

TO: Members of the Licensure Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Deb Giles, AOE

ITEM FOR ACTION: Policy on sunseting Endorsements

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators votes to approve and adopt the attached version of a new Policy (G3) to be added to the VSBPE Manual of Policies and Procedures. The new Policy outlines procedures for sunseting existing endorsements.

MOTION:

I, _____, move that the VSBPE approve and adopt Policy G3, Policy on sunseting Endorsements.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The VSBPE wished to establish a policy that would set forth procedures for when the Board determines that an existing endorsement is no longer relevant. The VSBPE also considered the impact that such an action would have on educators currently holding this endorsement and reflected such concern in the proposed Policy.

Policy G3 - Endorsements

Policy on Sunsetting Endorsements

The Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators (VSBPE) occasionally determines that an existing endorsement is no longer relevant or needed and wishes to establish a policy that will not impact educators whom are currently endorsed in that particular endorsement.

With any proposed rule change, the Vermont formal (ICAR) rule making process establishes a public comment period by which the sunsetting of a current endorsement would occur. Included in the rule revision is the VSBPE recommended date for sunsetting of the endorsement.

For any educator who holds the proposed sunset endorsement they may **retain, renew, reinstate, and apply for a Retired Educator License** pursuant to the Rules for those processes at the time (Rule 5430).

Additional Guidelines for Sunsetting Endorsements:

- Notification will be posted (AOE website, Weekly Field Memos, VSBPE Rules) of the date when an endorsement will be sunset/ended.
- Notification will be posted regarding when Initial, Transcript Review, and Peer Review applications for the sunset endorsement will no longer be accepted.
- Educators currently in the process of adding the sunset endorsement (prior to the announcement for no longer accepting applications to add the sunset endorsement) will be allowed to finish the application process according to the Rules and requirements specific to the process at the time of the acceptance of the application and timelines associated with each process.