
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 in consultation with the Tennessee School Boards Association and include the following:

- clarifying language about the approval period for all training courses;
- including an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the three state education agencies as part of the required course content; and
- the ability for a governing body member to request a reduction or waiver of the annual training requirement due to an unanticipated hardship.

The Recommendation:

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