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TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Nancy S. Grasmick *Nancy*

DATE: June 21-22, 2011

SUBJECT: COMAR 13A.12.03, Specialists  
(AMEND)  
**PERMISSION TO PUBLISH**

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this item is to present, Level 1, non-substantive changes to the regulations in COMAR 13A.12.03, Specialists, for permission to publish and to provide an option to convene a Joint Conference Committee should you so desire.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

At the May 5, 2011 meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB), staff presented a review of proposed changes to COMAR 13A.12.03, Specialists. There were three proposed non-substantive, editorial changes for which the PSTEB requested that staff draft a regulation incorporating those changes. These include: correcting a citation in COMAR 13A.12.03.03, Library Media Specialist; removing the sunset clause from COMAR 13A.12.03.11, School Social Worker; and changing the certification area in COMAR 13A.12.03.02, Guidance Counselor to School Counselor.

**SUMMARY:**

At PSTEB's direction, staff drafted proposed non-substantive, editorial changes to COMAR 13A.12.03, Specialists. Specifically, these changes correct an error in a citation, reflect a name change in a certification area, and remove language which is no longer applicable.

**ACTION:**

This item is presented for information and to provide the option to convene a Joint Conference committee prior to publication should you so desire.

NSG: jhe

Attachment

**.02 [Guidance] School Counselor**

A–D Text unchanged

**.03 Library Media Specialist**

A–B(3)(c) Text unchanged

(d) The total number of post-baccalaureate credits needed for certification will not be reduced for course requirements that are met in the applicant's bachelor's degree program. Additional post-baccalaureate or graduate courses may be substituted if some of the course work described in §B[(2)] 3(b) of this regulation has been acquired as a part of the undergraduate degree program.

**.11 School Social Worker**

A. Text unchanged

[B. On or after December 1, 2008, but not later than March 31, 2009, the Maryland State Board of Education shall initiate a review to consider amending this regulation to include additional criteria to obtain certification as a school social worker, if such criteria are considered appropriate. ]