

**RULES  
OF  
THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**CHAPTER 0520-01-09  
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

AMEND Chapter 0520-01-09, Special Education Programs and Services, by adding the a new rule .24 and FURTHER AMEND the table of contents for Chapter 0520-01-09 to add a new section .24, so that, as amended the new table of contents and rule shall read:

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**0520-01-09-.24 EXTENSION OF INITIAL EVALUATION TIMELINES FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR**

- (1) Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders of the year 2020 declaring the existence of a State of Emergency in response to COVID-19, tornadoes, and severe weather that impacted middle Tennessee, Public Chapter 652 of 2020, and 34 C.F.R. § 300.301(c), the timeline for initial evaluations initiated or in process as of March 3, 2020 may be extended beyond sixty (60) calendar days by the number of calendar days equal to the duration of an order, declaration, or recommendation to stay at home, self-quarantine, or implement social distancing issued by the LEA's or public charter school's local, state, or federal government.
- (a) LEAs and public charter schools may request an additional extension up to thirty (30) calendar days after an order is lifted to be approved by the Department due to extenuating circumstances.

**Authority:** Executive Order No. 14 of 2020 (and applicable, subsequent Executive Orders addressing COVID-19 relief), Public Chapter 652 of 2020, 34 C.F.R. § 300.301(c). **Administrative History:**