

School Health Policies Permanent Rule 0520-01-13-.01

The Background:

Public Chapter 652 of 2020 authorizes the State Board to Education to promulgate rules to address COVID-19 related disruptions. The School and Student Health Services Rule 0520-01-13 outlines LEA requirements related to school health policies and procedures.

This item presents rule revisions to authorize LEAs and public charter schools to adopt a policy for the 2021-22 school year to allow students who are quarantined due to a positive COVID-19 test or exposure to COVID-19 to participate in remote instruction on a temporary basis.

The rule specifies the instructional and attendance requirements for temporarily quarantined students and clarifies that LEAs and public charter schools can only permit students to participate in remote instruction on a temporary basis due to a positive COVID-19 test or COVID-19 exposure. The State Board approved these rule revisions on an emergency basis at the July 1st special called meeting.

A rulemaking hearing will be conducted by State Board staff to collect public feedback between first and final reading.

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.

The Recommendation:

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