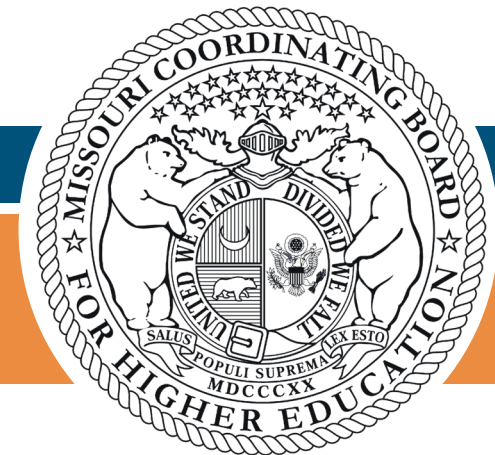


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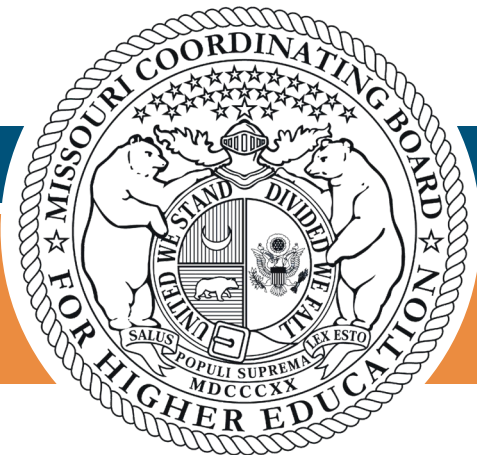
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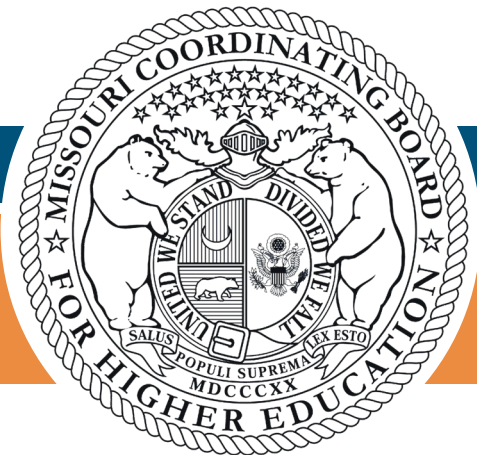
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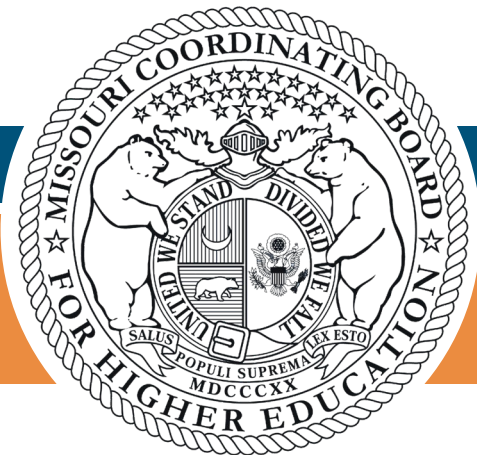
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Roll Call

Determination of Quorum

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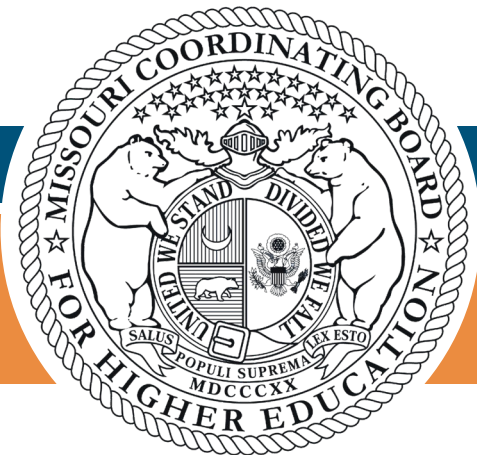


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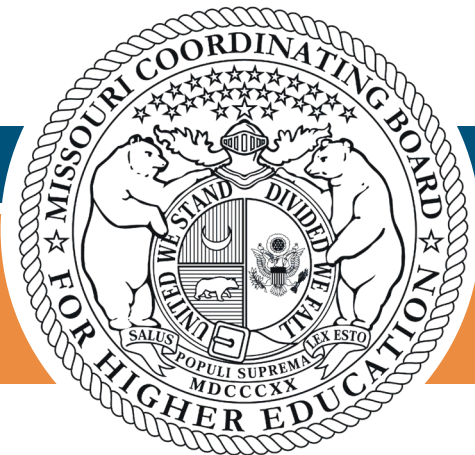
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Proposed Emergency Amendment to the A+ Scholarship Program Administrative Rule

Action Item

Leroy Wade

Deputy Commissioner - Operations



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Background

- **Current A+ EOC Requirement**
 - **Score proficient or advanced on Algebra I EOC; or**
 - **Score proficient or advanced on higher level math EOC (Geometry or Algebra II); or**
 - **Achieve a combined GPA/ACT math sub-score on the following scale**
 - **GPA of 2.5 – ACT math score of 17**
 - **GPA of 2.8 – ACT math score of 16**
 - **GPA of 3.0 – ACT math score of 15**



Background

- **Implementation**
 - **Adopted by CBHE in 2011; effective for 2015 high school seniors**
 - **Based on recommendation from work group established by Governor's office**
 - **Intended to reduce remediation by ensuring better postsecondary preparation**



Current Status

- **EOC Waiver**
 - **Waived for 2020 and 2021 seniors**
 - **In response to DESE dropping EOC test requirement for 2020 academic year and ACT testing disruption**
 - **Based on COVID-19 emergency declaration**
 - **Declaration expired December 31, 2021**



Proposed Action

- **Eliminate EOC requirement and alternatives for 2022 high school seniors**
- **Submit an emergency administrative rule amendment to implement change**
 - **“The rule is necessary to preserve a compelling governmental interest that requires an early effective date.” (Section 536.025, RSMo)**
 - **Early effective date is necessary in order to provide proposed relief to 2022 seniors**



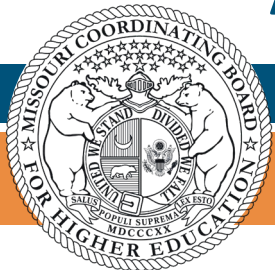
Proposed Action

- **Conducted Outreach to Stakeholders**
 - **MCCA endorsed change**
 - **No opposition from Commissioner's Advisory Committee**
 - **Solicited comment from A+ community (secondary and postsecondary)**
 - **Full support for temporary waiver**



Next Steps

- **Remaining Concerns**
 - Several additional student cohorts have experienced issues with EOC testing
- **Rule Amendment Options**
 - Follow standard rulemaking process to waive the EOC requirement for 2023 and 2024 seniors
 - EOC requirement is appropriate for a merit-based program
 - Permanent elimination of EOC requirement
 - Changes in remediation since 2011
 - Barrier to participation for some students
- **Anticipate Action at Future CBHE Meeting**



Questions or Discussion



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Recommendation

Staff recommend that the Coordinating Board direct the Commissioner of Higher Education to take all steps necessary to file the attached proposed emergency amendment to the A+ Scholarship administrative rule with the Secretary of State at the earliest possible date.

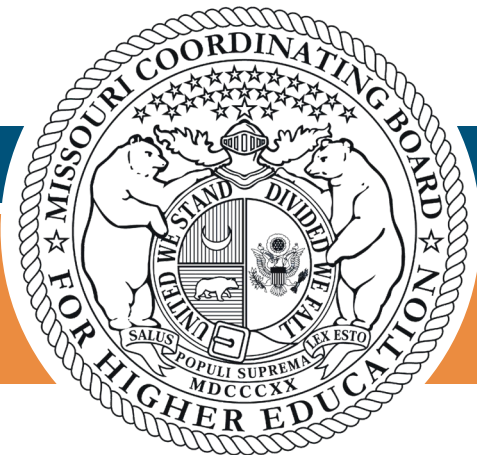


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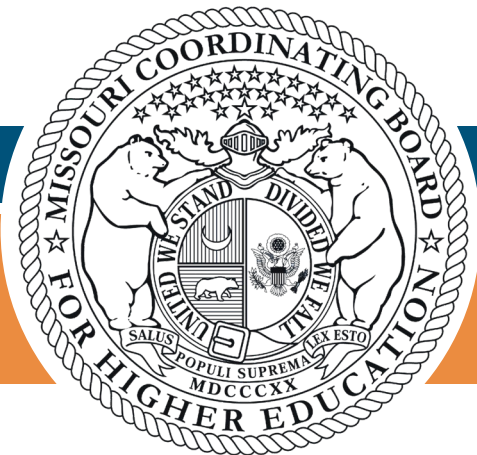


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