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TO: Education Interim Committee Members

FROM: Laura Sankey Keip, Staff Attorney

DATE: November 20, 2019

RE: Administrative Rule Review – November 2019

The following administrative rulemaking action has taken place since the committee's last meeting in September:

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

MAR Notice No.	10-54-289 - Deadlines for Applications and Annual Reports
Status	ADOPTED (notice to be published on November 22)
Public Hearing Date	None
Public Comment Period	CLOSED: October 4 through November 1, 2019
Summary of Proposal Notice	The Board of Public Education (BPE) has proposed deadlines for the advanced opportunity aid program (HB 387 2019). The opening date for submission of applications and annual reports would be the first Monday of December each year, and the closing date would be the second Monday of January each year following the opening date.
	The deadlines are meant to provide a reasonable time for school districts to prepare and file applications and annual reports, while also accounting for local school districts' timelines for including any related permissive levies in their budgets in the adult education fund. BPE did not receive any public comments or testimony regarding the
	proposed deadlines, and the amendments were adopted and will take effect as of November 23, 2019.

MAR Notice No.	<u>10-55-289</u> - Accreditation Process
Status	ADOPTED
Public Hearing Date	August 21, 2019
Public Comment	CLOSED: July 27 through August 26, 2019
Period	
Summary of	BPE published its <u>proposed changes</u> to the accreditation process on July 26,
Adoption Notice	2019 and held a public hearing in August. BPE received no comments or

testimony on the proposed changes, and the amendments were adopted and
took effect on October 5, 2019.

MAR Notice No.	10-54-290 - Deadlines for Applications and Annual Reports
Status	PROPOSED (notice to be published on November 22)
Public Hearing Date	None Contemplated
Public Comment	OPEN: November 23 through December 20, 2019
Period	
Summary of	BPE proposes to update the deadlines for applications and annual reports for
Proposal Notice	transformational learning aid (HB 351 2019). The original deadlines were
	adopted for 2019 only, and the amendments would provide the following
	deadlines:
	EV 2020 Assessed Descent Colombication and Application Desired Opens February
	FY 2020 - Annual Report Submission and Application Period: Opens February
	3 and closes February 21, 2020
	Subsequent FYs - Annual Report Submission and Application Period: Opens
	the first Monday of December each year and closes the second
	Monday of January of each year following the opening date

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

MAR Notice No.	10-1-133 - Negotiated Rulemaking - Content Standards for Computer Science, Library Media, and Technology
Status	Committee Appointed (by November 22)
Application Deadline	October 31, 2019
First Meeting Date	December 5, 2019
Summary of Activity	The notice sought applications for up to 15 members and up to 2 alternates for the negotiated rulemaking committee (NRC). The NRC will review and propose amendments to the content and program
	delivery standards for library media and technology and will propose new standards for computer science. The NRC will provide its proposal to the Superintendent, who will then make recommendations to BPE for formal rulemaking.
	The NRC will also consult on the preparation of an economic impact statement.

MAR Notice No.	<u>10-1-134</u> - Negotiated Rulemaking - Content Standards for Career and
	Vocational/Technical Education
Status	Committee Appointed (by November 22)
Application Deadline	October 31, 2019
First Meeting Date	December 3, 2019
Summary of Activity	The notice sought applications for up to 15 members and up to 2 alternates for the NRC.

The NRC will review and propose amendments to career and
vocational/technical education content and program delivery standards. The
NRC will provide its proposal to the Superintendent, who will then make
recommendations to BPE for formal rulemaking.
The NRC will also consult on the preparation of an economic impact
statement.

MAR Notice No.	<u>10-1-135</u> - Negotiated Rulemaking - Content Standards for Social Studies
Status	Committee Appointed (by November 22)
Application Deadline	October 31, 2019
First Meeting Date	December 2, 2019
Summary of Activity	The notice sought applications for up to 15 members and up to 2 alternates for the NRC.
	The NRC will review and propose amendments to social studies content and program delivery standards. The NRC will provide its proposal to the Superintendent, who will then make recommendations to BPE for formal rulemaking.
	The NRC will also consult on the preparation of an economic impact statement.