

Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

January 12, 2023



Agenda Item: Rules: Chapter 72 – Accreditation of Area Education Agencies (Notice)

State Board Priority: Eliminating Achievement and Opportunity Gaps

State Board Role/Authority: The State Board has the authority to adopt these rules pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.7(5).

Presenter(s): None – Consent Agenda

Attachment(s): One

Recommendation: The Department recommends the State Board give notice of its intent to adopt these amendments to Chapter 72.

Background: This proposed rule making adds missing required elements to the rule on area education agency accreditation standards. These changes are long overdue.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Notice of Intended Action

The State Board of Education hereby proposes to amend Chapter 72, “Accreditation of Area Education Agencies,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.7(5).

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 637, and 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2088.

Purpose and Summary

This proposed rule making adds missing required elements to the rule on area education agency accreditation standards.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the state of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 281—Chapter 4.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 28, 2023. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1) “b,” an oral presentation regarding this rule making may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making action proposed:

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** subrules 72.4(10) through 72.4(12), inclusive:

72.4(10) The AEA shall maintain a program and services evaluation and reporting system, consistent with the requirements of this chapter.

72.4(11) The AEA shall provide support for school district libraries in accordance with Iowa code section 273.2, subsection 4.

72.4(12) The AEA shall provide support for early childhood service coordination for families and children to meet health, safety, and learning needs, including service coordination under Chapter 281—120.