

**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control 300 Department or Agency Alabama Commission on Higher Education
Rule No. 300-4-12-.11

Rule Title: Eligible Applicants and Award Amounts 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

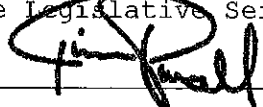
Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

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)
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Alabama Commission on Higher Education

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AGENCY NAME: Alabama Commission on Higher Education (Commission)

RULE NO. & TITLE:

300-4-12-.11 Eligible Applicants and Award Amounts 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-.11 Eligible Applicants and Award Amounts for Loan Repayment Program

(1) Base Program: To be eligible for the base loan repayment program of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per semester worked or \$5,000 per year, for a maximum of four consecutive years, an applicant shall satisfy all of the following:

(a) Be a graduate of a ALSBE approved program in math or science beginning with the Spring term of 2018, at the baccalaureate or master's level, from an approved institution leading to an initial secondary professional educator certificate endorsed in math or science. A teacher who only earns a passing score on the Praxis test in math or science to add a certificate endorsement for math or science, and who has not completed an entire approved program, does not satisfy this requirement.

(b) Holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate endorsed in secondary math or science, or both.

(c) Is teaching math or science full-time in an Alabama public school district or at an Alabama Public Charter School Commission approved charter school.

(d) Is a citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States.

(e) Has been a resident of Alabama for at least 12 months before the application deadline and provides documentation proving a permanent connection to the State of Alabama. The commission shall accept any one of the following as proof of residency:

1. A current valid Alabama driver's license.
2. A current valid Alabama vehicle registration.
3. A current valid Alabama voter registration card.

(f) Has outstanding federal student loans, subsidized or unsubsidized.

(2) Supplemental Program: In order to receive a supplement pursuant to this act, in addition to all of the criteria listed above, a recipient shall also teach math or science, or both, in a geographic area within the state with an acute teacher shortage in math or science, or both. The supplement is an additional two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per year, or one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250) per semester worked, for a maximum of four consecutive years.

(a) Geographic areas with acute shortages in math or science or both will be identified by the Commission in consultation with the State Department of Education.

(b) The Commission will approve the geographic areas in which teachers will be eligible for the supplement.

(c) The list of eligible geographic areas will be published on the Commission's website.

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Statutory Authority: Alabama Act 2018-504

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