Automatic Teacher License Actions Revocation and Permanent Revocation

The Background:

Pursuant to T.C.A §§ 49-5-413, 49-5-417, and State Board of Education Rule 0520-02-03-.09(4)(a), the State Board of Education is required to automatically revoke or automatically permanently revoke the license of an educator for certain criminal offenses and classifications set forth in law. Pursuant to State Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(4)(a)(1), educators whose conviction includes a Judicial Diversion plea taken in conjunction with T.C.A. § 40-35-313 or its equivalent in any other jurisdiction shall not be subject to automatic permanent revocation. All cases are reviewed and acted upon according to the rule that was in place when the conviction or qualifying event occurred.

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:

State law and State Board rules require the Board to take action, and State Board counsel recommends approval of the automatic teacher license actions outlined in the attached document.