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State Department of Education

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Department of Education

RULE NO. & TITLE: Chapter 290-3-2 Teacher Certification

INTENDED ACTION: Repeal and adopt new chapter

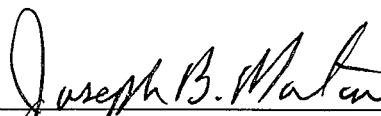
SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: Rule .02 provides information about application procedures and time limits, increases the application fee to \$30, and requires a background clearance for admission to Class B or Alternative Class A teacher education programs. Rule .03 provides an overview about the different types of certificates. Rule .05 allows a teacher to add a P-12 teaching field without teaching experience at both the elementary and secondary levels. Rule .06 allows the issuance of a Special Alternative Certificate for a person in a Class A program in special education or English for speakers of other languages or a Class AA program in special education. Rule .07 allows the issuance of a Special Alternative Certificate for a person admitted to a school counseling program accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. Rules .08 and .09 modify the requirements for Alternative Baccalaureate-Level Certificates and Career and Technical Alternative Baccalaureate-Level Certificates in accordance with new legislation. Rule .10 provides that a first Preliminary Certificate is issued for one year and allows a Preliminary Certificate to be issued for a person who holds a valid license as an Associate Licensed Professional Counselor or a Licensed Professional Counselor. Rules .12 and .14 provide Career and Technical Specialty Area Certificates, which replace Career and Technical Level Certificates. Rule .21 incorporates recommendations from the Governor's Congress on Instructional Leadership. Rule .23 includes new forms. In addition to the foregoing substantive changes, the chapter has been reformatted to make it more usable for applicants, local school system personnel, and college/university personnel. Text is repeated where necessary to ensure clarity or the reader is referred to other rules that provide supporting information. Requirements of the Alabama Prospective Teacher Testing Program are clarified throughout the chapter.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m., August 4, 2008, Auditorium Plaza Level, Gordon Persons Building, 50 North Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama. All persons wishing to express their views should contact the State Superintendent of Education (334-242-9700) no later than July 21, 2008, in order to be scheduled on the agenda. All persons wishing to express their views in writing to the State Superintendent of Education should address all written comments to the State Superintendent of Education, Gordon Persons Building, P.O. Box 302101, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2101.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: August 4, 2008.

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