

## CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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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.

Include additional states under reciprocity allowances; adjust ESL certification to 1 PK-12 certification; add Oral/Aural Communication certificate; adjust certification requirements for special educators

**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 stakeholders.