

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW OF
AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
Athens State University**

WHEREAS, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(4)(b)2., requires that approval by the Alabama State Board of Education shall be secured before a proposal for a new program is reviewed by the Office of Teaching and Leading of the Alabama State Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education has received from the President of Athens State University a written request to develop an innovative Class B program; and

WHEREAS, the request lists the specific proposed program for which the Alabama State Board of Education approval is being sought, together with information concerning the factors to be taken into account in determining the need for the program; and

WHEREAS, Athens State University personnel have been advised that the proposed program may not be implemented prior to Alabama State Board of Education approval, based on documentation of compliance with all applicable standards; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends that the program be reviewed by the Office of Teaching and Leading of the Alabama State Department of Education:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby authorizes a review of the following program:

Class B Elementary Education (K-6) and English for Speakers of Other Languages (K-6)
Computer Science (6-12)

Done this 13th day of May 2021

Athens State University
Authorize Review of New Innovative Program
May 13, 2021

Athens State University is seeking to develop an innovative program for Elementary Education (K-6) and English for Speakers of Other Languages (K-6). The intent is to increase the pool of teachers who are well prepared to teach the increasing number of English Language Learners in Alabama's schools. The program is innovative because Alabama's standards for English for Speakers of Other Languages are at the Class A level and are for grades P-12.

