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**Eligible Educator Preparation Providers Emergency Rule 0520-02-04-.03**

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**The Background:**

Currently, Chapter 0520-02-04-.03 states that an LEA is eligible to become a Tennessee-approved Educator Preparation Program if the LEA or consortium of LEAs “have not received the lowest performance determination on the state’s accountability model pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-1-602 in either of the two (2) most recent school years.”

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the State Board passed emergency rules at its April 9, 2020 meeting clarifying that TCAP testing will not take place in the Spring of the 2019-20 school year, and that LEAs and schools will not be assigned performance designations in 2020 due to the lack of assessment data. Due to the lack of performance designations for 2020, this emergency rule seeks to clarify that an LEA or consortium of LEAs eligibility to become an EPP will be based on performance determinations from either of two most recent school years where performance determinations were available.

This emergency rule language replaces the emergency rule language passed by the Board at its May 29, 2020 board meeting in order to make a technical clarification.

**The Recommendation:**

State Board staff recommends approval of this item on final reading.