

**TOPIC: REVISIONS TO POLICY SECTION I, PART P: TEACHER EDUCATION POLICY**

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## **I. SUMMARY**

This action item amends CCHE policy concerning teacher education policy to comply with 2008 legislative changes as enacted by SB08-018 and generally to improve the wording in the policy. SB 08-18 clarified the roles of the Department of Higher Education and the Commission on Higher Education and removed obsolete language, programs and reports that are duplicative, unproductive or unfunded. The attached policy revisions to Commission policy Section I, Part P: Teacher Education policy reflect the current statute (C.R.S 23-1-121) as revised by Senate Bill 08-018.

## **II. BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

The existing Teacher Education policy addresses the procedures for initial approval of teacher preparation programs and the 5-year reapproval site review of teacher education programs and units at public and private institutions of higher education. In response to Senate Bill 08-018, staff reviewed and revised Section I, Part P: Teacher Education Policy (Attachment A) to meet the requirements of legislation and to improve the wording of the policy. The following changes to Title 23 impact Commission policy Section I, Part P: Teacher Education:

***23-1-121. Commission directive - approval of teacher preparation programs. (4) (a) (I) Beginning July 1, 2000, and prior to July 1, 2001, The eommission DEPARTMENT, in conjunction with the state board of education, shall review each teacher preparation program offered by an institution of higher education OR A PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (4) All teacher preparation programs shall be discontinued as of July 1, 2001, unless reapproved prior to said date AND SHALL ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OF EACH TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM THAT ENSURES EACH PROGRAM IS REVIEWED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION NOT MORE FREQUENTLY THAN ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS.***

A substantial revision was needed to address the inclusion of teacher education units at private institutions of higher education in the 5-year reapproval process. The revision to policy Section I, Part P that specifically addresses this change in C.R.S 23-1-121 is:

- Paragraph 7.00 and 7.01 – The revised policy clarifies that the 5-year reapproval process for teacher education units at public and private institutions of higher education are identical.

Minor revisions to policy Section I, Part P include:

- Throughout the policy – Clarify which body is responsible for which part of the initial approval and reapproval processes where “Commission” and “DHE” as well as “SBE” and “CDE” have been used interchangeably;
- Throughout the policy - Replace “teacher education programs” with “teacher preparation programs” when referencing programs of teacher preparation;
- Paragraph 1.00 – Remove language that the initial approval and reapproval processes do not apply to programs that prepare principals and administrators. C.R.S. 23-1-121.3 gives the Commission authority to

*“adopt the necessary policies to require any state-supported institution of higher education that offers an approved program of preparation for principals or administrators to include in such program proficiencies in the principles of business management and budgeting practices and in the analysis of student assessment data and its use in planning for student instruction.”*

- Throughout the policy – Clarify that teacher education units will be reviewed for reapproval “not more frequently than once every five years” rather than “once every five years”;
- Paragraph 3.01.02 – Clarify that private institutions of higher education will be included in the statewide reapproval review of all units of teacher education;
- Paragraph 3.03 – Clarify the difference between a Teacher Education Unit and a Teacher Education Program;
- Paragraphs 3.03 and 5.00 – Change “Performance based criteria” to “Performance-Based Standards for Colorado Teachers” to bring the name in line with the name given to these standards by the State Board of Education;
- Paragraph 7.01 - Replace “reauthorization review” with “reapproval”; and
- Paragraph 7.01.01 – Clarify that DHE and CDE will notify institutions of upcoming reapproval site visits.

### **III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Commission approves the revised policy language based on Senate Bill 08-018 changes.**