



**Input to the State Board for Educator Certification  
Regarding Item 16: Discussion of Amendments to  
19 TAC Chapter 230  
September 30, 2022**

**The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) offers the following input to the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) regarding Item 16: Discussion of Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, and Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators.**

The proposed amendments to §230.1(17) would amend the definition for “Pilot exam” from, “A certification exam that is subject to review by the State Board for Educator Certification prior to September 1, 2022,” to “A certification exam that is subject to review by the State Board for Educator Certification.”

As reflected in the July 2019 SBEC meeting minutes<sup>1</sup>, member Tommy Coleman “recommended staff make additions to the Texas Administrative Code to reflect the edTPA pilot and a date for the pilot to be reviewed by the Board to memorialize the Board’s intention of the edTPA pilot.” SBEC then adopted the addition of the 230.1(17) pilot exam definition, and the rule was published in the Texas Register on October 4, 2019<sup>2</sup>. The preamble, which serves as the rationale for the rule, states, “Since published as proposed, the SBEC, at its July 2019 meeting, adopted a change to add new §230.1(17) to define the term pilot exam to align with the SBEC’s intention of the two-year edTPA pilot and require the SBEC to review the pilot exam by September 1, 2021.”

SBEC’s definition of “pilot exam” memorialized their intent that the edTPA pilot have a defined timeframe for review that reflected the length of the pilot. As every pilot should be reviewed on a regular basis, rather than extending unchecked into perpetuity, **ATPE recommends amending the language defining pilot exam as follows: “A certification exam that is subject to annual review by the State Board for Educator Certification.”** By inserting the word “annual,” any pilot exam, whether edTPA or another exam, is subject to at least one yearly review of any associated data. The language is flexible but also provides the important parameter of SBEC review of implementation and the opportunity for public input.

ATPE appreciates this opportunity to provide feedback. Please contact ATPE Governmental Relations at (800) 777-2873 or [government@atpe.org](mailto:government@atpe.org) for any additional information.

1. SBEC July 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

<https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/Agenda%20Item%205%20July%2026%20Minutes%20%28with%20Motion%20Correction%29.pdf>

2. Adopted/final 19 TAC Chapter 230.1 rules as published in Texas Register:

[https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/regviewerSext.RegPage?sl=R&app=1&p\\_dir=&p\\_rloc=367559&p\\_tloc=&p\\_ploc=&pg=1&p\\_reg=367559&ti=19&pt=7&ch=230&rl=1&issue=10/04/2019&z\\_chk=](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/regviewerSext.RegPage?sl=R&app=1&p_dir=&p_rloc=367559&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_reg=367559&ti=19&pt=7&ch=230&rl=1&issue=10/04/2019&z_chk=)

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