 391.343, 391.360, 391.363, 391.367, 391.378 or 391.390, as applicable, within 3 years after the date on which the interim endorsement was issued; and

(d) Has paid the fee required by NAC 391.045.

2. An interim endorsement in special education issued pursuant to this section:

(a) Authorizes the holder of the interim endorsement to be employed as a teacher in a public school, including, without limitation, a charter school in an assignment for which an endorsement issued pursuant to NAC 391.340, 391.343, 391.360, 391.363, 391.367, 391.378 or 391.390 is otherwise required;

(b) Becomes valid on the date on which the holder of the interim endorsement satisfies the requirements prescribed by subsection 1;

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, is valid for not more than 3 years; and

(d) Is not renewable.

3. If the holder of an interim endorsement issued pursuant to this section ceases to be employed in the assignment described in paragraph (c) of subsection 1, the board of trustees of the school district or the governing body of the charter school with whom the holder entered into a written agreement pursuant to subsection 1 must, not later than 15 days after the holder ceases to be employed in the assignment, notify the Office of Educator Licensure within the Department of the name and license number of the holder and the date on which the holder ceased to be employed in the assignment. The interim endorsement automatically becomes invalid immediately upon the receipt of such notification by the Office of Educator Licensure.

4. The holder of an interim endorsement in special education that has become invalid pursuant to subsection 3 may, at any time within 1 year after the date on which the interim endorsement was issued, apply to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the reinstatement of the endorsement if the holder:

- (a) Resumes employment in an assignment described in paragraph (c) of subsection 1;
- (b) Enters into the written agreement required by paragraph (c) of subsection 1; and
- (c) Pays the fee required by NAC 391.045.

5. The requirements for the reinstatement of an interim endorsement in special education prescribed by subsection 4 apply regardless of whether:

(a) The assignment is in the same area of specialization as the area of specialization of the interim endorsement that has become invalid.

(b) The holder resumes employment with the same school district or charter school or obtains employment with a different school district or charter school.

6. An interim endorsement in special education may be reinstated pursuant to subsection 4 not more than once.

7. An interim endorsement in special education issued pursuant to this section may be converted to an initial endorsement issued pursuant to NAC 391.340, 391.343, 391.360, 391.363, 391.367, 391.378 or 391.390, as applicable, ~~[after the completion of at least 2 full school years]~~ if the holder has:

(a) Successfully completed the requirements set forth in the written agreement entered into pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1;

(b) ~~[Received at least one performance evaluation rating designating the overall performance of the licensee as highly effective or effective during each school year;~~

~~—(e)]~~ Satisfied the requirements for an initial endorsement prescribed by NAC 391.340, 391.343, 391.360, 391.363, 391.367, 391.378 or 391.390, as applicable; and

~~[(d)]~~ (c) Paid the fee required by NAC 391.045.