

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item
Consent Agenda
December 19, 2024

DIVISION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION

- F. Approval of Delta State University's request to delete its approved traditional teacher education preparation licensure-track Bachelor of Science programs in English Education 7-12 (119), Mathematics Education 7-12 (154), Music Education K-12 Instrumental (165), Music Education K-12 Vocal (166), Physical Education K-12 (144), and Social Studies 7-12 (192)

Background Information: In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2 there is established within the MDE the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. It shall be the purpose and duty of the commission to make recommendations to the Mississippi Board of Education regarding standards for the certification and licensure and continuing professional development of those who teach or perform tasks of an educational nature in the public schools of Mississippi.

On May 13, 2024, Delta State University (DSU) announced its intention to close the following programs as a part of broader restructuring: Bachelor of Science degrees in English Education, Mathematics Education, Music Education, Physical Education, and Social Studies Education. The Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) approved DSU's request to close the programs and offer a new Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education (BSSE) degree to be housed in the reorganized College of Education, Arts, and Humanities during its meeting on August 15, 2024. DSU has provided definitive timelines and guidance regarding the process for candidate program completion via teachout plans and its proposal for a new Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education degree. On November 1, 2024, at its regular meeting, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development granted approval of the request made by DSU to delete its approved traditional teacher education preparation licensure-track Bachelor of Science programs in English Education 7-12 (119), Mathematics Education 7-12 (154), Music Education K-12 Instrumental (165), Music Education K-12 Vocal (166), Physical Education K-12 (144), and Social Studies 7-12 (192).

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None