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English Language Arts Standards for Permanent Elective Courses

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**The Background:**

In July 2018, revised standards for the permanent high school elective courses for English Language Arts (ELA) were presented to the Board. A small group of Tennessee educators met in March 2018 and worked through the spring to improve these standards in terms of the **coding** of the standards and the **introductory text** for each set of standards to better clarify the purpose of each course. There were few changes to the actual elective course standards.

The public was able to provide feedback on these standards through the email address [TNStandards.Review@tn.gov](mailto:TNStandards.Review@tn.gov) from July through September 2018. A few further clarifications to ELA linking standards were made between first and final reading.

Finally, the educator reviewers created two new elective courses, Mythology and Etymology & Linguistics, based on dozens of requests from districts to the Department of Education for the addition of these courses.

**The Fiscal Analysis Impact:**

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department of Education 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.

**The Recommendation:**

The Department of Education recommends approval of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.