

**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control 300 Department or Agency Alabama Commission on Higher Education
Rule No. 300-4-12-.09

Rule Title: Definitions for Loan Repayment Program

X New Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? No

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer 

Date June 13, 2018

(DATE FILED)
(STAMP)

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Alabama Commission on Higher Education

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Commission on Higher Education (Commission)

RULE NO. & TITLE:

300-4-12-.09 Definitions for Loan Repayment Program

INTENDED ACTION: New Rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To include new rules for the Alabama Math and Science Teacher Education Program (AMSTEP) Loan Repayment Program, which was passed by the Alabama Legislature during the 2018 legislative session.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Persons wishing to present views on these amended rules may contact Tim Vick, Director of Operations and Fiscal Services, Alabama Commission on Higher Education, P.O. Box 302000, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2000, Telephone 334-353-9153 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day up to and including August 8, 2018.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: August 8, 2018

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Timothy W. Vick



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NEW RULE

300-4-12-.09 Definitions for Loan Repayment Program

(1) **APPROVED INSTITUTION.** A state-supported institution of higher education or a private nonprofit institution of higher education that satisfies all of the following:

(a) Is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

(b) Is approved by the Alabama State Board of Education (ALSBE) to prepare teachers of secondary math or science, or both.

(c) Is eligible to receive Title IV federal student aid program funds.

(d) Maintains its primary headquarters in Alabama.

(2) **COMMISSION.** The Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

(3) **ELIGIBLE APPLICANT.** A person who satisfies the criteria set out in this act and is found to be eligible by rules adopted by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

(4) **PROGRAM.** The Alabama Math and Science Teacher Education Program created by this act and administered by the commission that provides loan repayments to a teacher with a valid Alabama professional educator certificate endorsed in math or science, who teaches math or science full-time in the Alabama public school system.

(5) **SCIENCE.** Biology, chemistry, physics, and general science. The ALSBE approved general science certificate includes all sciences with the exception of computer science.

(6) **YEAR.** A school year that shall be divided into fall and spring semesters. The term does not mean calendar, fiscal, or scholastic year.

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Statutory Authority: Alabama Act 2018-504

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