STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
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CONCORD, NH 03301

Rulemaking Notice Form

Notice Number: 2026-154

Rule Number: Ed 507.47

1. **Agency:** Board of Education
   Agency Address: c/o Department of Education
   25 Hall St.
   Concord, NH 03301

2. **RSA Authority:** RSA 186:8, V-VI

3. **Federal Authority:** 42 CFR 300.156

4. **Action(s):** Adoption, Repeal

5. **Short Title:** Special Education Teacher in the Area of Blind and Visual Impairment

6. **(a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:**

   The board of education is proposing to readopt with amendment Ed 507.47, regarding the requirements for licensure of a special education teacher in the area of blind and visual impairment. The proposed revisions are based on the standards developed by the Council for Exceptional Children. The following revisions are being proposed:

   - The area of foundations in the current (b)(1) is deleted, and the new (b)(1) includes the areas of learner development and individual learning differences, which is (b)(2)-(3) in the current;

   - The area of learning environments is in the new (b)(2), moved from the current (b)(5);

   - The area of curricular content knowledge is a new standard in the new (b)(3) and also encompasses some of the standards in the area of language that is in the current (b)(6);

   - The area of assessment is in the new (b)(4), moved from the current (b)(8);

- The area of instructional planning and strategies is in the new (b)(5), and combines the current (b)(4) area of instructional strategies and the current (b)(7) area of instructional planning, and also encompasses some of the standards in the area of language in the current (b)(6)

- The area of professional learning and ethical practice is in the new (b)(6) and includes the current (b)(9) and adds the standards for ethical practice; and

- The area of collaboration is in the new (b)(7), moved from the current (b)(10).

This rule is set to expire 8-6-26 but is being extended pursuant to RSA 541-A:14-a. This rule does not implement a statute for the first time.

6. **(b) Brief description of the groups affected:**

Individuals seeking initial licensure or licensure renewal in this endorsement, SAUS and school districts, and educator preparation programs enrolling and education students in the endorsement area.

6. **(c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:**

Rule	**Statute or Federal Regulation Being Implemented**
Ed 507.47	34 CFR 300.156; RSA 186:8, V-VI; RSA 186-C:7-b

7. **Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:**

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8. **Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified:**

Thursday, October 15, 2026

_ **Fax**
X **Email**
_ **Other**

9. **Public hearing scheduled for:**
Date: Thursday, October 8, 2026
Time: 12:00 PM
Place: Department of Education
Events Center
25 Hall St.
Concord, NH 03301

Electronic Access, if applicable: N/A

10. **Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):**

FIS #: 26:134, dated: Wednesday, July 22, 2026

1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

There is no difference in cost when comparing the proposed rule to the existing rule.

2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

34 CFR 300.156 mandates that the state "establish and maintain qualifications to ensure that personnel necessary to carry out the purposes of this part are appropriately and adequately prepared and trained, including that those personnel have the content knowledge and skills to serve children with disabilities." This has no impact on state funds.

3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

A. To State general or State special funds:

None.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

None.

C. To independently owned businesses:

None.

11. **Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:**

This proposal does not mandate any new, expanded, or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision in such a way as to necessitate additional local expenditures by the political subdivisions, and therefore does not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the New Hampshire Constitution.