License Reinstatement and Restoration Applications Policy 5.500

The Background:

Tennessee State Board of Education License Reinstatement and Restoration Applications Policy 5.500 builds upon the provisions of State Board License Discipline, Suspension, and Revocation Rule 0520-02-03-.09 to detail the procedures for reinstatement of suspended licenses, restoration of revoked licenses, and considerations for restoring a revoked license.

This item proposes revisions to the policy to clarify the procedure that applies to someone seeking reactivation of a license that expired during the period of revocation. Revisions also modify the language referring to criminal convictions and notice requirements to incorporate the Board-approved revisions to Denial, Formal Reprimand, Suspension, and Revocation Rule 0520-02-03-.09.

Minor edits were made between first and final reading for clarity. Edits include clarifying that educators who had their license revoked based solely on a conviction under T.C.A. 40-35-313 may apply for restoration of the license or reactivation of an expired revoked license upon receipt of proof of expungement.

Connection to the Master Plan:

This item supports the State Board's strategic focus on Teacher and Leaders outlined in the Master Plan by upholding the ethical standards of the teaching profession and ensuring students are provided the opportunity to learn in a safe environment.

The Recommendation:

The State Board staff recommends approval of this item on final reading.