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Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation
March 13, 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, April 15, 2026**, via [Livestream Link](#) and at the following locations: **Old Assembly Room, Nevada State Capital, 101 N. Carson Steet, Carson City, NV 89701** and **Nevada Department of Education, 2080 East Flamingo Road, Suite 114, Las Vegas, NV 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:

9:11 A.M. Workshop R044-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX – Early Childhood Autism Endorsement for pupils ages 3-8 inclusive. The Commission will consider a regulation creating a pathway for Early Childhood Special Education license holders to obtain an Early Child Autism Endorsement. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this item 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, by telephone at 702-668-4317, or in person at the **Old Assembly Room, Nevada State Capital, 101 N. Carson Steet, Carson City, NV 89701** and **Nevada Department of Education, 2080 East Flamingo Road, Suite 114, Las Vegas, NV 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 or submit their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form to the **Nevada Department of Education Offices, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, NV 89701** or **2080 East Flamingo Suite 210, Las Vegas, NV 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, April 10, 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: March 13, 2026

RE: Workshop R044-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX
– Early Childhood Autism Endorsement for pupils ages 3-8 inclusive.

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

R044-26

The intent of this regulation is to create an early childhood autism endorsement for pupils ages 3 to 8 inclusive. This new endorsement, if adopted and approved could possibly be NAC 391.379.

- 1. Before teaching pupils, ages 3 to 8, inclusive, who have autism, a person must:***
 - (a) Hold an endorsement issued pursuant to NAC 391.378; or***
 - (b) Hold a license to teach early childhood special education pursuant to NAC 391.363 and have completed 12 semester hours of course work through a regionally accredited college or university, including course work in each of the following areas:***
 - (1) Speech and language development;***
 - (2) Assistive technology, or alternative or augmentative communication;***
 - (3) Characteristics of pupils who have autism; and***
 - (4) Curriculum development or methods and strategies for teaching pupils who have autism.***