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**Approved High School Courses Policy 3.205**

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**The Background:**

Approved High School Courses Policy 3.205 identifies courses that have been approved by the State Board for instruction in Tennessee schools. At the July 23, 2021 quarterly meeting, the State Board passed on first reading the course standards for a new course, Project SEARCH. The Project SEARCH Transition-to-Work Program is a unique, business-led, employment preparation program for students with disabilities following their first four years of high school and takes place entirely at the workplace.

The approval of the Project SEARCH course will be on final reading at the October 29, 2021 quarterly meeting. This item adds the course to the Approved High School Course Policy.

**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.

**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 Department of Education recommends approval of this item on first and final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.