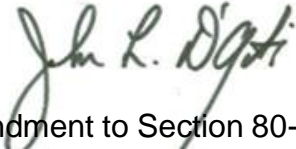




**TO:** Higher Education Committee

**FROM:** John L. D'Agati 

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Amendment to Section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Extension of the edTPA Safety Net for Candidates Who Receive a Failing Score on the Library Specialist edTPA

**DATE:** March 28, 2019

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**



## SUMMARY

### Issue for Discussion

The Board of Regents will discuss the proposed amendment to Section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education relating to the extension of the edTPA safety net for candidates who receive a failing score on the Library Specialist edTPA.

### Reason(s) for Consideration

Review of Policy.

### Proposed Handling

The proposed amendment is submitted to the Higher Education Committee for discussion at its April 2019 Board of Regents meeting (Attachment A is a copy of the proposed amendment).

### Procedural History

A Notice of Proposed Rule Making will be published in the State Register on April 24, 2019. Supporting materials for the proposed amendment are available upon request from the Secretary to the Board of Regents.

## **Background Information**

The edTPA became a certification requirement for most teacher candidates on May 1, 2014 in New York State. This national performance assessment evaluates teacher candidates' ability to plan, implement, and assess lessons. Candidates typically complete the edTPA during their student teaching or practicum experience. The Stanford Center for Assessment, Learning, and Equity (SCALE) developed the edTPA and updates the edTPA handbooks annually in response to candidate performance data and feedback from educator preparation programs across the country. The Evaluation Systems group of Pearson is the vendor that administers the edTPA.

At its June 2018 meeting, the Board of Regents voted to extend the safety net expiration date for candidates who receive a failing score on the Library Specialist edTPA from July 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 while SCALE updates the edTPA Library Specialist handbook. By extending the expiration date, the safety net enables candidates to be held harmless during the handbook revision process.

For the safety net, candidates must:

- have a passing score on an Assessment of Teaching Skills – Written (ATS-W) that was taken on or before April 30, 2014, or
- receive an edTPA score report on or before September 30, 2019 that shows they did not pass the edTPA, take and pass the ATS-W between the date of the edTPA score report and September 30, 2019.

SCALE expects to release the updated Library Specialist edTPA handbook in the fall of 2019. However, the handbook would not become operational until the fall of 2020. This timeline gives school library programs in New York State and across the country the opportunity to review the updated handbook and adjust their programs accordingly before it is used officially during the 2020-2021 academic year.

## **Proposed Amendment**

Candidates who receive a failing score on the Library Specialist edTPA may take advantage of the safety net through September 30, 2019. The Department is proposing to extend the safety net expiration date to December 31, 2021.

The proposed safety net expiration date allows candidates to be held harmless during the continued use of the current Library Specialist edTPA while school library preparation programs transition to the updated Library Specialist edTPA. Candidates would be able to take the ATS-W if they do not earn a passing score on the current Library Specialist edTPA and during the first few months of the implementation of the updated Library Specialist edTPA. By December 31, 2021, candidates and school library preparation programs will be familiar with the updated Library Specialist edTPA handbook.

### **Related Regents Items**

[June 2018](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/618hea2.pdf) <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/618hea2.pdf>

[September 2018](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/918brca6.pdf) <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/918brca6.pdf>

### **Recommendation**

N/A

### **Timetable for Implementation**

Following the 60-day public comment period required under the State Administrative Procedure Act, it is anticipated that the proposed amendment will be presented to the Board of Regents for adoption at its July 2019 meeting. If adopted at the July 2019 meeting, the proposed amendment will become effective on July 31, 2019.

**Attachment A**

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 207, 305, 3001, 3003, 3004 and 3009 of the Education Law.

Clauses (a) and (b) of subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education shall be amended to read as follows:

(a) receive a satisfactory score on the written assessment of teaching skills after receipt of his/her score on the Library Specialist teacher performance assessment and prior to [September 30, 2019] December 31, 2021; or

(b) pass the written assessment of teaching skills on or before April 30, 2014 (before the new certification examination requirements became effective), provided the candidate has taken and failed the Library Specialist teacher performance assessment prior to [September 30, 2019] December 31, 2021.