State of Rhode Island
Department of Administration
Office of Management and Budget

Fiscal Note for Proposed Administrative Rules (R.I.G.L. § 22-12-1.1)

FISCAL IMPACT					
State Revenues		***State Expenditures***		***City/Town Expenditures***	
FY 2025	$ -16,500	FY 2025	$0	FY 2025	$0
FY 2026	$ -17,375	FY 2026	$0	FY 2026	$0
FY 2027	$ -17,375	FY 2027	$0	FY 2027	$0
FY 2028	$ -17,375	FY 2028	$0	FY 2027	$0
FY 2029	$ -17,375	FY 2029	$0	FY 2027	$0

Name of Administrative Rule	**Summary of Policy Change**	**Summary of State Fiscal Impact**
Removal of *Expert Residency – Shortages Preliminary Certificate*	The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) will no longer issue the Expert Residency – Shortages Preliminary Certificate.	This certificate has never been issued, so this change is fiscally neutral.
Removal of *Visiting Lecturer Preliminary Certificate*	RIDE will no longer issue the Visiting Lecturer Preliminary Certificate.	This certificate has never been issued, so this change is fiscally neutral.
Removal of *ESOL Specialist/ Consultant Certificate*	RIDE will no longer issue the ESOL Specialist/Consultant Certificate. Educators holding this certificate will be able to renew it, but no new certificates will be issued.	In the past five years, RIDE has issued 34 new ESOL Specialist/Consultant Certificates at $100 per certificate. Assuming a similar trajectory, no longer issuing this certificate could result in the potential loss of approximately $3,000 over the next five years.
Combination of *Health, Physical Education,* and *Adaptive Physical Education Certificates*	RIDE will offer a combined Health, Physical Education, and Adaptive Physical Education Certificate.	Currently, 595 educators in Rhode Island hold all three individual certificates. They will now renew them as one certificate, leading to a decrease in revenue for Rhode Island. The loss of the renewal of two certificates amounts to $200 per educator. If 595 teachers renew two less certificates, Rhode Island could lose up to $119,000 per 5-year renewal cycle.
Fast-Track Principal Certificate	RIDE will combine the Fast-Track Principal Expert Residency Preliminary and Building Level Administrator PK-12 Fast-Track Principal certificates.	While we are combining the two certificates and theoretically could lose revenue from people who would progress from one to the other, we have raised the fee associated with the certificate from $100 to $200.

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		Additionally, most people issued either of these certificates were not issued both, indicating they were issued one and then progressed to an initial certificate. The fee increase means the state could actually see additional revenue. In the past 5 years, 19 people were issued one of these certificates. If 20 educators are issued this new combined certificate in the next 5 years, the state will see an increase of $2,000 in revenue.
New Certificate: *Apprenticeship Preliminary Certificate*	RIDE will issue a new certificate for individuals working as a Registered Apprentice in teaching.	The fee associated with this certificate is $100. If ten individuals engage in Registered Apprenticeship programs each year during the first five years, the state will receive $5,000 in certification fees.
New Certificate: *International Teacher Preliminary Certificate*	RIDE will issue a new certificate for international teachers working in RI on a J-1 or H-1B Visas. This will allow individuals to teach for a specific LEA in the content area for which they are certified in their native country during the length of their visa.	The fee associated with this certificate is $100 and it must be renewed annually. If ten individuals work on this certificate each year, the state will receive additional revenue from these fees in the amount of $1,000 per year.
New Certificate: *Integrated Content Multilingual Learner Extension Certificate*	RIDE will issue a new extension certificate for content teachers who complete additional learning regarding multilingual learners.	There are LEAs in Rhode Island that now require their teachers to become dual certified in their content and TESOL. This certificate may be an option for some of those educators. If 200 educators over the next five years receive this certificate at $100, Rhode Island can expect to see $20,000 in increased revenue.
New Certificate: *District-Level Administrator – Multilingual Learners*	RIDE will issue a new District-Level Administrator – Multilingual Learners Certificate.	According to the MLL team at RIDE, 21 LEAs will go from low incidence of MLL students to medium or high incidence, which will require them to employ an MLL administrator. If all 21 districts hire an MLL administrator who obtains the District-Level Administrator – Multilingual Learners Certificate (by adding a certificate at $100), the state of Rhode Island will receive $2,100 in revenue the first year. It can also be anticipated that additional people, particularly current MLL Coordinators, will obtain this certificate. If 50 additional people

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		earn this certificate during the next five years, Rhode Island will see an increase of $5,000 in revenue.
Expert Residency Preliminary Certificate	RIDE will increase the number of years for which this certificate is valid as well as increase the fee associated with obtaining this certificate. It is currently valid for 1 year with up to 3 renewals. It will now be valid for 4 years with one renewal of 3 years. The fee will increase from $100 to $200.	During the past 5 years, RIDE has issued 1,052 Expert Residency certificates – 739 first issuance and 178 renewals. At $100 for each first issuance and renewal, this netted $105,150. Assuming an individual previously received an Expert Residency certificate and then renewed it each year for the following 3 years, the y would have spent $400. The initial issuance is now $200, with the option to renew once for an additional $200 for those who did not meet the requirements to progress to an initial after the 4 years on the certificate. The most this will cause the state to lose is $200, though in some cases, it will net $0. If 100 people receive the Expert Residency and spend all 4 years on it prior to applying for an initial certificate, the state could lose $20,000.
Advanced Certificates	RIDE will add pathways to attain an advanced certificate and enable educators who attain an advanced certificate by earning a master's degree to continue to remain on the advanced certificate at renewal if they meet the Professional Learning Unit (PLU) requirement.	An advanced certificate is valid for 7 years whereas the professional certificate is valid for 5 years. The additional 2 years may decrease the number of times an educator must renew their certificate. In the past 5 years, 747 educators earned an advanced certificate. If we assume a small increase from the additional pathways, we could expect a small increase in the number of educators who renew with an advanced certificate during the next 5 years, leading to a potential loss of $100 per additional educator at the end of 5 years. Assuming 30 additional educators take advantage of this certificate, that would result in $3,000 in lost revenue.
Adding additional certificates	Some educators with valid Rhode Island teaching certificates and three years of experience in Rhode Island public schools will be eligible to add additional teaching certificates by	This regulation will make it more likely that an educator holding one certificate will pursue an additional certificate. Each additional certificate held by an educator requires a fee of

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	passing the appropriate content assessment.	$100. During the next 5 years, if 200 educators take advantage of this opportunity to obtain an additional certificate by passing the appropriate content test, this could result in a $20,000 gain in revenue for Rhode Island.

Summary of State Expenditures: There state will incur no expenditures related to these regulations.

Summary of City/Town Impact: The proposed changes to the certification regulations have no fiscal impact on cities or towns in Rhode Island.

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