DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Statutory Authority: 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(b) (14 **Del.C.** §122(b)) 14 **DE Admin. Code** 225

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED

225 Prohibition of Discrimination

Education Impact Analysis Pursuant To 14 Del.C. Section 122(D)

A. Type of Regulatory Action Required

Amendment to Existing Regulation

B. Synopsis of Subject Matter of the Regulation

The Secretary of Education intends to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 225 Prohibition of Discrimination. The amendment includes the addition of the language to be consistent with Executive Order 8. The Executive Order continues the Governor's Council on Equal Employment Opportunity, directs state agencies to pursue equal employment and promotional opportunity for all state employees and applicants, and includes a strong recruitment and retention component.

Persons wishing to present their views regarding this matter may do so in writing by the close of business on or before November 4, 2010 to Susan Haberstroh, Education Associate, Regulation Review, Department of Education, at 401 Federal Street, Suite 2, Dover, Delaware 19901. A copy of this regulation is available from the above address or may be viewed at the Department of Education business office.

C. Impact Criteria

- 1. Will the amended regulation help improve student achievement as measured against state achievement standards? The regulation is related to the prohibition of discrimination for employment.
- 2. Will the amended regulation help ensure that all students receive an equitable education? The regulation is related to the prohibition of discrimination for employment.
- 3. Will the amended regulation help to ensure that all students' health and safety are adequately protected? The regulation is related to the prohibition of discrimination for employment.
- 4. Will the amended regulation help to ensure that all students' legal rights are respected? The regulation is related to the prohibition of discrimination for employment.
- 5. Will the amended regulation preserve the necessary authority and flexibility of decision making at the local board and school level? The regulation is related to the prohibition of discrimination for employment and preserves the necessary authority and flexibility for decision making at the local board and school level.
- 6. Will the amended regulation place unnecessary reporting or administrative requirements or mandates upon decision makers at the local board and school levels? The regulation is related to the prohibition of discrimination for employment and does not place unnecessary reporting or administrative or mandates upon decision makers at the local board and school levels.
- 7. Will the decision making authority and accountability for addressing the subject to be regulated be placed in the same entity? The decision making authority and accountability does not change.
- 8. Will the amended regulation be consistent with and not an impediment to the implementation of other state educational policies, in particular to state educational policies addressing achievement in the core academic subjects of mathematics, science, language arts and social studies? The regulation is related to the prohibition of discrimination and in not an impediment to the implementation of other state educational policies.
- 9. Is there a less burdensome method for addressing the purpose of the regulation? There is not a less burdensome method for addressing the purpose of the regulation.
- 10. What is the cost to the State and to the local school boards of compliance with the regulation? There are no additional costs to the State or to the local school boards for compliance with the regulation.

225 Prohibition of Discrimination

1.0 Prohibition of Discrimination

No person in the State of Delaware shall on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, genetic information, marital status, disability, age or Vietnam Era veteran's status be unlawfully excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving approval or financial assistance from or through the Delaware Department of Education.

2 DE Reg. 1246 (01/01/99) 7 DE Reg. 1177 (03/01/04) 9 DE Reg. 1069 (01/01/06) 14 DE Reg. 221 (10/01/10) (Prop.)