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STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: State Department of Education

RULE NO. & TITLE: 290-3-2-.35 Educator Certification

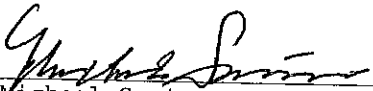
INTENDED ACTION: Educator Certification

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The amended rule will provide expansion for teacher certification options.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: A public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m., July 11, 2017 at the Auditorium, Plaza Level, Gordon Persons Building, 50 North Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama. All persons wishing to express their views should contact the State Superintendent of Education (334-242-9700) no later than July 1, 2017, in order to be scheduled on the agenda. All persons wishing to express their views in writing to the State Superintendent of Education should address all written comments to the State Superintendent of Education, Gordon Persons Building, P.O. Box 302101, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2101.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: July 11, 2017

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**290-3-2-.35 Early Childhood Development Approach.**

(1) **Overview.** An individual who has completed at least a bachelor's level National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accredited program in child development for birth through age four may seek an Early Childhood Development Professional Educator Certificate for birth through age four.

(2) **Application.** The applicant is required to submit to the Educator Certification Section the current application for this approach and documentation of having met all requirements as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.35 and on the application.

(3) **Requirements.** All requirements must be successfully completed prior to the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section.

(a) Successful completion of the Alabama Special Requirements in Rule 290-3-2-.02(4).

(b) Verification on official transcript(s) of all degrees earned.

(c) Verification on an official transcript(s) of an earned bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited senior institution.

(d) Verification, on the current application for this approach, of completion of a bachelor's level NAEYC-accredited program in child development for birth through age four with a minimum grade point average of least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

(4) **Alabama Educator Certification Assessment Program (AECAP).** The applicant must meet the requirements of the AECAP for this approach.

(5) **Degree Level.** The Professional Educator Certificate obtained through this approach shall be issued at the bachelor's level.

(6) **Valid Period.** The valid period of the certificate shall be from the date of issuance through the remainder of the same scholastic year, and thereafter, for the next five consecutive scholastic years.

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**Statutory Authority:** Ala. Const. Amend. 284, Ala. Code §§16-3-11, 16-23-1 and 16-23-2 (1975).

**History:** Adopted new, \_\_\_\_\_, effective 9-18-08.