

Standards Review Policy 3.209

The Background:

Public Chapter 270 of 2019 provided the State Board of Education with the option to extend the typical six (6)-year time period of standards review for math and English language arts, specifically for the standards adopted in 2016. This delay, which can be up to three (3) years at the discretion of the State Board, is to allow the State Board to work with the Department of Education and the State Textbook and Instructional Materials Commission to realign standards review, textbook adoption, and educator training.

This proposal is to modify the section on timing of standards review to include this allowable flexibility. All other aspects of the standards review process set forth in T.C.A. §§ 49-1-311 – 49-1-313 remain in effect.

Policy Justification:

T.C.A. § 4-5-230 requires that justification for adopting an item as a policy instead of a rule be submitted to the chair of the Government Operations Committee. This item is proposed to be adopted as a policy because it defines or explains the meaning of a statute or rule and/or concerns only the internal management of state government that does not affect private rights or privileges.

The Recommendation:

The SBE staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.