NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on R036-15
This regulation was previously adopted as LCB File N0. T009-15

The **Nevada Department of Education** is proposing regulation language pertaining to the Nevada Administrative Code. The Workshop has been scheduled for **Thursday. August 13, 2015** via video conference at the following locations: **Nevada Department of Education Offices, Board Conference Room, 700 East Fifth Street, Board Room, Carson City and 9890 South Maryland Parkway, 2nd Floor Board Conference Room, Las Vegas, Nevada.** The purpose of the Workshop is to solicit comments from interested person on the following general topics to be addressed in a proposed regulation:

9:00 A.M. Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments R036-15 to provide for administration of the high school exams for the Graduating Classes of 2019, 2020 and thereafter establishing the courses of study, number of times a student may take an exam, and other matters related to the new end of course examinations provided for as a requirement for graduation from high school.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop or by contacting by telephone Karen Johansen, State Board of Education Office, Nevada Department of Education, at 775-687-9225, or in writing to the Department of Education, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5096. A reasonable fee for copying may be charged.

This Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation has been sent to all persons on the agency's mailing list for administrative regulations and posted at the following locations: The offices of the Nevada Department of Education in Carson City and Las Vegas, the 17 Nevada County main public libraries, the Nevada State Library and Archives, and at the meeting locations.

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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608

Date: August 13, 2015

Re: Workshop to Adopt Regulations Concerning High School Proficiency Exam and End-of-Course examinations, scheduled for August, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

I, Dale A.R. Erquiaga, being the duly appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction, do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief:

1. The proposed changes the administration of the high school proficiency examination and end-of-course examinations are not likely to (a) impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business, or (b) directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business. The proposed regulations deal only with the administration of tests within the public high schools of this state.

2. A concerted effort was made to determine any economic burden. The Department of Education has relied on expert knowledge in the administration of high school exams and its long history as the sole government agency responsible for developing assessments of this kind.

3. All relevant materials were reviewed and the Department considered its history with implementing similar regulations; the proposed changes are within the historic scope of the Department's activities and present no new cost of enforcement.

4. Comment has not been solicited from small businesses, and no summary of their response is provided, because small businesses are not impacted by this regulation and thus no burden or economic impact can be assessed.

I hereby further certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

LCB File No. R036-15

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Chapter 389 of NAC

1. A pupil in the graduating cohort of 2017 or 2018 must not be given a standard high school diploma until the pupil has passed:

(a) The Nevada End-Of-Course Examination in Mathematics I;

(b) The Nevada End-Of-Course Examination in Mathematics II;

(c) The Nevada End-Of-Course Examination in English Language Arts I; and

(d) The Nevada End-Of-Course Examination in English Language Arts II.

2. For the purposes of subsection 1, a pupil shall be deemed to have passed an end-of-course examination if the pupil obtains at least the passing score published for the examination by the Department or:

(a) Passes the course with which the examination is aligned, in accordance with any established grading policy of the school district or charter school, as applicable; and

(b) Takes and makes a reasonable attempt to complete the examination.

3. A pupil in the graduating cohort of 2019 ~~[or any year thereafter]~~ *must not be given a standard high school diploma until the pupil has passed:*

(a) The Nevada End-Of-Course Examination in Mathematics I;

(b) The Nevada End-Of-Course Examination in Mathematics II;

(c) The Nevada End-Of-Course Examination in English Language Arts I; and

(d) The Nevada End-Of-Course Examination in English Language Arts II. ~~[Science; and~~

~~(e) The end-of-course examination in each additional subject area for which the State Board has adopted the common core standards.~~

~~4. Each edition of an end-of-course examination must be based upon the standards of content and performance established for the applicable course of study pursuant to NRS 389.520.]~~

4. A pupil in the graduating cohort of 2020 or any year thereafter must not be given a standard high school diploma until the pupil has passed:

(a) The Nevada End-Of-Course Examination in Mathematics I;

(b) The Nevada End-Of-Course Examination in Mathematics II;

(c) The Nevada End-Of-Course Examination in English Language Arts ;

(d) The Nevada End-Of-Course Examination in Science; and

(e) Any other End-Of-Course Examination adopted by the State Board of Education and applicable to a graduating cohort.

5. Each edition of an end-of-course examination must be based upon the standards of content and performance established for the applicable course of study pursuant to NRS 389.520.

After entering grade 6, ~~[7,]~~ *a pupil who is enrolled in or has completed each course for which an end-of-course examination is approved pursuant to section 11 of this regulation is eligible to take the examination.*