**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**Public Hearing.** The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing in Mabry Hall located at the Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, on Friday, July 26, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (MDT). The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed repeal and replace of 6.60.3 NMAC, Alternative Licensure; 6.60.7 NMAC, Educator Licensure Application Fee; and 6.65.3 NMAC, Educator Preparation Program Accountability. At the hearing, the PED will provide a verbal summary statement on record. Attendees who wish to provide public comment on record will be given three (3) minutes to make a statement concerning the rule changes. Written comment will also be accepted at the hearing.

**Explanation of Purpose and Summary of Text.**

The purpose of the proposed repeal and replace of **6.60.3 NMAC, Alternative Licensure** is to update the pathways and requirements for seeking alternative teaching and administrative licensure. Additionally, the structure of the rule was re-organized.

The purpose of the proposed repeal and replace of **6.60.7 NMAC, Educator Licensure Application Fee** is to update educator license fees and clarify the cost for each type of license.

The purpose of the proposed repeal and replace of **6.65.3 NMAC, Educator Preparation Program Accountability** is to clarify expectations for Educator Preparation Programs. Additionally, the structure of the rule was re-organized.

**Statutory Authorization(s):**

Sections 22-2-1 NMSA 1978; 22-2-2 NMSA 1978; 22-8-44 NMSA 1978 and 22-10A-3 NMSA 1978; 22-10A-6 NMSA 1978; 22-10A-8 NMSA 1978; Section 22-10A-19.2 NMSA 1978; Section 21-22E-3 NMSA 1978.

No technical information served as a basis for this proposed rule change.

**Public Comment.**  Interested parties may provide comment at the public hearing or may submit written comments by mail to John Sena, Policy Division, New Mexico Public Education Department, 300 Don Gaspar Avenue, Room 101, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, by electronic mail to rule.feedback@state.nm.us, or by fax to (505) 827-6520. All written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (MDT) on Friday, July 26, 2019. The PED encourages the early submission of written comments. The public comment period is from June 25, 2019 to July 26, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. (MDT).

The PED will review all feedback received during the public comment period and issue communication regarding a final decision at a later date.

Copies of the proposed rules may be accessed through the page titled, “Rule Notification,” on the PED's website at <http://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/policy-innovation-measurement/rule-notification/>, or may be obtained from John Sena at (505) 570-7816 during regular business hours.

Individuals with disabilities who require the above information in an alternative format or need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in the public hearing, are asked to contact John Sena at (505) 570-7816 as soon as possible before the date set for the public hearing. The PED requires at least ten (10) calendar days advance notice to provide any special accommodations requested.