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TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: James Baldwin

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment of Section 52.21 of the Regulations of the Commissioner Relating to the Graduate Level Clinically Rich Principal Preparation Pilot Programs

DATE: April 26, 2011

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents adopt the proposed technical amendment relating to the graduate level clinically rich principal preparation pilot programs?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Review of policy.

Proposed Handling

The proposed regulatory amendment is submitted to the Full Board for adoption at its May 2011 meeting.

Procedural History

At its May 2010 meeting, the Board of Regents adopted a regulation, establishing graduate level clinically rich principal preparation pilot programs. At its February 2011 meeting, the Higher Education Committee endorsed a technical amendment to the regulation to clarify the length of the required clinical experience component. A Notice of Proposed Rule Making was published in the State Register on March 2, 2011.

Background Information

The regulation adopted in May 2010 required, among other things, that the pilot programs include at least one continuous school year of mentored clinical experience. In February 2011, the Board endorsed a technical modification to the one school year requirement to provide program providers with the flexibility they need to be as innovative as possible. To add this flexibility, the proposed amendment changes the required clinical experience component of the pilot programs to require up to one continuous school year of mentored experience.

Recommendation

VOTED: That subclause (3) of clause (d) of subparagraph (v) of paragraph (7) of subdivision (c) of section 52.21 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended, effective June 8, 2011.

Timetable for Implementation

If adopted at the May Regents meeting, the proposed amendment will become effective on June 8, 2011.

Attachment 1

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