STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: State Department of Education

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

INTENDED ACTION: Repeal Chapter and Adopt New Chapter

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

- To align the format so that all relevant information on each topic is placed together which will make the document more user friendly.
- To include practices and procedures that are currently being implemented based on memoranda or requirements made effective by other sections within the Department of Education.
- To include substantive requirements in the alternative approaches to ensure that applicants selected by LEAs have demonstrated content knowledge before working with students.
- To provide consistency in requirements and dates across various certification approaches.
- To incorporate safeguards within various certification approaches to ensure that the most qualified teachers/instructional support personnel are in the schools of Alabama.
- To delete all references to the term "satisfactory" as related to an individual's performance due to the subjectivity.
- To clarify the certification revocation process and the authority of the State Superintendent regarding sanctions against a certificate or license holder.
- To streamline the certification process.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m., December 9, 2010, 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 November 23, 2010, 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: December 9, 2010.

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