

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Testing Waiver Request for Teachers Participating in the Visiting Teacher Program Sponsored by the Spanish Ministry of Education

Type of Executive Summary:

- Action
- Action on First Reading
- Discussion
- Information

Policy Implications:

- Constitution _____
- General Statute # _____
- SBE Policy # QP-A-001
- SBE Policy Amendment
- SBE Policy (New)
- APA # _____
- APA Amendment
- APA (New)
- Other

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Description:

NC is one of 38 states that have an agreement with the Spanish Ministry of Education that includes visiting teachers. In the fall, the Spanish government publishes an official announcement inviting applications from individuals to participate in the visiting teacher program. Because the SBE had not passed the policy requiring ACTFL proficiency testing for international teachers (licensed, but not in their native language) seeking to be licensed in their native language in NC, the requirement was not included in the official announcement published by the Spanish Ministry of Education last fall. The Spanish Ministry of Education is requesting that the ACTFL proficiency testing requirement be waived for their teachers for the 2007-08 school year. The Ministry will include the requirement in future announcements, so the request is for this specific group of teachers. These teachers would be licensed teachers, with a major in English, but seeking to be licensed to teach Spanish in NC. We anticipate approximately 15 teachers would fall into this category.

Resources:

NA

Input Process:

The request was initiated by the Department of Public Instruction based on communication with the Spanish Ministry of Education.

Stakeholders:

International Faculty participating in the program sponsored by the Spanish Ministry of Education.

Timeline For Action:

It is requested that Action on First Reading be taken.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the State Board of Education waive the ACTFL proficiency testing requirements for teachers placed in NC through the Spanish Ministry of Education for the 2007-08 school year.

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