June 10, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: County and City Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Emergency Certificates

Governor Kay Ivey has now signed into law HB506, 2019 Regular Session, Act 2019-364. This new law extends the validity of an Emergency Certificate to two years. In order to assist in meeting your planning needs for the upcoming school year, superintendents may immediately (for the 2019-2020 school year) request an Emergency Certificate for any qualified applicant in a teaching field for which a certified teacher is not available for employment.

We will accept new applications for a two-year Emergency Certificate even if the person has been issued an Emergency Certificate prior to the date of this memorandum. Pursuant to Act 2019-364, Emergency Certificates will be valid for two years, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year with an option to be renewed once, for a total validity period of four years. We anticipate the Alabama State Board of Education will adopt administrative rules in the near future to provide for the extension or renewal of these two-year Emergency Certificates.

Application forms and further guidance will be available July 1, 2019. If you have questions, please direct them to Ms. Shavon H. Cummings (scummings@alsde.edu) or to the Educator Certification staff member for your school system.

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