Request for a new Minor in Special Education: Endorsement

The College of Education and Social Services, Department of Education submitted a proposal for a new Minor in Special Education: Endorsement. The Department of Education has offered a Minor in Special Education for more than 10 years. Students in the minor pursue one of two options: one that is open to all students, and one open only to teacher candidates that leads to a second endorsement in special education. The two options have distinct course requirements and different outcomes. Because it is not possible to separately track students in the two different options in the current Banner system, the department is requesting creation of a new Minor in Special Education: Endorsement, which will allow them to separately track students in the two options. There are no curriculum changes associated with creation of the new minor; it is an administrative change that will help the department more effectively assess students completing the minors. The only difference is that students who are teacher candidates and wish to pursue a minor leading to an endorsement in special education will enroll in the Special Education: Endorsement Minor, while other students will enroll in the Special Education Minor.