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**Educator Licensure Policy 5.502**

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**The Background:**

Over the past 18 months, the State Board of Education adopted two new rules and two new policies to address educator licensure and preparation. The previous rules, Teacher Education and Licensure (0520-02-03) and Licensure (0520-02-04), were replaced with Educator Licensure (0520-02-03) and Educator Preparation (0520-02-04). In addition, the new Educator Licensure Policy replaces the Transitional Licensure Policy. In tandem with this change, the Board also adopted the Educator Preparation Policy, which replaced the Tennessee Licensure Standards and Induction Guidelines, as well as the Transitional Licensure Policy.

There are several very small technical changes to the new Educator Licensure Policy.

- **Page 1 (footnote 2):** Adds a period to the end of the sentence.
- **Page 12:** Highlights the Reading endorsement that was superseded in 2013, to indicate that endorsement is no longer issued.
- **Page 13:** Corrects grade spans to align educator preparation policy and professional assessments policy. For example, Earth Science and Physics were listed as having a 9-12 grade span when the correct grade span is 7-12. Also, the Physics endorsement with the 6-12 grade span has a superseded date when it should not.
- **Page 17:** Replaces “new” with “prior” in the final sentence. Educators who met requirements on or before August 31, 2015 should be issued a license that is aligned with those requirements as dictated by the prior policy.

**The Fiscal Analysis Impact:**

This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

**The Recommendation:**

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