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**Georgia Department of Education  
Item for State Board of Education Approval  
– Rule –**

**Item Name**

AA - State Board Rule - 160-3-1-.07 TESTING PROGRAMS – STUDENT ASSESSMENT (Adoption)

**Recommendation – Rule Adoption**

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the amendment to State Board of Education Rule 160-3-1-.07 TESTING PROGRAMS – STUDENT ASSESSMENT.

**Supports the Following Education Goal or Goals in the Agency Strategic Plan**

- Increase the percentage of K-5 students with a strong knowledge of foundational skills and concepts
- Increase the percentage of high school graduates who are college and/or career ready

**Rationale**

This rule sets the overarching regulations for implementation of Georgia's student assessment program, which are mandated by both state and federal laws. Given recent changes in state law (Senate Bill 364), and the need for other edits to update the rule, it is necessary to amend the rule.

**Details**

This rule is being amended to reflect changes in state law resulting from Senate Bill 364 (SB 364) as passed by the 2016 Georgia General Assembly and signed by the Governor in May 2016. Additional amendments include the removal of references to testing programs that are retired and no longer administered. The Georgia Milestones End of Course (EOC) Assessment requirement will be incorporated and clarified relative to dual enrollment students. The definition of English Learner-Modified (EL-M) students will be updated in keeping with provisions of the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Other edits will be made to correct acronyms where needed and to provide updated definitions and terminology where necessary.

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