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TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Lillian M. Lowery, Ed.D. *L. Lowery*

DATE: February 26, 2013

SUBJECT: COMAR 13A.12.03.02, School Counselor
AMEND
APPROVAL

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to request your approval of the amended regulation, COMAR13A.12.03.02, School Counselor.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

At your February 28, 2012 meeting, you reviewed proposed changes to the aforementioned regulation and determined that a Joint Conference Committee was not needed. The proposed changes were originally published in the *Maryland Register* on May 4, 2012.

The public comment period ended July 5, 2012. One local school system submitted three comments: one was editorial; staff concurred with this comment. A second comment was substantive and directly opposed the proposed change that would allow an experienced School Counselor to seek Maryland certification; staff did not concur with this comment. The third comment was partially editorial; staff did not concur with this comment since this wording is consistent with wording throughout regulation.

Inadvertently, the changes which were editorial in nature were not included in the final publication of the regulation after adoption. Upon advice of Legal Counsel, it was necessary to republish the regulation. The Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) approved the regulation for republication at its October 4, 2012 meeting. At your October 31, 2012 meeting, you determined that a Joint Conference Committee was not necessary and the regulation, as amended, was published in the *Maryland Register* on December 28, 2012. A copy of the proposed changes is attached; the public comment ended January 28, 2012. No comments were received. The proposed regulation does not have any economic impact nor does it have an impact on individual with disabilities. There is no corresponding federal standard for the proposed action.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The proposed changes include the clarification changes suggested during the open comment period which were inadvertently omitted when the regulation was initially adopted.

ACTION:

I am requesting approval of the proposed changes to COMAR 13A.12.03.02, School Counselor.

Attachment



PROPOSED ACTION ON REGULATIONS

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Editor's Note on Incorporation by Reference

Pursuant to State Government Article, §7-207, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Maryland Instructional Leadership Framework, February 2005, has been declared a document generally available to the public and appropriate for incorporation by reference. For this reason, it will not be printed in the Maryland Register or the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR). Copies of this document are filed in special public depositories located throughout the State. A list of these depositories was published in 39:2 Md. R. 104 (January 27, 2012), and is available online at www.dsd.state.md. The document may also be inspected at the office of the Division of State Documents, 16 Francis Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

.01 Scope.

This chapter applies to a comprehensive induction program for new principals. The purpose of this regulation is to provide guidance for local school systems to establish a high-quality induction program that addresses critical professional learning needs of new principals, improves instructional quality, and helps inductees achieve success in their initial assignments, resulting in improved student learning and higher retention in the profession. The induction program that each local school system designs shall reflect coherence in structure and consistency in focus to ensure an integrated, seamless system of support. Recognizing that "one-size-fits-all" induction programs do not meet the needs of new principals, these regulations establish the components of an induction program, allowing local school systems to build on their current programs.

.02 Incorporation by Reference.

In this chapter, the following document is incorporated by reference:

Maryland Instructional Leadership Framework, 2005, which has been incorporated by reference in COMAR 13A.07.09.03.

.03 Definitions.

A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

B. Terms Defined.

- (1) "Mentee" means a public school principal who is the recipient of the services of a mentor.
- (2) "Mentor" means an individual who possesses the attributes set forth in Regulation .06 of this chapter.
- (3) "New principal" means a principal who is:
 - (a) New to the position; or
 - (b) A veteran who is new to the local school system.
- (4) "Executive officer" means a principal's supervisor who evaluates the principal in accordance with COMAR 13A.01.04.02.

.04 General requirements.

A. Each local school system shall have a comprehensive induction program for new principals. Such programs should be differentiated based on the needs of the principal and should include such components as:

- (1) A locally designed orientation program for all principals new to the principalship and/or local school system;
- (2) Ongoing support from a mentor; and
- (3) Appropriate levels of staffing to plan and coordinate all induction activities.

B. All principals new to the position or to the local school system shall participate in induction activities in year one. Beyond year one, participation in induction activities will be a local decision.

C. To the extent practicable given staffing and fiscal concerns, local school systems shall consider minimizing system-wide responsibilities in the new principal's first year.

.05 Mentoring Component of the Comprehensive Induction Program.

A. A local school system shall identify full-time or part-time mentors to support principals during their comprehensive induction period.

B. In collaboration with the mentor, the new principal shall identify areas for focus of his/her professional growth.

C. Mentors shall:

(1) Demonstrate a knowledge base and skills to address the performance evaluation criteria and outcomes to be met by each mentee; and

(2) Have been a principal and have been rated as satisfactory or effective or be a retiree from a local school system and have been rated as a satisfactory or effective principal.

D. Local school systems shall provide ongoing training for mentors as appropriate.

.06 Evaluation of the Comprehensive Induction Program.

Local school systems shall evaluate the effectiveness of the comprehensive induction program.

.07 Date of Compliance.

Local school systems shall be in full compliance with this chapter by July 1, 2014.

.08 Reporting Requirements.

By September 1, 2014, and each 5 years after, each local school system superintendent shall certify to the State Superintendent of Schools that the Comprehensive Principal Induction Program meets the minimum requirements set forth in this chapter.

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Subtitle 12 CERTIFICATION**13A.12.03 Specialists**

Authority: Education Article, §§2-205, 2-303(g), 6-101—6-104, and 6-701—6-706; Health Occupations Article, §2-301; Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[12-347-P]

The Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board proposes to amend Regulation .02 under COMAR 13A.12.03 Specialists. This action was considered at the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board meeting held on October 4, 2012.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to republish the regulation incorporating changes which were made as a result of testimony received during the initial publication of the regulation. These changes were inadvertently omitted when the regulation was adopted.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Jean Satterfield, Assistant State Superintendent, Certification and Accreditation, Maryland State Department of Education, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, or call 410-767-0385, or email to jsatterfield@msde.state.md.us, or fax to 410-333-8963. Comments will be accepted through January 28, 2013. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

Open Meeting

Final action on the proposal will be considered by the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board during a public meeting to be held on March 7, 2013 at 9 a.m., at 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

.02 School Counselor.

The requirements for certification as a school counselor are:

A. Option I. The applicant shall have:

(1) A master's degree in school counseling or *school* guidance and counseling from an IHE;

(2) (text unchanged)

(3) [Two years] 2 of satisfactory performance as a teacher or *school* counselor in a school setting.

B. Option II. The applicant shall have:

(1) A master's degree in school counseling or *school* guidance and counseling in a program approved using State-approved standards under COMAR 13A.07.06.01; and

(2) (text unchanged)

C. (text unchanged)

D. Option IV. The applicant shall have:

(1) A master's degree in school counseling or *school* guidance and counseling from an approved program under the Interstate Contract agreement for support services; and

(2) (text unchanged)

E. (text unchanged)

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Title 31

**MARYLAND INSURANCE
ADMINISTRATION**

**Subtitle 08 PROPERTY AND
CASUALTY INSURANCE**

**31.08.13 Application of a Percentage Deductible in
the Case of a Hurricane or Other Storm**

Authority: Insurance Article, §§2-109 and 19-209, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[12-31-14-P]

The Insurance Commissioner proposes to adopt new Regulations .01 — .06 under a new chapter, COMAR 31.08.13 Application of a Percentage Deductible in the Case of a Hurricane or Other Storm.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to implement Insurance Article, §19-209, Annotated Code of Maryland, by specifying the circumstances under which an insurer may apply a percentage deductible to a claim

for covered loss due to a hurricane or other storm; to establish procedures and standards for an insurer to file and the Commission to approve or disapprove an underwriting standard that requires a percentage deductible that exceeds 5 percent in the case of a hurricane or other storm; and to establish standards and procedures for the content and delivery of the annual statement that an insurer is required to provide regarding a percentage deductible in the case of a hurricane or other storm.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Nancy Egan, Assistant Director, Government Affairs, Maryland Insurance Administration, 200 St. Paul Place, Suite 2700, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, or call 410-468-2488, or email to negan@mdinsurance.state.md.us, or fax to 410-468-2020. Comments will be accepted through January 28, 2013. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.01 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to implement Insurance Article, § 19-209, Annotated Code of Maryland.

.02 Applicability.

This chapter applies to all property and casualty insurers authorized to write homeowner's insurance policies in Maryland.

.03 Definitions.

A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

B. Terms Defined.

(1) County.

(a) "County" means a county of the State.

(b) "County" includes Baltimore City.

(2) "Delivery by electronic means" includes:

(a) Delivery to an electronic mail address at which a party has consented to receive notice; and

(b) Posting on an electronic network, together with separate notice to a party directed to the electronic mail address at which the party has consented to receive notice of the posting.

(3) Homeowner's Insurance.

(a) "Homeowner's insurance" means insurance for residential property that provides one or more of the following coverages:

(i) Fire;

(ii) Extended coverage;

(iii) Vandalism and malicious mischief;

(iv) Burglary;

(v) Theft; or

(vi) Personal liability.

(b) "Homeowner's insurance" does not include:

(i) An umbrella policy; or

(ii) Property insurance or casualty insurance issued to an individual, a sole proprietor, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or similar entity and intended to insure against loss arising from the business pursuits of the insured entity.