

Civil Rights Compliance Rule 0520-12-04

The Background:

This first reading item creates a rule regarding Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) and local education agency (LEA) compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.) and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.). All recipients of federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education must comply with these federal civil rights laws and this rule outlines TDOE's oversight and investigation processes. The rule ensures consistency and transparency regarding LEA and department responsibilities in responding to and preventing complaints arising under Titles VI and IX.

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.