OFFICE OF CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
February 19-20, 2015

OFFICE OF EDUCATOR QUALITY

B.   Approval of new license code 101 for student interns in MS teacher preparation programs as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act without public comment)

Background Information: The Office of Educator Quality recommends that a teacher intern enrolled in an educator preparation program at a Mississippi Institution of Higher Learning be issued a professional license (endorsement 101) through the Mississippi Department of Education. A teacher intern shall then be held accountable to the MS Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct, upon beginning a teaching internship in a Mississippi school. Unethical teacher intern behavior shall be reported, as unethical teacher behavior is reported, through the Appendix C form in the Procedures for Reporting Infractions Handbook.

The Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development approved the recommendation for this new license on July 11, 2014.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

ONE YEAR TEACHER INTERN LICENSE

The non-renewable teacher intern license (101) is issued to a student of a nationally accredited teacher preparation program in MS and is NOT currently employed in a teaching position. This license is specific to those working to complete a teacher preparation degree program in MS.

License	Requirements	Validity	To Convert to a Five Year Educator License
Class A	1. Current enrollment in a traditional education degree program from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning in MS 2. Pass Praxis I (Pre-Professional Skills Test-PPST) or CASE (Core Academic Skills for Educators)	1 year	1. An online recommendation from the teacher preparation program should be made upon completion of the degree and certification requirements. 2. Bachelor's degree or higher in Teacher Education from a state approved or NCATE/CAEP approved program from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning 3. Praxis II (Principles of Learning and Teaching Test) 4. Praxis II (Specialty Area Test) in Degree program

*This license requires an online recommendation from the teacher preparation program. Once the online recommendation is made, the educator must apply for the license online.