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(a) (1) In accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article, both the State Board and the Board shall develop for consideration rules and regulations for:

(i) ~~The EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE~~ certification of teachers and other professional personnel in accordance with this article; ~~and~~

(ii) Requirements for preparation of teachers and other education personnel; AND

(III) THE CERTIFICATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS EMPLOYED BY A LOCAL SCHOOL EMPLOYER AS PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL.

(2) Rules and regulations developed by the State Board shall be reviewed by the Board.

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(4) Rules and regulations that are initiated by either the State Board or the Board and submitted for review to each other shall be acted upon within 60 days of their receipt by the other party.

(5) Recommendations on rules and regulations that are initiated by the Board shall be implemented unless disapproved by three-fourths of the members of the State Board.

(6) Recommendations on rules and regulations that are initiated by the State Board shall be implemented unless disapproved by the Board.

(7) If the rules or regulations are disapproved under paragraph (6) of this subsection, the rules or regulations shall be implemented if they are approved by three-fourths of the members of the State Board.

(8) An individual who is otherwise qualified may not be denied the right to receive credentials from the Board, to receive training to become a teacher, or to practice teaching in any school because that individual is totally or partially blind.

(9) A county board may not refuse to contract with or engage a teacher because of blindness if the blind teacher is capable of performing the duties of the position for which he has applied.

(10) The right of a school psychologist, who is certified by the Board to practice school psychology consistent with the provisions of that certification, may not be limited by Title 18 of the Health Occupations Article with respect to the practice of school psychology in an educational institution.

~~(11) THE STATE BOARD AND THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS.~~