**MEMO**

**TO: State Board of Education**

**FROM: Colleen O’Neil, Ed.D., Association Commissioner, Educator Talent**

**RE: October Information Item: Rules for the Administration of the   
Educator Licensing Act of 1991, 1 CCR 301-37**

**DATE: October 2021**

**Information Only**

In November 2021, the Educator Talent Division will present to the board for hearing and a vote revisions to 1 CCR 301-37, Rules for the Administration of the Educator Licensing Act of 1991, 1 CCR 301-37. This ruleset was noticed on Sept. 30, 2021 to provide ample time to invite and receive public comment.

The urgency behind these updates and amendments stems from recent legislation that expand options for educators and the department’s need for the board to promulgate rules so that it may implement these changes appropriately:

* HB 20-1312: behavioral health coursework requirements for educator preparation programs
* SB 20-158: foundational reading skills requirement for all early childhood, elementary and special education prepation programs
* HB 21-1104: issuance of professional educator licenses extended from 5 to 7 years
* HB 21-1129: extension of deadline for READ Act requirements
* SB 21-017: addition of sexual assault/misdemeanor abuse of public trust by an educator
* SB 21-058: allowance of entities to establish alternative principal preparation programs
* SB 21-077: elimination of lawful presence as a identification requirement for licensure
* SB 21-185: expansion of allowances for the issuance of an adjunct authorization; creation of the department’s first legislated education recruitment and retention effort
* SB 21-268: additional conviction for which a license may be denied, suspended or revoked

The rules revision also includes:

* + Alignment and reduction of language usage redundancies throughout
  + Ensurance of statutory alignment of language to the rules
  + Correct number and references

The document package for the State Board of Education includes:

* Clean version of the rules
* Redlined version of the rules notating changes
* Crosswalk of the rules aligned with statutory authority
* PowerPoint presentation highlighting additions and amendments

The ruleset is open for comment and will remain open until the November board meeting. The hearing for the rules will be held at the November meeting. A summary of public comments received and CDE’s response to each comment will also be provided at the November meeting.