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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Michael Sentance *MS*
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Application Waiver for Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC)
for Career Preparedness

Validation of the JROTC curriculum and plan for implementation was approved in 2013 as an embedded credit for career preparedness as defined by the *Alabama Administrative Code* 29-3-1.02(8)(d)(1)2. Because Alabama's embedded credit policy required courses to incorporate competencies from one subject into another (host) subject, this allowed students to earn credit for both courses. The embedded content was aligned closely to the state standards that were grade-appropriate for the course. A plan was submitted reflecting the crosswalk of courses to validate the standards. A waiver request letter from the system superintendent accompanied this documentation and was submitted to the Deputy State Superintendent of Education for Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development for approval.

Since the JROTC content standards incorporate all career preparedness requirements, these content standards will now stand alone in determining the credit, and the embedded flexibility will be given to each local education agency to offer a career preparedness credit in the JROTC program as an alternative to taking the stand-alone career preparedness course. School system superintendents will no longer be required to submit a JROTC program application waiver to award a career preparedness credit. Should a system be audited, it must prove that all content standards were covered to award embedded credit for career preparedness. The new waiver elimination for JROTC will become effective on March 1, 2017.

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