

VSBPE

Date: 7 April 2020

Item: Extension of 2020 Licensure Expiration Date

ITEM: Considering the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, shall the VSPBE extend the expiration date for educator licenses scheduled to expire on 30 June 2020?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the VSBPE extend the expiration date for all educator licenses scheduled to expire on 30 June 2020 until 90 days after the governor cancels the current state of emergency.

BACKGROUND: Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, many educators up for licensure are unable to complete required elements of their relicensure applications including criminal background checks, PRAXIS assessments, and professional learning. While the Office has been developing ways to keep applications open while awaiting a resumption of normalcy, we have continually heard from the field that extending the licensure expiration date would better reduce anxiety.

Rather than set a specific date, we are recommending that the exact date at which licenses expire be determined by the cancellation of the state of emergency. Setting a date of 90 days after the end of the state of emergency would give educators approximately the same amount of time to complete their application as they did before the state of emergency was ordered.