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Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte  
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State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

For inclusion on the Consent Calendar, pursuant to MOP 1200, I.D., authorize the Department of Education, Bureau of Credentialing, to pay the FY 2026 membership dues to the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, (Vendor Code #254312) of Washington, DC, in the amount of \$3,260, effective upon Governor and Council approval for a period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. 100% Other Funds (Bureau of Credentialing Fees)

Funds are anticipated to be available in the following account for Fiscal Year 2026 as follows:

06-56-56-566510-90080000 Education Credentialing

Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Total Amount
2026	026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$3,260

**EXPLANATION**

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) was founded in 2013. The organization is a professional accreditor of teacher certification programs in U.S. colleges and universities. Membership in addition to approved colleges and universities consists of partnership organizations included but not limited to state departments of education and professional organizations overseeing program approval in teacher certification content areas. The organization was founded as the result of a merger of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) with the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC), and adopted specific standards for accredited organizations to provide a framework that has pushed educator preparation programs to continually self-assess and conduct evidence-based analysis of their programs and their efficacy.

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Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?

*CAEP was founded in 2013 and has provided services to the Department of Education since 2018.*

2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?

*No other organization provides the same or similar benefits.*

3. How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?

*All 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are members. The Department of Education is the only state agency that is a member.*

4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)

*The Department of Education does not have a formal partnership agreement with the CAEP to jointly conduct national accreditation of institution of higher education with state preparation program approvals. The Department pays dues to be kept current with national initiatives in teacher education program improvement and accountability and to fully defray travel and registration costs to participate in its annual three-day national clinic on teacher education issues and initiatives. Dues are calculated based on the number of institutions of higher education in the state who are members of the organization. For FY26, there are 3 institutional members.*

5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?

*The CAEP provides the only recognized national accreditation of teacher preparation programs.*

6. Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.

*Training and educational/research materials are provided by the CAEP and allows the Department of Education to work with site review teams.*

7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.

*No*

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8. Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.

*Travel funds are covered for one Department of Education representative to attend the Annual National Clinic on Best Practices and Policies in Teacher Accreditation.*

9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.)

*State agency employees directly involved with this organization are the administrator overseeing the approval of teacher preparation programs and the Director, Division of Educator Support and Higher Education, neither are members or officers.*

10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.

*The Department of Education would need to expend significantly more time identifying, anticipating, and addressing changes in federal accountability and accreditation policies regarding educator preparation. The state institutions would no longer be eligible for accreditation.*

Respectfully submitted



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Attachment



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## INVOICE INV-00125

Attn: Marks Nicholas  
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04/08/2025  
DUE UPON RECEIPT\*

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
PREINVOICE - For FY26 CAEP Annual State Partnership Fees — Based on 2 CAEP EPPs For the period of July 01, 2025 through June 30, 2026	\$3,260.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,260.00</b>

**Payment Options: CAEP can accept payments by ACH, credit card, or check.**

To make payment by ACH please use banking information below;

Bank of America

Routing Number: [REDACTED] Account Number: [REDACTED]

To make payment by credit card please [Click Here](#)

To make payment by check, please note NEW remittance address information provided below.

For all other billing inquires please contact CAEP Finance at 202-223-0077 or email to [CAEPfinance@caepnet.org](mailto:CAEPfinance@caepnet.org)

For mailed payments, please detach, and submit with payment made payable to:  
**Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation**

Invoice Number: INV-00125

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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