



TO: Higher Education Committee

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SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment of Section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Creation of a Safety Net for the Business and Marketing Content Specialty Test

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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

Should the Board of Regents adopt the proposed amendment of section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the creation of a safety net for the Business and Marketing Content Specialty Test?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Review of policy.

Proposed Handling

The proposed amendment is submitted to the Higher Education Committee for discussion at its May 2022 meeting. A copy of the proposed amendment is attached (Attachment A).

Procedural History

A Notice of Proposed Rule Making will be published in the State Register on June 1, 2022, for a 60-day public comment period. Supporting materials are available upon request from the Secretary to the Board of Regents.

Background Information

One of the teaching certificate titles is Business and Marketing (8 NYCRR 80-3.2 [e] [2] [xli]). In response to feedback from candidates and faculty in business and marketing teacher preparation programs, the Department decided to revise the Business and Marketing Content Specialty Test (CST) in 2019. The Business and Marketing test framework was updated to reflect the current knowledge, skills, and abilities that teacher candidates in business and marketing need to possess. The revised test will continue to be aligned to the New York State Learning Standards for Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Standard 3b: Career Clusters - Business/Information Systems.

It is anticipated that the revised Business and Marketing CST will become operational in fall 2022. The test framework and study guide for the revised CST are currently available online for candidates and teacher preparation programs to assist in preparing for the revised test.

The Department proposes to create a safety net for the Business and Marketing CST such that the predecessor test continues to be available for one year as the candidates and teacher preparation programs become familiar with and transition to the test framework of the revised test. Thus, when the revised CST becomes available, candidates would be allowed to take either the revised CST or the predecessor CST in Business and Marketing for one year after the revised test becomes operational.

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

Not applicable.

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 September 2022 meeting. If adopted at the September meeting, the proposed amendment will become effective on September 28, 2022.

Attachment A

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 101, 207, 208, 305, 308, 3001, 3004, and 3009 of the Education Law.

1. Paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education by adding a new paragraph (viii) to read as follows:

(viii) When the revised business and marketing content specialty test becomes available, a candidate may take either the revised content specialty test or the predecessor content specialty test in business and marketing, for one year after the revised business and marketing content specialty test becomes operational.