

Educator Licensure Policy 5.502

The Background:

The Educator Licensure Policy outlines requirements related to the issuance, renewal, and advancement of educator licenses in Tennessee. This policy complements the Educator Licensure Rule 0520-02-03, which was recently revised and went into effect in November 2019.

This first read item proposes to add a new Mathematics 6-10 endorsement that would be effective on January 1, 2021. In addition, there was some minor clean-up to the endorsement table to appropriately categorize select endorsements.

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

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

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 Department of Education recommends acceptance of this item on first reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.