

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.6, following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

DIVISION: *(If any)*

RULE IDENTIFIER: 200-RICR-20-20-1

RULE TITLE: Regulations Governing the Certification of Educators in Rhode Island

REASON FOR RULEMAKING:

The purpose of these regulations is to update the requirements and procedures that govern educator certification in Rhode Island.

Technical changes throughout to update citation, remove non-regulatory footnotes, and incorporate examples as per the new RICR format.

ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE: *(if any)*

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: See attached public feedback.

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE:

Please see attached summary of changes.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

The RI Department of Education (RIDE) has undertaken an update to its teacher certification regulations. These regulations impact the almost 16,000 educators who are certified to work in Rhode Island. RIDE has attempted to both update the regulation using education policy best practices, and to respond to the feedback from the many stakeholders in public education.

RIDE did a 20-year benefit-cost analysis (see attached) from 2018 through 2038, and this 20-year horizon is justified by the fact that the benefits are seen over the entire lifetime of the students being educated. The costs are subtracted from the benefits to

calculate a net-benefit. To analyze benefits and costs that occur at different times, this analysis uses discount rates to calculate a present value for all future costs and benefits. Discount rates of three percent and seven percent are used as a sensitivity analysis.