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TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Bernard J. Sadusky, Ed.D.

DATE: December 6, 2011

SUBJECT: COMAR13A.12.02.06, Certification for General Secondary Academic Areas
COMAR 13A.12.02.17, Other Academic Subjects (AMEND)
PERMISSION TO PUBLISH

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to request permission to publish proposed changes to *COMAR 13A.12.02.06, Certification for General Secondary Academic Areas*, and *COMAR13A.12.02.17, Other Academic Subjects,* and to provide the opportunity to convene a Joint Conference Committee should you so desire.

BACKGROUND:

Over the past several months, two concurrent Work Groups have proposed amendments which affect the certification areas specified in the current regulation (*COMAR 13A.12.02.06*). Specifically, proposed changes include the following:

- repeal "foreign languages-classical" and "foreign language-modern" ; and
- add "Family and Consumer Sciences, Marketing, and Technology Education".

Since this regulation is now being considered for amendments, we also have the opportunity to add an area which had previously been omitted: environmental science.

As we continue to review regulations and bring them into alignment with subjects being taught in our schools, we also have seen the need to expand from "academic areas" to "content areas". Therefore, staff is also recommending a name change for the aforementioned regulations: Certification for General Secondary Academic Areas becomes Certification for General Secondary Content Areas and Other Academic Subjects becomes Other Content Areas. The latter regulation, *COMAR 13A.12.02.17*, allows individuals to become certified in areas which are not specifically mentioned in *COMAR 13A.12.02.06* yet are taught in the schools.

The proposed changes were presented to the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) at their November 3, 2011 meeting. The PSTEB granted permission to publish the proposed changes.

SUMMARY:

The proposed changes to existing regulations are being recommended in light of other regulatory changes under consideration and to include an area previously omitted. The change in name is being recommended to be more inclusive of the subjects being taught in Maryland schools.

ACTION:

I am presenting these items for information and the opportunity to convene a Joint Conference Committee if you should so desire.

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Attachments

ATTACHMENT

13A.12.02.06

.06 Certification in General Secondary [Academic] Content Areas (Grades 7—12).

A. To receive certification in the areas of agriculture (agribusiness and renewable natural resources), biology, business education, chemistry, computer science, earth/space science, English, environmental science, family and consumer sciences, [foreign language—classical, foreign language—modern], geography, history, marketing, mathematics, physical science, physics, speech communication, technology education, and theater, the applicant shall:

(1)–(3) Text unchanged .

B. Text unchanged

C. Text unchanged

13A.12.02.17

.17 Other [Academic Subjects] Content Areas (Grades 7—12).

A. To receive certification at the secondary school level (grades 7—12) in a certification area other than the certification areas listed Regulations .06[—] , .13, .15, and .16 of this chapter, the applicant shall:

(1) Complete 30 semester hours or more of content course work taken at an IHE in the specific [academic subject] content area; and

(2) Meet the professional education course work required in Regulation .06A(2) of this chapter.

B. Text unchanged.