



# INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Indiana State Board of Education  
**From:** Brian Murphy  
**Date:** September 9, 2015  
**RE:** Teacher Licensure Rule Amendment

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**Recommendation:** Vote to approve the following redlined amendment to rule 511 IAC 15-7-2(c):

(c) In taking final action to approve the assessments and minimum acceptable score, the board shall establish the effective date of the approved assessments and minimum acceptable scores that shall be:

- (1) ninety (90) days or more after the date of the final action, if the board raises the minimum acceptable scores; or
- (2) the date of the final action or later, if the board lowers the minimum acceptable scores.

This language will: 1) give the SBOE more flexibility to set the effective dates of lowered cut scores<sup>1</sup>, and 2) continue to provide fair notice (90 days) to test-takers when the SBOE raises cut scores.

In terms of next steps, once adopted by the SBOE, this amendment will be published for public comment, and a public hearing will be held. After the public comment period is complete, staff will provide to the SBOE: recommended final rule language, a summary of all comments received, as well as copies of any comments submitted in writing. The SBOE will then vote on final rule language. As with all administrative rules, the SBOE has flexibility to adopt the staff recommendation or make changes to the proposed final rule language. The only limitations are: 1) any change must be an outgrowth of public comment; and 2) the SBOE must approve precise language (written or verbal) and not concepts alone.

This is a joint recommendation from the Department staff and SBOE staff.

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<sup>1</sup> Pearson, the vendor for teacher assessments, has indicated that currently they cannot implement new cut scores in less than 45 days, although enhanced technology may shorten that period in the future.

The entire rule can be reviewed at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/20141217-IR-511130399FRA.xml.pdf>.