Item 25:

2015-2018 Rule Review Plan for State Board for Educator Certification Rules

INFORMATION ONLY

SUMMARY: This item outlines the rule review plan for State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rules during the period of 2015 through 2018. Texas Government Code, §2001.039, requires a rule review of existing state agency rules, including SBEC rules. The rule review requirement is designed to ensure that the reasons for initially adopting a rule continue to exist.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES: Senate Bill (SB) 178, 76th Texas Legislature, 1999, amended the Texas Government Code by adding §2001.039, which requires the review of existing state agency rules. The rule review requirement in Texas Government Code, §2001.039, is designed to ensure that the reasons for adopting or readopting the rule continue to exist.

The 2015-2018 Rule Review Plan for SBEC Rules was approved by the SBEC at the October 2014 meeting. The plan appears on an ongoing basis in each SBEC agenda. Any necessary modifications to the plan will appear as an action item in the SBEC agenda for approval by the SBEC. Also, whenever necessary, proposed rule changes (amendments or revisions) will be brought to the board for consideration concurrently with the required review of the rules.

<u>Rule Review Procedures</u>. Texas Register rules specify the following two-step review process to implement the rule review requirement found in the Texas Government Code, §2001.039:

- a Notice of Proposed Review (Intention to Review) requesting comments on whether reasons for adopting or readopting the rules continue to exist is published in the *Texas Register*, and
- a Notice of Adopted Review (Readoption) summarizing the public comments received in response to the notice of proposed review and providing a response to each comment and an assessment of whether the reasons for initially adopting the rules continue to exist is published in the *Texas Register*.

OTHER COMMENTS AND RELATED ISSUES: As with proposed rule actions, the public comment period for a proposed review would last 30 days and include registered oral and written comments on the proposed review provided at an SBEC meeting.

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Texas Government Code, §2001.039, established a four-year rule review cycle for all state agency rules, including State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rules. The rule review is designed to ensure that the reasons for adopting or readopting the rule continue to exist. The plan only includes rules in effect at the time the plan is adopted.

Review Period: 2015				
Chapter Title	Subchapter Title	Topic	Begin Review	
Chapter 249. Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases	Subchapter A. General Provisions Subchapter B. Enforcement Actions and Guidelines Subchapter C. Prehearing Matters Subchapter D. Hearing Procedures Subchapter E. Post-Hearing Matters	Educator Investigations	March 2015	
Chapter 233. Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates		Educator Certification	June 2015	
Chapter 244. Certificate of Completion of Training for Appraisers		Educator Preparation	June 2015	
Chapter 230. Professional Educator Preparation and Certification	Subchapter A. General Provisions Subchapter B. General Certification Requirements Subchapter C. Assessment of Educators Subchapter D. Types and Classes of Certificates Issued Subchapter E. Educational Aide Certificate Subchapter F. Permits Subchapter G. Certificate Issuance Procedures Subchapter H. Texas Educator Certificates Based on Certification and College Credentials from Other States or Territories of the United States	Educator Certification	October 2015	
Chapter 232. General Certification Provisions	Subchapter A. Certificate Renewal and Continuing Professional Education Requirements Subchapter B. National Criminal History Record Information Review of Active Certificate Holders	Educator Certification Educator Investigations	- October 2015	

Review Period: 2016				
Chapter Title	Subchapter Title	Topic	Begin Review	
	Subchapter A. School Counselor Certificate			
Chapter 239. Student Services Certificates	Subchapter B. School Librarian Certificate	Educator Certification		
	Subchapter C. Educational Diagnostician Certificate		April 2016	
	Subchapter D. Reading Specialist Certificate			
	Subchapter E. Master Teacher Certificate			

Review Period: 2017					
Chapter Title	Subchapter Title	Topic	Begin Review		
Chapter 231. Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments	Subchapter A. Criteria for Assignment of Public School Personnel Subchapter B. Prekindergarten- Grade 6 Assignments	Educator Certification	March 2017		
	Subchapter C. Grades 6-8 Assignments				
	Subchapter D. Electives, Disciplinary Courses, Local Credit Courses, and Innovative Courses, Grades 6-12 Assignments				
	Subchapter E. Grades 9-12 Assignments				
	Subchapter F. Special Education- Related Services Personnel Assignments				
	Subchapter G. Paraprofessional Personnel, Administrators, and Other Instructional and Professional Support Assignments				
	Subchapter H. Assignments for Teachers Certified Before 1966				
Chapter 245. Certification of Educators from Other Countries		Educator Certification	March 2017		
Chapter 227. Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates	Subchapter A. Admission to Educator Preparation Programs	Educator Preparation	August 2017		
	Subchapter B. Preliminary Evaluation of Certification Eligibility	Educator Investigations			
Chapter 228. Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs		Educator Preparation	August 2017		

Review Period: 2018					
Chapter Title	Subchapter Title	Topic	Begin Review		
Chapter 229. Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs		Educator Preparation	January 2018		
Chapter 247. Educators' Code of Ethics		Educator Investigations	January 2018		
Chapter 250. Administration	Subchapter A. Purchasing Subchapter B. Rulemaking Procedures	Administration	January 2018		
Chapter 241. Principal Certificate		Educator Certification	August 2018		
Chapter 242. Superintendent Certificate		Educator Certification	August 2018		