

VSBPE

Date: January 10, 2019

Item: For discussion- ROPA and Alternative Routes to Licensure

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Program Approval Committee review how alternate routes to licensure should be evaluated.

BACKGROUND: VSBPE Policy N4 was passed in 2008, and states that “All alternate routes to licensure are ...required to seek program approval through the Results Oriented Program Approval (ROPA) process. Such a requirement assures quality programs that meet Vermont’s rigorous program approval standards and that address the needs specific to Vermont’s schools.” The recent review of Vermont’s only non-higher education alternate route to licensure revealed previously documented considerations, that ROPA is primarily oriented toward reviewing traditional, higher education based, teacher preparation programs.

RATIONALE: As there is not a recommendation, no rationale is necessary.