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Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation

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 17, 2024, via <u>Livestream Link</u> 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 Workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics to be addressed in a proposed regulation:

9:03 A.M. Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Endorsement.

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 Nevada Department of Education Offices, 700 East Fifth Street, Board Room, Carson City and 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Department of Education may provide in-person testimony, submit written comment to the Department 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, Board Room, Carson City and 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada. 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 Department on or before Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

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://leg.state.nv.us, 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 29, 2024

RE: Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX –

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Endorsement.

I, Jhone M. Ebert, 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,

Jhone M. Ebert Superintendent of Public Instruction The intent of this optional Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) endorsement is to provide additional education and pathways for educators to obtain such an endorsement.

NAC 391.XXX Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM); endorsement as a teacher of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

Section 1: To receive a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math endorsement, a person must have:

- 1. A valid early childhood, elementary, or special education license;
- 2. Two years of verified experience as a teacher; and
 - (a) Completed at lease twelve semester hours of credit in:
 - (1) Six semester hours of credit in STEM content and pedagogy;
 - (2) Three semester hours of credit in examination and development of STEM instructional and assessment materials; and
 - (3) Three semester hours of credit in application of learned content, instruction, and assessment, with reflection and analysis of STEM materials; or
 - (b) Complete a National Certification for STEM offered by the National Institute for STEM Education or its successor organization; and
 - (1) Three semester hours of credit in examination and development of STEM instructional and assessment materials; and
 - (2) Three semester hours of credit in application of learned content, instruction, and assessment, with reflection and analysis of STEM materials; or
 - (c) Complete a Department approved professional learning course sequence offered by the Department or a Regional Professional Development Program in cooperation with a college or university consisting of:
 - (1) Ninety hours of STEM content and pedagogy;
 - (2) Forty-five hours of examination and development of STEM instructional and assessment materials; and
 - (3) Forty-five hours of application of learned content, instruction, and assessment, with reflection and analysis of STEM materials. This may be satisfied with a Department or Regional Professional Development Program microcredential; or
 - (d) Currently in assignment as a STEM specialist, school STEM strategist, District STEM leader, or equivalent for at least three years in a Nevada school and;
 - (1) Submit to the Department verification of assignment and experience on a form prescribed by the Department; and
 - (2) Earn a passing score on the Elementary Praxis STEM examination as adopted by the Commission on Professional Standards in Education.

Section 2: The STEM endorsement is only valid at the current grade level(s) in which the base license(s) is/are valid.

Section 3: Subsection (d) of Section 1 will sunset three years after the adoption of this regulation or December 31, 2027, whichever is later.