

**TOPIC: REVISED INSTITUTIONAL REPORT TEMPLATE FOR
TEACHER EDUCATION REAUTHORIZATION SITE VISITS**

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I. SUMMARY

This preliminary briefing is intended to initiate and inform a discussion by the Commission in advance of a decision or action item at a later date. It concerns the template that institutions of higher education use to write their Institutional Report (IR) in preparation for a teacher education reauthorization site visit. Department of Higher Education (DHE) staff, in collaboration with representatives from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and the Colorado Council of Deans of Education (CCODE), have revised the IR template to bring it in line with state and regional needs, recent changes to Section 206 of the federal Higher Education Opportunity Act, and other national movements in teacher education accountability. Staff intend to pilot the new IR template with the four educator preparation programs to be reviewed for reauthorization in 2009-2010.

II. BACKGROUND

The previous IR template is based on an “inputs” model, under which educator preparation programs are evaluated primarily on what those programs say they do, rather than on an “outcomes” model, under which proof of effective educator preparation is demonstrated by data assessing candidates’ learning and ability to affect K-12 student achievement. Redundancies in the previous IR template resulted in unwieldy printed reports up to 5” thick. The new IR template is succinct and will be submitted electronically, eliminating paper waste and facilitating electronic searches. Items in the new template are aligned with similar items from the reports that institutions write for their national accreditation site visits by National Council on Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC). This approach will streamline report preparation and will facilitate information sharing by DHE/CDE, NCATE and TEAC site visit teams and the conduct of joint site visits.

After piloting the new IR template, soliciting comment from all CCODE members, and making final revisions, DHE staff will request formal approval from the Commission.

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This item is a preliminary briefing; no formal action is required by the Commission. Staff seeks input from the Commission in preparation for an action item at a later date.

IV. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Copies of the old and new IR templates are attached. Copies of all relevant statute and policy are on file in the Academic Affairs Office.

V. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

22-60.5 C.R.S.
23-1-121 C.R.S.
23-1-121.3 C.R.S.