

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

March 16, 2023

From: Heidi Teshner, Acting Commissioner

Agenda Item: 12B

◆ **ISSUE**

The board is being asked to adopt regulations related to the qualification and certification of Alaska educators.

◆ **BACKGROUND**

- The proposed regulation is in response to the statutory changes to teacher certification requirements made by Senate Bill (SB) 20 Out-of-State Teacher Reciprocity that was signed into law on September 4, 2022 (Chapter 69, SLA 2022). The effective date of this new law is December 3, 2022.
- SB 20 simplified the qualification for experienced teachers holding a valid, regular out-of-state teaching certificate by removing the additional testing requirements and allowing for immediate application for a Professional certificate.
- The proposed regulations require educators to have at least two years of teaching experience in addition to the valid, regular out-of-state teaching certificate to qualify for the Professional certificate and provides a timeline for satisfying the Alaska studies/Alaska multicultural coursework and mandatory training requirements.
- To streamline the application process for spouses of active military members, the proposed regulations describe the documentation that will be needed in addition to the Professional Out-of-State teacher application to receive expedited processing by the department.
- No public comment was received during the public comment period.
- The proposed regulations can be found behind Agenda Item 8B.
- Susan McKenzie, Director of the Division of Innovation and Education Excellence; Sondra Meredith, Administrator of Teacher Education & Certification; and Susan Sonneborn, Assistant Attorney General will be present to brief the board.

◆ **OPTIONS**

Adopt the proposed regulation.

Amend the proposed regulation and adopt the amended regulations.

Seek more information.

◆ **ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the proposed regulation changes.

◆ **SUGGESTED MOTION**

I move the State Board of Education & Early Development adopt the amendment of 4 AAC.12.305 Teacher certificate (initial, professional, master) and 4 AAC 12.900 Definitions.