

**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control 300 Department or Agency Alabama Commission on Higher Education
Rule No. 300-4-12-.12
Rule Title: Application Procedures for Loan Repayment Program
 New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? No

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

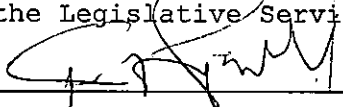
Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer 

Date September 17, 2019

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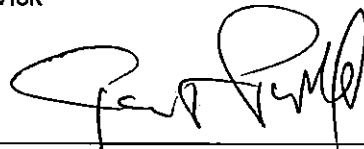
INTENDED ACTION: Amend existing procedures to incorporate changes made to the program by Alabama Act 2019-389.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To add the teaching field of Computer Science to the list of eligible teaching fields included in the Alabama Math and Science Teacher Education Program (AMSTEP) Loan Repayment Program.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Persons wishing to present views on these amended rules may contact Tim Vick, Director of Operations and Fiscal Services, Alabama Commission on Higher Education, P.O. Box 302000, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2000, Telephone 334-353-9153 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day up to and including November 8, 2019.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: November 8, 2018

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Timothy W. Vick



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300-4-12-.12 Application Procedures for Loan Repayment Program

- (1) Information concerning the Loan Repayment Program shall be:
 - (a) Sent to the Alabama State Department of Education for distribution to the local school districts;
 - (b) Sent to the Alabama Education Association for distribution to its members;
 - (c) Sent to the Schools/Colleges of Education at all Alabama State Board of Education approved institutions;
 - (d) Posted on the ACHE website.
- (2) Applications shall be made to the Commission on Higher Education. Applications shall be posted on the Commission's website.
- (3) Applications must be received by ACHE by August 1 of each year.
- (4) Loan repayment award recipients must reapply for the program annually.
- (5) In addition to the application, each applicant must submit the following:
 - (a) Documentation that they are a graduate of an approved institution offering ALSBE approved certification programs in math or science or computer science. Submitted one time.
 - (b) Documentation that they hold a valid Alabama professional educator certificate endorsed in secondary math or science or computer science, or ~~both~~ all three. Submitted one time and then again when renewed.
 - (c) Documentation from the employing school district or at an Alabama Public Charter School Commission approved charter school that they taught the previous semester. This may be a letter from either their superintendent's office or their supervising principal. Submitted prior to each requested payment.
 - (d) Documentation that they hold a federal student loan. Documentation must include the amount owed. If the award amount is larger than the outstanding loan balance, the award amount shall be reduced to the amount of the loan balance. Submitted prior to each requested payment.

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Statutory Authority: ~~Alabama Act 2018-504~~ Code of Alabama, 1975, Title 16-5-53(a)

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Rule No. 300-4-12-.11
Rule Title: Eligible Applicants and Award Amounts for Loan Repayment Program

_____ New Amend _____ Repeal _____ Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? No

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

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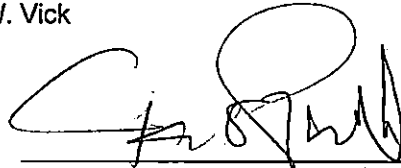
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300-4-12-.11 Eligible Applicants and Award Amounts for Loan Repayment Program

(1) **Base Program:** To be eligible for the base loan repayment program for math and science teachers of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per semester worked or \$5,000 per year, for a maximum of four consecutive years, or to be eligible for the base loan repayment program for computer science teachers of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per semester worked or \$3,000 per year, for a maximum of four consecutive years an applicant shall satisfy all of the following:

(a) Be a graduate of a ALSBE approved program in math or science or computer science beginning with the Spring term of 2018, at the baccalaureate or master's level, from an approved institution leading to an initial secondary professional educator certificate endorsed in math or science or computer science. A teacher who only earns a passing score on the Praxis test in math or science or computer science to add a certificate endorsement for math or science or computer science, and who has not completed an entire approved program, does not satisfy this requirement.

(b) Holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate endorsed in secondary math or science or computer science, or ~~both~~ all three.

(c) Is teaching math or science or computer science full-time in an Alabama public school district or at an Alabama Public Charter School Commission approved charter school.

(d) Is a citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States.

(e) Has been a resident of Alabama for at least 12 months before the application deadline and provides documentation proving a permanent connection to the State of Alabama. The commission shall accept any one of the following as proof of residency:

1. A current valid Alabama driver's license.
2. A current valid Alabama vehicle registration.
3. A current valid Alabama voter registration card.

(f) Has outstanding federal student loans, subsidized or unsubsidized.

(2) **Supplemental Program:** In order to receive a supplement pursuant to this act, in addition to all of the criteria listed above, a recipient shall also teach math or science, or both, in a geographic area within the state with an acute teacher shortage in math or science, or both. The supplement is an additional two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per year, or one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250) per semester worked, for a maximum of four consecutive years. Computer Science teachers will not be eligible to receive the acute shortage area supplement, until such time as the Alabama Commission on Higher Education and the State Department of Education concur that there is sufficient need or resources, or both, available to allow its inclusion.

(a) Geographic areas with acute shortages in math or science or both will be identified by the Commission in consultation with the State Department of Education.

(b) The Commission will approve the geographic areas in which teachers will be eligible for the supplement.

(c) The list of eligible geographic areas will be published on the Commission's website.

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300-4-12-.09 Definitions for Loan Repayment Program

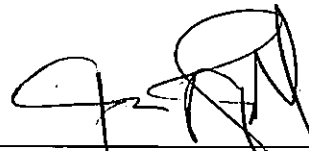
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300-4-12-.09 Definitions for Loan Repayment Program

(1) **APPROVED INSTITUTION.** A state-supported institution of higher education or a private nonprofit institution of higher education that satisfies all of the following:

(a) Is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

(b) Is approved by the Alabama State Board of Education (ALSBE) to prepare teachers of secondary math or science or computer science, or all three both.

(c) Is eligible to receive Title IV federal student aid program funds.

(d) Maintains its primary headquarters in Alabama.

(2) **COMMISSION.** The Alabama Commission on Higher Education. .

(3) **ELIGIBLE APPLICANT.** A person who satisfies the criteria set out in this act and is found to be eligible by rules adopted by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

(4) **PROGRAM.** The Alabama Math and Science Teacher Education Program created by this act and administered by the commission that provides loan repayments to a teacher with a valid Alabama professional educator certificate endorsed in math or science or computer science, who teaches math or science or computer science full-time in the Alabama public school system.

(5) **SCIENCE.** Biology, chemistry, physics, and general science. The ALSBE approved general science certificate includes all sciences with the exception of computer science.

(6) **YEAR.** A school year that shall be divided into fall and spring semesters. The term does not mean calendar, fiscal, or scholastic year.

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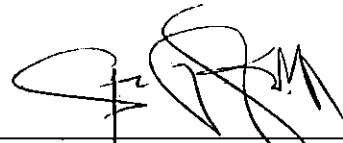
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300-4-12-.08 Purpose of Loan Repayment Program

- (1) To encourage individuals to enroll in and complete programs leading to Alabama certification in mathematics or science or computer science.
- (2) To improve the educational system in Alabama by encouraging those who complete the program to accept math or science or computer science teaching positions in Alabama public schools, preferably in public school systems where the shortage of math or science teachers, or both, is most acute.

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