

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW  
OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM  
Auburn University at Montgomery**

**WHEREAS**, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.59(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 Auburn University at Montgomery a written request to develop a Class A Visual Impairment 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 considered in determining the need for the program; and

**WHEREAS**, Auburn University at Montgomery would be the only institution in Alabama approved to prepare Visual Impairment teachers since the University of Alabama in Huntsville closed its program; and

**WHEREAS**, Auburn University at Montgomery has had individuals express an interest in having this program in Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, Auburn University at Montgomery personnel wish to provide teachers to help address the acute shortage of certified applicants; and

**WHEREAS**, Auburn University at Montgomery 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 A Visual Impairment (P-12)

Done this 8th day of May 2025