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**Educator Licensure Denial, Formal Reprimand, Suspension, and Revocation Rule 0520-02-03-.09**

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**The Background:**

State Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09 governs the denial, formal reprimand, suspension, and revocation of a Tennessee educator license. Reporting and recording of any action taken by the State Board on an educator's license is coordinated with the Tennessee Department of Education's Office of Educator Licensure and Preparation (OELP) and local education agencies.

A rulemaking hearing was conducted on this rule on March 11, 2019, and additional written feedback was submitted to State Board staff after the hearing. State Board staff responded to written comments received from Metro Nashville Public Schools and the Tennessee Education Association and incorporated changes to the final reading version of the rule based on oral and written feedback given as part of the rulemaking hearing.

The Board last approved this item on final reading in July. After consultation with the Attorney General's office, this item is back before the Board on final reading to incorporate changes suggested by the Attorney General's office regarding denial of initial applications for a license and denial of reactivation of expired licenses. These changes include:

- Page 6, paragraph 5(f): Clarification that this paragraph applies only to licensed individuals.
- Page 7, paragraph 11: Addition of a new paragraph outlining the process when the State Board staff case review committee recommends denial of an initial application for an educator license or denial of an application to reactivate an expired license.

**The Recommendation:**

The SBE staff recommends approval of this item on first and final reading.