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NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE

AGENCY: West Virginia Board of Education TITLE NUMBER: 126

RULE TYPE: Legislative; CITE AUTHORITY WV Code 18A-4-8

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: 146A (Policy 5314.01)

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: Autism Mentor

IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON August 3 1992 AT 4:45 p.m. ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS.

Nancy L. Thabet, Director

Office of Special Education Programs and

Assurances

West Virginia Dept. of Education

Capitol Bldg. #6, Room B-304

Charleston, WV 25305

THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD SHALL BE LIMITED TO THIS PROPOSED RULE.

Barbara L. Estep
June 29, 1992

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

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FISCAL NOTE WORKSHEET

HD NO 4552 DRAFT NO _____ BILL NO _____ RESOLUTION NO _____
 SUBJECT WV Code 18A-4-8 Autism Mentor FUND General

SOURCE OF REVENUE: GENERAL SPECIAL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

COST ESTIMATE BASED ON: AN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE BUDGET BILL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

INCOME ESTIMATE BASED ON: AN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE BUDGET BILL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

SHOW OVER-ALL EFFECT IN ITEMS 1 AND 2 AND ITEM 3 GIVE EXPLANATION OF BREAKDOWN BY FISCAL YEAR INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
1. ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	\$	\$	\$ 35,000	\$ 38,500	\$ 42,350
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	\$	\$ 35,000	\$ 38,500	\$ 42,350
CURRENT EXPENSES					
REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS					
EQUIPMENT					
OTHER					
2. ESTIMATED TOTAL REVENUES	\$	\$	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

3. EXPLANATION OF ABOVE ESTIMATES (INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT):

It is assumed that there are approximately 30 aides that may qualify for this position. These aides would range from the beginning step to step 30 on the experience scale. Based upon an estimation of appropriate salary steps and corresponding benefits, the cost would be approximately \$35,000.00

It is assumed that an increase in salary and benefits at approximately 10% per year would occur.

IMPACTS
FISCAL:

STATE
STAFF:

DATE

AGENCY

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Proposed Standards for Autism Mentor

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to establish standards and experience for the position of autism mentor.

BACKGROUND

The 1992 Legislative Session amended §18A-4-8 to include the service personnel class title of autism mentor. An autism mentor will act as an aide in the provision of services to autistic students. The West Virginia Board of Education was charged with establishing standards and experience for autism mentor.

TITLE
LEGISLATIVE RULE
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
SERIES 146 A
POLICY 5314.01

TITLE: Autism Mentor

Section 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 Scope This policy provides the mandated standards for the service personnel class title "Autism Mentor".
- 1.2 Authority West Virginia Code §18A-4-8 Employment term and class titles of service personnel; definitions.
- 1.3 Filing Date
- 1.4 Effective Date
- 1.5 Replaced Policy None

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish standards for the position of autism mentor.

Section 3. Standards and Experience

- 3.1 Meet the qualifications of "Aide III" as delineated in §18A-4-8.
- 3.2 Two years of successful experience working with autistic students.
- 3.3 Physical ability and stamina.

RESPONSE FORM

Policy 5314.01: Autism Mentor

Directions: Please use this form in commenting on the proposed Policy 5314.01: Autism Mentor.

Individual/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Section	Comments and Suggested Revisions
General	
Purpose	
Standards and Experience	

Section

Comments and Suggested Revisions

Additional comments may be attached on separate page(s).

Please submit comments by July 22, 1992 to:

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Proposed Standards for Autism Mentors

The State Board of Education is charged with the responsibility for the provision of qualified professional and service personnel to meet the instructional needs of students. The State Board reaffirms the right of students with disabilities to receive a free appropriate public education through the establishment of standards for autism mentors.

Therefore, the State Board charges each local educational agency with the responsibility for employing qualified autism mentors and for providing specialized training for this class title of service personnel.