Health Education Standards

The Background:

T.C.A. § 49-1-302(a)(8) authorizes the State Board of Education to "set policies governing all academic standards and courses of study in the public schools." Additionally, State Board Rule 0520-01-03-.03(1) calls for the State Board to adopt standards for each subject area, grades K-12. The approved standards are to be the basis for planning instructional programs in each local school system.

The Tennessee Department of Education proposed, and the State Board of Education approved on final reading, revisions to the Health Education Standards at the November 3, 2023, quarterly meeting. Upon approval of the standards, it was determined the Safety/Passenger Safety standard subcomponent was inadvertently removed from the Health Education K-5 standards on final reading.

This item reintroduces the Safety/Passenger Safety standard subcomponent to the Health Education K-5 standards. This item also makes minor formatting revisions to the Health Education 6-8 and 9-12 standards.

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.

Connection to the Master Plan:

This item supports the State Board's strategic focus on Engagement and Accountability outlined in the Master Plan by ensuring high quality standards that provide opportunity to improve outcomes and ensuring transparency through public feedback.

The Recommendation:

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