
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 November, 2019.

Changes to this policy include removing a significant amount of language that is duplicative of rule or statute, clarifying allowable options for educators to earn professional development points and updating the list of active endorsements.

Since first reading the policy has been reorganized to better align with the Educator Licensure Rule, some additional redundancies in rule and statute have been removed, and endorsement flexibilities have been clarified.

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