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The Office of Higher Education (OHE) newsletter describes the current and upcoming activities related to higher education.
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BOARD OF REGENTS MARCH ITEMS
The Board of Regents approved the following regulation amendments for final adoption. They will become effective on
March 28, 2018.

New Computer Science Certificate. There is a growing movement at the state and national levels for students to learn
about computer science in schools. Several national computer science-related organizations collaborated with states,

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Clinical Practice Work Group. The Clinical Practice Work Group has been meeting regularly to discuss best practices and
aspirational goals for field experiences and student teaching in teacher preparation programs and has developed draft
recommendations for changing the regulations related to clinical experiences. The work group collected feedback from
the education community on the draft recommendations through a survey and regional meetings. The feedback from the
survey and regional meetings will be considered by the work group at its March meeting when it develops the final
recommendations for the Board of Regents this spring. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback!
SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROGRAM REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS
In May 2017, the Board of Regents approved new program registration requirements for school counselor education
programs that are listed in Section 52.21(d) of the Commissioner’s Regulations. The registration requirements are based
on feedback from the field over several years. Programs leading to certification in school counseling must meet the new
registration requirements by September 1, 20