Title 5—DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
Division 20—Division of Learning Services
Chapter 400—Office of Educator Quality

EMERGENCY AMENDMENT

5 CSR 20-400.220 Application for Substitute Certificate of License to Teach. The State Board of Education (board) is amending section (1).

PURPOSE: This amendment updates the number of required semester hours from sixty (60) semester hours to thirty-six (36) semester hours of college credit for a substitute certificate.

EMERGENCY STATEMENT: This emergency amendment is necessary due to schools experiencing and reporting severe staffing challenges. The number of candidates preparing to be teachers has been declining steadily over the past six (6) years, and the pandemic has exacerbated this crisis and created widespread teacher shortage issues. These issues have created an increased need for substitute teachers. As a result, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) finds a compelling governmental interest, which requires this emergency action. The scope of this emergency amendment is limited to the circumstances creating the emergency and complies with the protections extended in the Missouri and United States Constitutions. The department believes this emergency amendment is fair to all interested persons and parties under the circumstances. This emergency amendment was filed August 30, 2022, becomes effective September 14, 2022, and expires March 12, 2023.

(1) An applicant for a substitute Missouri certificate of license to teach who has successfully completed [sixty (60)] thirty-six (36) semester hours or more of college level credit from a regionally-accredited academic degree granting institution recognized by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department), or has a high school diploma, General Education Diploma (GED), or High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), and has successfully completed a minimum of twenty (20) clock hours of department-approved substitute teacher training that includes professionalism, honoring diversity, engaging students, foundational classroom management techniques, basic instructional strategies, supporting students with special needs, and working with at-risk youth may be granted a substitute Missouri certificate of license to teach pursuant to the rules promulgated by the State Board of Education (board).


PUBLIC COST: This emergency amendment will cost state agencies or political subdivisions less than five hundred dollars ($500) in the time that the emergency is effective.