

Career and Technical Education Rule 0520-01-07-.04
Coordination and Supervision of Student Work-Based Learning Experience

The Background:

Chapter 946 of the Public Acts of 2022 (PC 946) requires the State Board of Education to develop an Industry 4.0 diploma distinction for high school students interested in pursuing a career in a high-need, high-skill industry after graduation beginning in the 2022-23 school year.

PC 946 also revised requirements for how LEAs assign credit to students enrolled in work-based learning (WBL) courses. Currently, Career and Technical Education Rule 0520-01-07-.04 states that students may earn a maximum of three (3) WBL credits per school year. At least one (1) credit must be earned through related classroom experience which must include a minimum of five (5) periods per week of classroom instruction.

PC 946 revised the requirements for each credit by requiring a minimum of two (2) periods per week of classroom instruction (as opposed to a minimum of five (5)) for one (1) credit of work-based learning.

This item presents revisions to the rule to align with PC 946 and reflect updated classroom instruction time requirements for work-based learning courses.

State Board staff will conduct a rulemaking hearing between first and final reading to collect public feedback.

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.