

## **RULE IMPACT STATEMENT**

### **210:20-9-102. Paraprofessional credential and Career/career development program for paraprofessionals [AMENDED]**

#### **a. What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

The rule outlining qualifications for public school paraprofessionals, as well as the program through which paraprofessionals can become certified as teachers, is being updated to clarify federal requirements and state practice. The current language of the rule does not reflect the requirements for paraprofessionals in the special education context, which exceed the requirements for eligibility as a Title I or general elementary paraprofessional. The rule update will provide for a distinct credential for qualifying special education paraprofessionals, as well as clarify the process for how a paraprofessional credential may be obtained from the State Department of Education (OSDE).

#### **b. What classes of persons will be affected by the proposed rule change and what classes of persons will bear the costs of the proposed rule change?**

The change will affect the State Department of Education Office of Certification, individuals applying for a paraprofessional credential, and individuals applying for provisional teacher certification through the paraprofessional career development program.

#### **c. What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**

The change will benefit paraprofessionals, teachers provisionally certified through the paraprofessional career development program, and school districts that employ such paraprofessionals and teachers, by streamlining the credentialing process and providing clear guidance on qualifications and roles.

#### **d. What is the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions?**

The agency does not anticipate any economic impact upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions as a result of implementation of the proposed rule change at this time.

#### **e. What is the probable cost to the agency to implement and enforce the proposed rule change?**

The agency does not anticipate any cost to the agency to implement and enforce as a result of the proposed change in the rule at this time. Additional record keeping, if any, will be performed by existing staff.

#### **f. What is the economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change?**

The agency does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change at this time.

**g. Will implementing the rule change have an adverse effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act?**

The agency does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small business as a result of the proposed rule change at this time.

**h. Are there any other methods which are less costly, nonregulatory, or less intrusive to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

No.

**i. Will the rule change impact the public health, safety, and environment, and is the change designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment? If so, explain nature of risk and to what extent the proposed rule change will reduce the risk.**

The agency does not anticipate any impact on public health, safety, or environment as a result of implementation of the proposed rule at this time.

**j. What detrimental effect will there be on the public health, safety, and environment if the rule change is not implemented?**

The agency does not anticipate any detrimental effect on public health, safety, or environment as a result of failure to implement the proposed rule at this time.

**k. Date Prepared:** November 30, 2018