
Educator Licensure Policy

The Background:

Since the second (and final) reading of this item, many Tennessee educator preparation providers have indicated that they are currently in the process of redesigning their programming (in some cases to ensure alignment with SACS requirements) and, in doing so, have determined that current candidates would be impacted by the impending substantial shifts in middle grades and special education endorsements if they were to be required to redesign these programs by 2017. As a result, the department recommends an extension of the current middle grades 4-8 and special education modified program K-12 endorsements through 2018. Educator Preparation Programs will still be able to submit for conditional approval proposals for new endorsements beginning spring 2015. See Appendix B of the Educator Licensure Policy 5.502 for the new superseded dates for these two endorsement areas.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends adoption of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.