

**Standards for School-Administered Child Care Programs -
Health and Safety Rule 0520-12-01-.10**

The Background:

T.C.A. §§ 49-1-1101 through 1108 allows the State Board of Education through the Commissioner of Education to set rules for all school-administered childcare programs. Additionally, T.C.A. § 49-6-1601 requires all schools and child care programs to designate a child abuse coordinator. Chapter 781 of the Public Acts of 2022 (PC 781) revised the requirements of child abuse reporting for schools to clarify that if a person suspects child abuse, the individual may report the information directly to the Department of Children Services and law enforcement before notifying the designated child abuse coordinator. This item recommends revisions to the Health and Safety Rule section -.10 to align with PC 781.

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.