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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 #R008-24

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education will hold a public hearing at **9:01 A.M.** on **Monday, June 17, 2024** via [livestream](#) and at the following locations: **Nevada Department of Education Offices, 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.XXX, 391.045, 391.056, 391.0565, 391.065, 391.070, 391.073, 391.111, 391.120, 391.215, 391.270, and Section 2 of LCB File No. R128-22 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 391.019 and 391.040.

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

- *Prescribing fees for issuance and renewal of licenses; fee for duplicate license; waiver of fees for certain persons affiliated with Armed Forces.*

- 2. Description of the proposed regulation, or the subjects and issues involved:** The proposed regulation is relating to educational personnel; revising requirements for endorsements to teach certain subjects; revising the subjects recognized for an endorsement to teach middle school or junior high school; increasing the fees for the issuance or renewal of certain licenses; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This regulation will change the Parent Involvement and Family Engagement course from an initial provision to a renewal requirement, require a special education course for initial preparation programs, increase application fees, and add computer science as a middle school endorsement area.
- 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 increases the application fees for initial, renewal, and retiree licenses and additional endorsements.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposed regulation may be obtained at the hearing, on the [Nevada Department of 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) 668-4308 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 Department on or before **Friday, June 14, 2024**. A record of all submitted comments will be retained, and the Commission on Professional Standards 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 administrative regulations and the Commission on Professional Standards, 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://leg.state.nv.us>, 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 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.

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. R008-24

May 7, 2024

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

AUTHORITY: §§ 1, 3, 5 and 8-12, NRS 391.019, as amended by section 3.3 of Assembly Bill No. 428, Chapter 491, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at page 3012; §§ 2, 4, 6 and 7, NRS 391.019, as amended by section 3.3 of Assembly Bill No. 428, Chapter 491, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at page 3012, and 391.040.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; revising requirements for licensing teachers and other educational personnel; revising requirements for endorsements to teach certain subjects; revising the subjects recognized for an endorsement to teach middle school or junior high school; increasing the fees for the issuance or renewal of certain licenses; 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 requires the regulations adopted by the Commission to prescribe course work on parental involvement and family engagement and to establish standards for professional development which may be used to satisfy the requirement for course work on parental involvement and family engagement. (NRS 391.091, as amended by section 3.3 of Assembly Bill No. 428, chapter 491, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at page 3012) **Section 2** of this regulation removes the requirement that an applicant successfully complete this course work as a qualification for the initial issuance of a license as a teacher or other educational employee. Instead, **section 1** of this regulation requires a teacher or other educational employee to complete course work on parental involvement and family engagement before: (1) renewing the applicable license for the first time; or (2) if the teacher or other educational employee was initially issued a nonrenewable license, applying for the first renewable license. **Sections 3 and 12** of this regulation make a conforming change to reflect that **sections 1 and 2** remove the requirement to successfully complete course work on parental involvement and family engagement as a requirement for initial licensure as a teacher or other educational employee. **Sections 4-6** of this regulation make conforming changes to require the submission of proof of the completion of the required course on parental involvement and family engagement with the applicable application.

Existing law requires the Commission to establish fees of not less than \$100 for the initial issuance and renewal of a license as a teacher or other educational personnel. (NRS 391.040) **Sections 2, 4, 6 and 7** of this regulation increase such fees by \$20 for an application submitted

on or after the effective date of this regulation but before July 1, 2025. Additionally, **sections 2, 4, 6 and 7** provide for annual increases of \$5 in the amount of these fees on July 1 of each year, beginning with such an increase on July 1, 2025, and ending with such an increase on July 1, 2028.

Existing regulations require an applicant for the initial issuance of a license as a teacher or other educational employee to submit evidence that the applicant has successfully completed: (1) at least 3 semester hours of credit in a course of study regarding education or curricular adaption for pupils with disabilities; or (2) a professional development or continuing education course regarding education or curricular adaptation for pupils with disabilities that is approved by the Nevada Department of Education. (NAC 391.045) **Section 2** removes the requirement that an applicant for an initial license as a teacher or other educational employee submit evidence of the successful completion of this course. Instead, **sections 8 and 9** of this regulation, respectively, require a program of education completed by an applicant for a license to teach middle school or junior high school or seeking a secondary license to include 3 semester credits of course work in strategies for working with students with disabilities. Similarly, **sections 10 and 11** of this regulation, respectively, require a person applying for an endorsement to teach art or an endorsement to teach music to complete 3 semester credits of such course work. Existing regulations already require a program of education completed by a person who is seeking a license to teach an early education program or an elementary license to complete such course work. (NAC 391.089, 391.095, as amended by section 4 of LCB File No. R090-19)

In addition, **section 8** revises the requirement that the program of education completed by an applicant for a license to teach middle school or junior high school include 6 semester credits of course work in certain elective topics by: (1) removing a course in education of the exceptional child as an authorized elective; and (2) revising a course in educational technology to be a course in computer science and educational technology. (NAC 391.111)

Existing law 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 requirements a teacher must satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in each field of specialization. (NRS 391.019) Under existing regulations, such endorsements are based on a licensed teacher's field of specialization or concentration, usually designated as his or her major, minor or area of concentration. (NAC 391.113, 391.125) Existing regulations recognize various single subjects in academic education as majors or minors for the purpose of teaching high school, including, without limitation, computer science. (NAC 391.131) **Section 8** similarly adds computer science as a subject for an endorsement of a license to teach middle school or junior high school.

Section 1. Chapter 391 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a licensee must submit with his or her first application for renewal of his or her license proof of the completion of a course in parental involvement and family engagement that satisfies the requirements of this section. If

the licensee is initially issued a nonrenewable license, he or she must submit such proof with his or her first application for a renewable license. If, before the submission of the first application for renewal of a license or the first application for a renewable license, as applicable, the licensee has submitted proof of his or her completion of a course in parental involvement and family engagement that satisfies the requirements of this section, the licensee is not required to submit such proof with the first application for renewal of his or her license or the first application for a renewable license, as applicable.

2. The course in parental involvement and family engagement required by this section must:

(a) Be completed in a course that is offered by:

(1) An accredited college or university and that consists of at least 3 semester hours of credit; or

(2) A school district in this State, the governing body of a charter school or a regional training program and that consists of at least 45 hours of in-service professional development training;

(b) Be consistent with the elements and goals for effective involvement and engagement set forth in NRS 392.457; and

(c) Include an emphasis on building relationships, outreach to families and developing an appreciation and understanding of families from diverse backgrounds.

3. As used in this section, “regional training program” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 391A.105.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.045 1. Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of LCB File No. R128-22, an applicant for the initial issuance of a license as a teacher or other educational employee must submit with his or her application:

(a) His or her official transcripts; *and*

(b) ~~Evidence that the applicant has successfully completed:~~

~~— (1) At least 3 semester hours of credit in a course of study regarding education or curricular adaptation for pupils with disabilities; or~~

~~— (2) Professional development or a continuing education course regarding education or curricular adaptation for pupils with disabilities that is approved by the Department;~~

~~— (c) Evidence that the applicant has successfully completed:~~

~~— (1) At least 3 semester hours of credit in a course of study regarding parental involvement and family engagement that:~~

~~— (I) Is consistent with the elements and goals for effective involvement and engagement set forth in NRS 392.457; and~~

~~— (II) Includes an emphasis on building relationships, outreach to families and developing an appreciation and understanding of families from diverse backgrounds; or~~

~~— (2) At least 45 contact hours of professional development or continuing education regarding parental involvement and family engagement that is approved by the Department and:~~

~~— (I) Is consistent with the elements and goals for effective involvement and engagement set forth in NRS 392.457; and~~

~~— (II) Includes an emphasis on building relationships, outreach to families and developing an appreciation and understanding of families from diverse backgrounds; and~~

~~— (d)] Except as otherwise provided in NAC 391.0565, a fee of ~~[\$180, which] :~~~~

(1) If the application is submitted on or after the effective date of this regulation but before July 1, 2025, \$200.

(2) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2025, but before July 1, 2026, \$205.

(3) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2026, but before July 1, 2027, \$210.

(4) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2027, but before July 1, 2028, \$215.

(5) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2028, \$220.

↪ *The fee required to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (b)* includes the fees for processing the fingerprints of the applicant by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The fee does not include the cost of any examination required by NAC 391.036.

2. If the applicant is not eligible for licensure, the fee will not be returned. The applicant must pay another fee if he or she applies again.

3. An applicant for an endorsement to an existing license or for an additional license must submit with his or her application:

(a) Current official transcripts; and

(b) A fee of ~~+\$50.1~~:

(1) If the application is submitted on or after the effective date of this regulation but before July 1, 2025, \$70.

(2) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2025, but before July 1, 2026, \$75.

(3) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2026, but before July 1, 2027, \$80.

(4) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2027, but before July 1, 2028, \$85.

(5) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2028, \$90.

4. The academic credits required to obtain initial licensing or an endorsement to an existing license are not satisfiable by the completion of courses offered by a provider of continuing education but those courses may be used for the renewal of a license.

5. The Department shall take any necessary steps to expedite the processing of an application for a license or endorsement submitted by a person who is:

- (a) A member of the Armed Forces of the United States;
- (b) The spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States; or
- (c) A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Sec. 3. NAC 391.056 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.056 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue a provisional nonrenewable license to an applicant applying for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a provisional nonrenewable license is valid for:

(a) One year, if the applicant otherwise meets the requirements for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045, but:

(1) ~~Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), has~~ *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; or

(2) If the applicant is applying for a school counseling endorsement pursuant to NAC 391.185, lacks confirmation from a college that the applicant has completed a school counseling practicum or internship, but:

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

(II) 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 or her application for licensure; and

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

(b) Two years, if the applicant has not passed the tests required by NAC 391.036 and is not exempt from taking such tests. ~~or~~

~~—(c) Three years, if the applicant has not completed the course required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NAC 391.045.~~

2. If each provision is removed on or before the date on which a license issued pursuant to this section is set to expire pursuant to subsection 1, the license expires 3 years after the date on which the license was issued.

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.

Sec. 4. NAC 391.0565 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.0565 1. The holder of a provisional nonrenewable license issued pursuant to NAC 391.056 must remove all the provisions under which the license was issued before he or she may apply for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045. An application for a license issued pursuant to NAC 391.045 may be made at any time after the removal of all of the provisions under which the provisional nonrenewable license was issued.

2. The holder of a provisional nonrenewable license for which a provision has not been removed on the date on which the license expires may apply as a new applicant for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045 as soon as the provisions under which the expired provisional nonrenewable license was issued have been removed.

3. If an application is made for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045 by the holder of a provisional nonrenewable license before the provisional nonrenewable license expires, the applicant must:

(a) Submit to the Department current official transcripts or verification of credits for the course in multicultural education required by NRS 391.0347 and NAC 391.067, if applicable;

~~and~~

(b) *Submit to the Department current official transcripts or verification of credits for the course in parental involvement and family engagement required by section 1 of this regulation; and*

(c) Pay an application fee of ~~150, which~~ :

(1) If the application is submitted on or after the effective date of this regulation but before July 1, 2025, \$170.

(2) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2025, but before July 1, 2026, \$175.

(3) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2026, but before July 1, 2027, \$180.

(4) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2027, but before July 1, 2028, \$185.

(5) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2028, \$190.

↪ *The fee required to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (c) includes the fees for processing the fingerprints of the applicant by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.*

Sec. 5. NAC 391.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.065 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, subsection 7 of NAC 391.0897 and subsection 3 of NAC 391.276, a license issued before June 26, 2019, that is renewable may be renewed only one time after June 26, 2019, if its holder earns 6 semester hours of credit or the equivalent during the term of the license, in addition to those prescribed by NRS 391.0347 ~~H~~ *and section 1 of this regulation*, if applicable. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5, each additional renewal of a license that has been renewed pursuant to this subsection must be made in accordance with subsection 2.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 1, 4 and 5 and subsection 3 of NAC 391.276, a license issued or renewed on or after June 26, 2019, that is renewable may be renewed if the licensee submits to the Department with the request for renewal, in addition to proof of completion prescribed by NRS 391.0347 ~~H~~ *and section 1 of this regulation*, if applicable, made pursuant to NAC 391.070 either:

(a) Proof, which may include, without limitation, a certificate, transcript, letter from an employer or form verifying attendance, that, during each calendar year for which the license was valid, the licensee has:

(1) Completed, designed or provided, in accordance with subsection 3, at least 15 hours of professional development or the equivalent amount of in-service training or 1 semester hour of credit of course work at a regionally accredited college or university in any subject;

(2) If the licensee holds a master's degree or more advanced degree, taught a course at a regionally accredited college or university that directly relates to the profession of education or the subject area of the endorsement held by the licensee; or

(3) If the licensee holds an occupational license that directly relates to the subject area for which the licensee holds an educational license or endorsement, completed professional development or continuing education that is:

(I) Required for the renewal of the occupational license by the professional licensing board or agency in this State that issued the occupational license; or

(II) Directly related to the profession for which the licensee holds an occupational license and is offered by a nationally recognized organization that provides continuing education in the field of the occupational license; or

(b) A copy of a certificate issued to the licensee by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or its successor organization which evidences completion of the requirements for certification by that organization.

3. The professional development, in-service training or course work completed, designed or provided to fulfill the requirements of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 2 must directly relate to the profession of education or the area for which the license is endorsed and may:

(a) Include any professional development, in-service training or course work completed to fulfill another requirement prescribed by this chapter;

(b) Be obtained at any time, including, without limitation, during the regular working hours of the licensee; and

(c) Be provided by any person or entity including, without limitation, a college, university, school or school district, regional training program, as defined in NRS 391A.105, employee organization or educational conference.

4. If a licensee is not able to complete the requirements of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 2 during any calendar year in which the license is valid, the licensee may complete the requirements, in addition to the requirements for the next calendar year, during the next calendar year. A licensee may only carry over requirements to the next calendar year one time during the period for which the license is valid unless the board of trustees of the school district or the governing body of the school, as applicable, or the designee thereof approves in writing another extension upon finding the extension is justified. A licensee who receives such approval must submit the written approval with his or her request to renew the license.

5. The provisions of this section do not apply to the renewal of a:

(a) License pursuant to NAC 391.073.

(b) Special license, if the only endorsement of the special license is an endorsement as a substitute teacher in kindergarten through grade 12 issued pursuant to NAC 391.0897.

6. The Department may request from any person or entity records necessary to confirm information submitted by a licensee pursuant to this section.

Sec. 6. NAC 391.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.070 1. To renew a license, the holder must submit before it expires:

(a) An application for renewal in the form prescribed by the Department;

(b) Current official transcripts or verification of credits for in-service or continuing education courses, including, without limitation, the course in multicultural education required by NRS 391.0347 and NAC 391.067, if applicable, ~~+~~ and *the course in parental involvement and family engagement required by section 1 of this regulation, if applicable; and*

(c) Except as otherwise provided in ~~this paragraph,~~ *subsection 2*, a renewal fee of ~~+\$150+ :~~

(1) For a renewal due on or after the effective date of this regulation but before July 1, 2025, \$170.

(2) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2025, but before July 1, 2026, \$175.

(3) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2026, but before July 1, 2027, \$180.

(4) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2027, but before July 1, 2028, \$185.

(5) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2028, \$190.

2. If the holder has been granted an extension of time pursuant to NAC 391.077, the applicant must, instead *of submitting a fee in the amount required by paragraph (c) of subsection 1*, submit a fee in an amount equal to the fee prescribed by NAC 391.045 for the initial issuance of a license. Any fee submitted pursuant to this *subsection or paragraph (c) of subsection 1* includes the fees for processing the fingerprints of the licensee by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

~~2.1~~ 3. An application for renewal may not be submitted more than 9 months before the expiration date of a license.

~~3.1~~ 4. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may delay the expiration date of a license:

(a) For not more than 30 days if the licensee has completed the educational prerequisites prescribed in NAC 391.065 and the general prerequisites prescribed in subsection 1 in a timely manner, except:

(1) Submission of the application for renewal or the renewal fee, or both; or

(2) Submission of the current official transcript or verification of credits.

(b) For not more than 120 days pending receipt of the reports of the criminal history of the licensee by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sec. 7. NAC 391.073 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.073 1. A person who is retired and who holds a valid license issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction may submit an application on a form prescribed by the Department for renewal of the license. The application must include:

(a) Proof that the applicant has at least 15 years of verified employment experience as a teacher or administrator at a public or private school in this State; and

(b) Except as otherwise provided in ~~†this paragraph,†~~ *subsection 2*, a renewal fee of ~~†\$150.†~~ :

(1) For a renewal due on or after the effective date of this regulation but before July 1, 2025, \$170.

(2) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2025, but before July 1, 2026, \$175.

(3) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2026, but before July 1, 2027, \$180.

(4) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2027, but before July 1, 2028, \$185.

(5) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2028, \$190.

2. If the applicant has been granted an extension of time pursuant to NAC 391.077, the applicant must , instead *of submitting a fee in the amount required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1*, submit a fee in an amount equal to the fee prescribed by NAC 391.045 for the initial issuance of a license. Any fee submitted pursuant to this *subsection or paragraph (b) of subsection 1* includes the fees for processing the fingerprints of the applicant by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~†4,†~~ *6*, the requirements for renewal set forth in NAC 391.065 do not apply ~~††~~ *to the renewal of a license pursuant to this section.*

~~†2,†~~ 4. An application for renewal pursuant to this section may not be submitted earlier than 9 months before the expiration date of the license.

~~13.1~~ 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of NAC 391.060 to the contrary, the renewal of a license pursuant to this section is valid for 10 years. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may delay the expiration of a license for not more than 120 days pending receipt of the reports of the criminal history of the licensee by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A person may renew the license pursuant to this section if he or she satisfies the requirements of subsection 1.

~~14.1~~ 6. If a person who holds a license that is renewed pursuant to this section accepts employment with a public employer and is retired under the Public Employees' Retirement System, the person shall comply with the applicable provisions of chapter 286 of NRS and any other statutes and regulations applicable to retired public employees.

~~15.1~~ 7. An applicant for renewal pursuant to this section who seeks to renew an endorsement in a field of specialization shall comply with the applicable requirements for the renewal of the endorsement.

~~16.1~~ 8. As used in this section, "public employer" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 286.070.

Sec. 8. NAC 391.111 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.111 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, 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 ; ~~for pupils with disabilities;~~

(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) ~~Educational~~ *Computer science and educational* technology;

(III) Tests and measurement;

(IV) Educational psychology;

(V) ~~Education of the exceptional child;~~

~~(VI)~~ Multicultural education; or

~~(VII)~~ *(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 Department, a competency examination approved by the Department on the subject matter of a field of specialization or area of concentration; or

(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;

~~(e)~~ *(d)* Instrumental and vocal music;

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. An endorsement for mathematics for a person who has not passed a competency examination as described in paragraph (a) of subsection 2 requires the completion of three semester credits in a course in college algebra or the concepts of calculus, including, without limitation, an introduction to limits, derivatives and integrals, precalculus or differential calculus.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 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.

6. An applicant who holds a valid license to teach elementary education, early childhood education, special education or secondary education and who has previously satisfied the requirements of subsection 1 or has completed comparable course work, as determined by the Department, is not required to satisfy the requirements again to receive a license to teach middle school or junior high school education.

Sec. 9. NAC 391.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.120 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 or 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 ~~Board~~ 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; ~~and~~

(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. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, 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 or a bachelor's degree that is aligned to a subject area 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 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) ~~Any other courses in secondary education approved by the Commission;~~ *Three semester hours in strategies for working with students with disabilities, including curricular adaptation;*

(b) Complete 1 year of verifiable work experience, which may be paid or unpaid, in a business, industry or agency that is aligned to a subject area 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

(c) 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, but must fulfill those 8 semester hours by completing additional courses in secondary education approved by the Commission.

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.

5. An applicant for a secondary license who holds a valid license to teach elementary education, early childhood education, special education or middle school or junior high school education and who has previously satisfied the requirements of subsection 1 or 2, as applicable, or has completed comparable course work as determined by the Department, is not required to satisfy the requirements again to receive a secondary license.

Sec. 10. NAC 391.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.215 To receive an endorsement to teach art, a person must hold a bachelor's degree and:

1. Have completed an approved program of preparation for teaching art; or
2. Have completed:

(a) Thirty-six semester hours in the principles of fine and applied arts which included:

- (1) The history of art;
- (2) Design;
- (3) Drawing;
- (4) Painting;
- (5) Digital or graphic arts;
- (6) Ceramics or sculpture; and
- (7) Photography or printmaking; and

(b) Twenty-two semester hours of professional education which included:

- (1) Foundations of education;
- (2) Methods of teaching art in elementary or secondary schools; ~~and~~
- (3) Eight semester hours of supervised teaching ~~+~~; *and*

(4) Three semester hours in strategies for working with students with disabilities, including curricular adaptation.

Sec. 11. NAC 391.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.270 To receive an endorsement to teach music, a person must have a bachelor's degree and:

1. Have completed an approved program of preparation for teaching music; or
2. Have completed:

(a) Twenty-two semester hours of professional education which included:

- (1) Foundations of education;
- (2) Methods of teaching music in elementary or secondary grades; ~~and~~
- (3) Eight semester hours of supervised teaching; and

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

- (b) Thirty-six semester hours in the foundations of music which included:
- (1) Music theory;
 - (2) The history or literature of music;
 - (3) Applied music, including an area of specialization in vocal or instrumental music;
 - (4) Conducting;
 - (5) Techniques for brass, woodwind, percussion, piano and string instruments;
 - (6) Diction or vocal techniques and pedagogy; and
 - (7) Music ensemble.

Sec. 12. Section 2 of LCB File No. R128-22 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue a provisional special license with an endorsement as a student teacher resident to a person to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education, kindergarten, grades 1 to 12, inclusive, or special education if the person:

- (a) Is enrolled in a teacher preparation program that is approved by the Commission;
- (b) Has completed at least 90 semester credits of course work or equivalent course work in a teacher preparation program that is approved by the Commission;
- (c) Has a recommendation from the teacher preparation program to student teach; and
- (d) Applies for such a provisional special license and pays a fee of \$100 which includes the fees for processing the fingerprints of the applicant by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

2. A provisional special license with an endorsement as a student teacher resident issued pursuant to this section:

(a) Authorizes the holder of the provisional special license to teach in a county school district, a charter school or a university school for profoundly gifted pupils;

(b) Is valid for 1 year from the date of issue; and

(c) Is nonrenewable.

3. A person who holds only a provisional special license with an endorsement as a student teacher resident issued pursuant to this section is exempt from the provisions of NAC 391.036 and ~~paragraphs~~ *paragraph* (b) ~~[(c) and (d)]~~ of subsection 1 of NAC 391.045.

4. The Department shall not issue any other endorsement on a provisional special license with an endorsement as a student teacher resident issued pursuant to this section.

5. If a person who holds a provisional special license with an endorsement as a student teacher resident issued pursuant to this section withdraws from or is no longer enrolled in a teacher preparation program, not later than 15 days after the person withdraws or otherwise ceases to be enrolled in the program, the provider of the program must notify the Department of the name and license number of the person and the date on which the person withdrew or otherwise ceased to be enrolled in the program. A provisional special license issued pursuant to this section becomes invalid immediately upon the receipt of such notification.

6. As used in this section, “teacher preparation program” means a course of study and training for the preparation of teachers or other educational personnel approved pursuant

to NAC 391.558 or a program for an alternative route for the licensure of teachers and administrators approved pursuant to NAC 391.461.