

TOPIC: SENATE BILL 08-212 P-20 ALIGNMENT LEGISLATION

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I. BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 08-212, “The Preschool to Postsecondary Alignment Bill” requires the following action from DHE staff and the Commission.

22-7-1007- *Beginning in the 2008-09 academic year - Postsecondary and workforce readiness assessments pilot program rules –*

“The state Board and the Commission shall apply the data in creating the description of postsecondary and workforce readiness and in selecting the postsecondary and workforce planning, preparation, and assessments that will be administered statewide following completion of the pilot program”

22-7-1008 – *On or before December 2009 - Postsecondary and workforce readiness description-postsecondary and workforce planning, preparation, and readiness assessments, adoption, revision –*

“The state boards and Commission shall negotiate a consensus and adopt a description of postsecondary and workforce readiness.” (See pages 18 – 19)

2(a) – ***On or before December, 2010*** – “The State Board and Commission shall negotiate a consensus and adopt one or more postsecondary and workforce planning assessments, postsecondary and workforce preparation assessments, and postsecondary and workforce readiness assessments that local education providers shall administer pursuant to section 22-7-1016.” (See pages 19-21)

(b) ***Following adoption of*** the postsecondary and workforce planning, preparation, and readiness assessments, the state board and the commission shall negotiate a consensus and adopt scoring criteria for the postsecondary and workforce planning, preparation and readiness assessments to indicate a student’s level of performance on the assessments.”

3(a) ***On of before July 1, 2015, and on or before July 1 every six years thereafter***, “the State Board and the Commission shall review, negotiate a consensus, and adopt any appropriate revisions to the description of postsecondary and workforce readiness.”

(b) ***On or before July 1, 2016***, and on or before July 1 every six years thereafter, the State Board and Commission shall review, negotiate a consensus, and adopt any appropriate revisions to the postsecondary and workforce planning, preparation and readiness assessments..”

22-7-1010 – State Board-Commission-Public Input – “in fulfilling their duties under this Part 10, the State Board and Commission, at a minimum shall.” (See pages 22-23)

22-7-1011 – Regional educator meetings-purpose –

Beginning in the 2008-2009 academic year the Commissioner and the Executive Director, at least annually, shall convene meetings of professional educators in preschool,

elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education within each of the regional service areas created by the state board.” (See pages 24 – 26)

22-7-1015 – **Postsecondary and workforce readiness program** –technical assistance-
(4) “The Department of Education, The Department of Higher Education, and the State Institutions of Higher Education, upon request, shall provide support to local education providers in implementing postsecondary and workforce readiness. Beginning with the 2009-2010 budget year, the Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education may include in their annual budget requests an amount necessary to offset the costs incurred in complying with this section.” (See pages 32-33)

22-7-1018 – **Cost Study. On or before September 15, 2009**, “The Department of Education in consultation with the Department of Higher education shall contract with an independent entity to conduct a study of the costs of implementing the provisions of Part 10.” (See pages 36 – 38).

23-1-113. **Commission directive – admission standards for baccalaureate and graduate institutions of higher education.** “*On or before December 15, 2014*, based on the adoption of postsecondary and workforce readiness, the Commission shall, if necessary revise the minimum academic admission standards for first time freshman at all state supported ,,,,,” (See pages 42-45)

(b) *On or before December 15, 2012*, The Commission shall review the basic skills placement or assessment tests....”

(10) *On or before February 15, 2009*, and on or before February 15 each year thereafter, the Department of Higher Education shall submit to the Department of Education the unit records data used for its reporting purposes under this section...”

23-1-121 – Commission directive–approval of teacher education programs – *On or before July 1, 2013*, “the Commission shall adopt policies establishing the requirements for teacher preparation programs offered by the institutions of higher education”. (See page 45).

II. UPDATE ON A DESCRIPTION OF POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS

The first requirement of the legislation, that “On or before December 2009, the state board and the Commission shall negotiate a consensus and adopt a description of postsecondary and workforce readiness,” is underway. To date DHE staff have accomplished the following tasks in our efforts to meet the first mandate called for in the legislation.

- Created a DHE 2008-2009 process for the implementation of 212
- Created a timeline for DHE and the Commission regarding 212
- Focused this year’s Faculty to Faculty Conference exclusively to 212

- Finalized agenda of 2008 Faculty to Faculty Conference
- Created a web link at the DHE Site
- Created a two-page summary of the legislation (posted at the 212 web link)
- Fielded questions in co-presentation with CDE at September P-20 meeting
- Held four joint meetings with the CDE on 212
- Identified dates and other logistics for 5/8 required co-convened statewide meetings of the legislation
- Identified locations for an additional 5 co-convened meetings
- Secured staffing for the 212 undertaking
- Created a budget for the 212 undertaking
- Created a Workforce Readiness Plan
- Created a Protocol for Invitations to dignitaries and other invitees of the 212 co-convened and other meetings
- Delivered a plan for the meetings' format with CDE
- Created a tentative agenda for the meetings' format (to share with CDE)
- In the process of creating a comprehensive list of stakeholders (higher ed and workforce development)
- Established internal, weekly DHE/212 meetings with DHE staff and DHE consultant