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Department of Education
Office of the Secretary
Attn: Regulation Review
401 Federal Street, Suite 2
Dover, DE 19901

RE: 24 DE Reg. 642/14 DE Admin. Code 1510 [DOE Proposed Issuance of Initial License Regulation (January 1, 2021)]

Dear Secretary Bunting:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) proposal in cooperation with the Professional Standards Board to amend 14 Del. Admin. C. §1510, which describes the requirements for issuing and retention of an Initial License for Educators.

Proposed section 5.0 establishes the requirement for reciprocity. The Board added reciprocity in the event that an applicant is already licensed or certified as an educator in another state or jurisdiction, the applicant must meet the requirements in subsections 5.1.1 through 5.1.3 in order for the Department to issue an Initial License. The following requirements were added to the provision: (1) The applicant shall hold a Valid and Current License or Certificate as an educator. (2) The applicant shall have earned a bachelor's degree from a Regionally Accredited college or university. Notwithstanding the foregoing requirement, an applicant for a Skilled and Technical Sciences Teacher Standard Certificate (14 DE Admin. Code 1559) shall complete the coursework specified in Section 4.0 of 14 DE Admin. Code 1559 prior to the expiration of the Initial License.(3) The applicant shall have simultaneously applied for and met the requirements of at least one Content Area Standard Certificate.(4) The applicant shall have completed at least one year of Teaching Experience but less than four years of Teaching Experience. Council would recommend a provision for the years of teaching experience in the event an applicant has more than four years of such experience.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our comments with you. Please contact Wendy Strauss or me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ann C Fisher

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