

Montana Board of Public Education Executive Summary

Date: July 12-14, 2023

Presentation	Presentation for Educator Licensure Rule Revision Timeline for ARM Title 10, Chapter 57.
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Overview	<p>This agenda item is presented for the BPE to consider recommendations for revision of the rules as aligned with 10.57.101(2).</p> <p>In 2022, the Board of Public Education conducted a comprehensive review of the entire Chapter 57 of Administrative Rule, Educator Licensure, which convenes every 5 years as required by ARM 10.57.101. The new rules were effective as of May 28, 2022. In administering the new rules over the last year, the OPI Educator Licensure Unit has identified recommended minor revisions. Additionally, new legislation from the 2023 session, specifically SB 373 (alternative teaching credential) and HB 458 (career coaches), require a review of definitions and Class 4: CTE licenses.</p> <p>Attached is a proposed timeline for the recommendations for the revision of the rules.</p>
Requested Decision(s)	Action Item
Related Issue(s)	
Recommendation(s)	Approve the recommended revision timeline for ARM 10.57.



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ARM Chapter 57 Educator Licensure Outline of Recommended Changes

Per ARM 10.57.101(2) The board regularly shall consider recommendations for revision of the policies at any time it deems necessary. Notwithstanding any changes made in any five-year period, every five years the board shall have made a comprehensive review of licensure policies to ensure that such policies are meeting the needs of the state. The last comprehensive review was completed and the rules adopted on May 28, 2022.

Very few significant, conceptual changes are under consideration. The following items are the most significant:

Rule	Discussion of Revision
10.57.102 Definitions	Revise definition 17 for “unrestricted license” to remove “renewable license” so that lifetime license are not considered restricted licenses.
10.57.412 10.57.425	Provide a pathway for out-of-state candidates to get licensed in Montana who have a Middle school endorsement with a content area to be endorsed as K-8 or 5-12 (content specific).
10.57.414 10.57.415	Duplicate the language of 10.57.414(c) and 10.57.415(c) to ensure commonality of the same requirements in rules for professional development.
10.57.424(4)	Consider the process for an extension of the Class 5 Provisional License based on extreme hardship similar to ARM 10.55.607(5).
10.57.432	Allow Class 5 provisional license for school counselors for three years, non-renewable for the entire program of learning and completion by removing the requirement to be within four course deficiencies of completing full requirements as outlined in ARM 10.57.435.
10.57.437	Update the removal of CSPAC.
10.57.420 10.57.421	Emphasize a pathway for licensure of career coaches that aligns with HB 458 signed into law 5.22.2023.
10.57.102 10.57.410	Implement new legislation for the “alternative teaching credential” that is now in effect.

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TIMELINE - PROPOSED CHAPTER 57 RULES

Board of Public Education approves revision timeline.....	July 12-14, 2023
Proposed notice to BPE for authorization to publish including Public Hearing Date	September 14-15, 2023
Proposed notice to SOS for notice in MAR	September 26, 2023
MAR publication out	October 6, 2023
Hearing date.....	After October 26, 2023
Final public input deadline	November 24, 2023
Adoption notice including summary of comments to BPE for approval.....	est. January 11-12, 2024
Final rule changes to SOS for notice in MAR.....	est. January 30, 2024
MAR publication out	est. February 9, 2024
Effective date of rules	est. February 9, 2024

*The Secretary of State has not yet released its filing and publication schedule for 2024