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**District & School Improvement Planning Policy 2.101**

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**The Background:**

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-1-613, local education agencies (LEAs) and schools must develop annual plans with specific goals for improving student performance. This first read item seeks to update the School Improvement Planning Policy, which has not been revised since 1998. These revisions align the LEA and school improvement plans with an existing requirement for LEAs to develop a five-year strategic plan; the revisions also help operationalize that high-level, long-term LEA plan. This policy updates the required components at the LEA and school levels to be included in the planning process. This update also outlines five steps for developing a strong and effective improvement plan at the school and LEA levels. Those steps include a comprehensive needs assessment, stakeholder engagement, goals, strategies, and action steps.

**The Fiscal Analysis Impact:**

Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department prepare a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule, or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

**Recommendation:**

The Department of Education recommends acceptance of this item on first reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.