

**Tennessee Department of Human Services (DHS) Defaults**

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**The Background:**

Pursuant to State Board of Education Rule 0520-02-03-.09(4)(b)(2) and T.C.A. § 36-5-706, the State Board of Education shall automatically suspend the license of an educator for failure to comply with an order of support for alimony or child support. The Tennessee Department of Human Services (“DHS”) determines whether individuals have defaulted on their court-ordered child support obligations, and after having received proper notice have failed to comply with their court ordered child support obligation. Thus, T.C.A. § 36-5-706 directs the Board to suspend any active licenses until in compliance.

**The Recommendation:**

The Board staff recommends suspension of Respondents’ teaching licenses until such time as they come into compliance with their court-ordered child support obligation.

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