

Local School Board Training Rule 0520-01-02-.11

The Background:

T.C.A. § 49-2-202(a)(6) requires that local school board members be properly trained during their service on the board of education and that the State Board shall establish minimum annual training requirements for local board members. State Board Rule 0520-01-02-.11 outlines training requirements for local school board members and includes the establishment of a School Board Academy Advisory Committee responsible for evaluating training programs.

Revisions to this rule were identified as part of the State Board staff's ongoing rule revision and updating processes. The following changes have been made to the rule:

- Provide additional detail and transparency regarding the process for review of training courses by the Advisory Committee;
- Require submission of an application for training course approval that includes certain required information;
- Outline the process whereby the Advisory Committee will present recommended training courses for approval by to State Board on an annual basis;
- Provide further detail regarding required training hours for new and experienced local board members;
- Outline specific orientation courses that new local board members must complete; and
- Require course providers to report the names of all local board members who have completed training courses to the Department of Education, which is responsible for monitoring local board member compliance with training requirements.

State Board staff received feedback from the Tennessee School Boards Association in drafting this rule. Additional stakeholder feedback will be collected during a rulemaking hearing in December before the rule is presented on final reading to the Board.

The Recommendation:

The SBE staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.