## OFFICE OF CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER Summary of State Board of Education Items June 19-20, 2014

### **OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE**

37. <u>Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To modify the title</u> of the 216 Speech/Language Therapist bachelor's level license to 216 Speech Associate and clarify the language within the 216 guidelines

### **Background Information:**

The Speech Language Task Force (SLTF) presented concerns regarding the 216 Speech/Language Therapist license to the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education and Certification and Licensure and Development (the Commission) at the March 7, 2014, meeting. The concerns consisted of (1) an appropriate title for the 216 Speech/Language Therapist license holder and (2) changing the scope of practice from "articulation disorders" to "functional articulation disorders."

The Commission approved changing the title of the 216 Speech/Language Therapist license at the May 2, 2014, meeting on the recommendations of the SLTF. In addition, the Commission approved modifying the language in the guidelines to specify that the license holder can provide "functional articulation" therapy.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material

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# 216 Speech/Language Therapist Speech Associate

#### FIVE YEAR EDUCATOR LICENSE - SPEECH/LANGUAGE THERAPIST SPEECH ASSOCIATE (216)

This is a five-year license issued on the bachelor's level for Speech Pathology. The bachelor's level Speech Language Therapist Speech Associate Associate would be limited to the type of services that they could provide to students. A bachelor's level Speech Teacher Speech Associate could provide Articulation functional articulation therapy, articulation testing, write IEP's and provide speech therapy. They could not provide language therapy, language assessments, voice or fluency or their corresponding assessments and they could not chair any type of eligibility determination committee. The bachelor's level Speech Language Therapist Speech Associate must be supervised by a master's level fully certified Speech/Language Clinician.

License	Requirements	Validity	Renewal
2	<ol> <li>Licensure application</li> <li>Complete an approved bachelor's degree program from an accredited institution in Speech Pathology, Communication Disorders or Speech and Hearing Sciences</li> <li>CORE (Core Academic Skills for Educators)</li> </ol>	5 years	Ten (10) continuing education units (CEUs) in content or job/skill related area OR Three (3) semester hours in content or job/skill related area AND Five (5) continuing education units (CEUs) in content or job/skill related area OR Six (6) semester hours in content or job/skill related area OR Completion of the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards process