**VSBPE**

**Date: Oct. 14, 2021**

**Item:** **Adoption of Praxis II 5302 for Reading/ELA Specialist or Coordinator**

**ITEM:** Shall the VSBPE adopt the updated Praxis II Content test for Reading/ELA Specialist or Coordinator test code 5302, which is replacing Praxis II Content test for Reading/ELA Specialist or Coordinator test code 5301?

**AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the VSBPE shall not adopt** **the updated Praxis II Content test for Reading/ELA Specialist or Coordinator test code 5302 and drop the Praxis II testing requirement for the 76 and 78 endorsements.**

**BACKGROUND:** ETS is discontinuing the use of the Praxis II 5301 in November 2021 and replacing it with the updated 5302 test. The (76) Reading/ELA Specialist and (78) Reading/ELA Coordinator endorsements have been sunset by VSBPE and replaced by the new (79) Specialized Literacy Professional Endorsement, which has no Praxis II testing requirement. Because endorsements 76 and 78 are available for currently enrolled legacy candidates until July 1, 2022, there is the unlikely possibility that a candidate for 76 or 78 will apply through transcript review between November 2021 and July 2022 without testing requirements met. Adoption of 5302 for 8 months will only require the completion of two forms by the Licensing office but will require extensive use of resources by our partners at ETS to implement. Additionally, updates to the 5302 test have created a misalignment with the 76-specialist endorsement, which traditionally has few leadership and supervisory responsibilities.