16 NCAC 06C .0375 is proposed for adoption as follows:

**16 NCAC 06C 0375 VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF AN EDUCATOR LICENSE**

The State Board of Education (SBE) may accept the voluntary surrender of a license in lieu of seeking revocation of the license. Before it accepts a voluntary surrender, the SBE shall make findings of fact regarding the circumstances surrounding the voluntary surrender to demonstrate that grounds existed under which the SBE could have initiated license revocation proceedings. The SBE shall treat a voluntary surrender the same as a revocation.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 115C-12; 115C-268.1; 115C-268.5; 115C-270.5; 115C-270.20; 115C-270.35; 115C-325.9; Interim Rule status conferred Eff. June 27, 2018, pursuant to S.L. 2018-114, sec. 27.(b). Emergency Rule Eff. August 20, 2019*