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4 AAC 12.345(a)(1)(B) is amended to read:

(B) for other administrative endorsements, three years of satisfactory employment as a teacher **or special services provider** in an elementary or secondary program with a teacher certificate under 4 AAC 12.305, **a special services certificate (Type C) issued under 4 AAC 12.355,** or a comparable certificate issued by another state;

4 AAC 12.345(a)(1)(C) is amended to read:

(C) for a [DIRECTOR OF] special education **administrator** endorsement, three years of satisfactory employment as a teacher [OR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST] in an elementary or secondary program with a teacher certificate under 4 AAC 12.305 [, A SPECIAL SERVICES (TYPE C) CERTIFICATE,] or a comparable certificate issued in another state;

The lead-in language of 4 AAC 12.345(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) has completed a school administration program accepted by the board or the commissioner, **or for the special education administrator endorsement a special education administration program accepted by the board or the commissioner;** the board or commissioner will only accept a program if the program is

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4 AAC 12.345 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(g) If a special education administrator holds a current valid administrative certificate (Type B) and meets the requirements for renewal of that certificate, but does not meet the teaching and teaching certificate requirements of (a) of this section, the department will issue the individual a special education administrator certificate (Type F) under 4 AAC 12.346, rather than an administrative certificate (Type B) under this section. (Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am ___/___/___, Register ___)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020 **AS 14.30.255**

4 AAC 12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 AAC 12.347. Special education administrator certificate (Type F); provisional certificate (provisional Type F). (a) The department will issue a special education administrator certificate (Type F), valid for five years, to an applicant who has a master's or higher degree, is recommended by the preparing institution, and

(1) has completed three years of satisfactory employment as a school counselor, speech pathologist, or school psychologist in an elementary or secondary program with a special services (Type C) certificate under 4 AAC 12.355 or a comparable certificate issued in another state; and

(2) has completed a special education administration program accepted by the board or the commissioner; the board or commissioner will only accept a program if the program is

(A) offered by a regionally accredited institution of higher education or a

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program approved by the chief school officer in the state in which the program was offered as meeting the state's standards for comparable certificates; and

(B) approved by the board of education or chief school officer of the state in which the program is offered as substantially meeting the unit standards set out in *Standards Procedures & Policies for the Accreditation of Professional Education Units, 1997 Revision* and the program standards set out in *NCATE Curriculum Guidelines, Spring 1998*, published by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the applicant must have earned at least six semester hours of credit within the five years immediately preceding application.

(c) To meet the requirements of (a) of this section, the applicant must have satisfactorily completed three semester hours in Alaska studies and three semester hours in multicultural education or cross-cultural communications.

(d) The commissioner may issue a nonrenewable provisional certificate (provisional Type F), valid for no longer than two years, to an applicant who has completed the requirements of this section, except for the requirements in (c) of this section.

(e) For purposes of certification of special education administrators, a provisional certificate (provisional Type F) may be considered the equivalent of a special education administrator certificate (Type F).

(f) The commissioner may convert a provisional certificate (provisional Type F) to a special education administrator certificate (Type F) upon satisfactory completion of the courses required under (c) of this section and payment of the fee for a special education administrator certificate. (Eff. ___/___/___, Register ___)

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4 AAC 12.350 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(3) a Type F certificate issued under 4 AAC 12.347. (Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am ___/___/____, Register ____)

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