

OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
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EDUCATOR LICENSURE

20. Approval of Teacher Education Program Accreditation for the Institutions that met the 2010 Process and Performance Standards as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Licensure and Certification and Development

Executive Summary:

The Mississippi Department of Education's Annual Process and Performance Review of teacher education programs was an outgrowth of the Mississippi Education Reform Act of 1982, which called for the setting of standards and criteria for all educator preparation programs in Mississippi colleges and universities. The most current state review process, which was approved in 2006, consists of 10 process standards and two performance standards that each program must meet. Trained state examiners conduct onsite peer reviews of the educator preparation programs and prepare a report of their findings based on the prescribed standards. Per Mississippi Code, Section 37-3-2, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Licensure and Certification and Development reviews the state team findings and recommends to the State Board of Education each year the approval or disapproval of each educator preparation program in the state and assigns a status of "Approved," "Approved with Reservation" or "Non-Approved."

Mississippi has 15 institutions of higher learning that provide educator preparation programs and are thus subject to annual review and approval through the state Process and Performance Review and state Modified NCATE Review for approval. Those programs recommended for approval are the following eight public colleges and universities: Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and The University of Southern Mississippi. The seven private institutions recommended for approval are Belhaven University, Blue Mountain College, Millsaps College, Mississippi College, Rust College, Tougaloo College and William Carey University.

Recommendation: Approval

Backup material attached