

VSBPE

Date: 3/28/2024

Item: Special Education Provisional Waivers - Extension Request for 24/25

ITEM: Shall the VSBPE Extend the Special Education Provisional Waiver Application Process for an additional school year?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The VSBPE shall extend the Special Education Provisional Waiver Application Process for the 2024-2025 School Year.

BACKGROUND:

- VSBPE approved this initial process back on May 1, 2021 for the 21-22 school year in response to staffing shortages exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- VSBPE approved continuing this process for the 22-23 school year.
- VSBPE approved continuing this process for the 23-24 school year.
- supporting alternate pathways to receiving a provisional license with a special education or early childhood special education (ECSE) endorsement through a temporary waiver.
- In order expand the applicant pool to include unlicensed educational professionals who have demonstrated their ability to provide high quality special education services in the classroom, but do not have the required coursework for provisional licensure, districts can now request a temporary provisional license, with certain stipulations/requirements.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

21-22 There were 58 applications

22-23 There were 63 applications

23-24 There were 91 applications