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**Course Approval**

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**The Background:**

T.C.A. § 49-1-302(a)(8) authorizes the State Board of Education to “set policies governing all curricula and courses of study in the public schools.” Additionally, Rules, Regulations, and Minimum Standards of the State Board of Education 0520-01-03-.05(1) calls for the State Board of Education 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.

This item includes new and revised courses within the Advanced Manufacturing, Business Management & Administration, Finance, Health Science, Human Services, Information Technology, and Marketing career clusters that better align with postsecondary pathways, incorporate added instructional rigor, and reflect the competitive employment demands of our state. These new and revised standards have been created in collaboration with postsecondary faculty, industry representatives, and high school teachers.

This item also adds the new General Education Exploratory Course, Tennessee Student Success, to the list of approved high school courses in Policy 3.205. The standards for this course support the development of expectations for the knowledge, skills, and preparations that students need to successfully transition into postsecondary education. The standards for this course have been created in collaboration with the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and the Tennessee College Access & Success Network.

These new and revised standards will go into effect for the 2018–19 school year.

**Career and Technical Education courses included in this item:**

<b>Advance Manufacturing</b>	
Principles of Manufacturing	Additional Standards
Welding I	Additional Standards
Welding II	Additional Standards
<b>Business Management &amp; Administration</b>	
Business Management	Additional/Revised Standards
Business Communications	Revised Standards
<b>Finance</b>	
Accounting I	Additional/Revised Standards
Accounting II	Additional/Revised Standards

<b>Health Science</b>	
Diagnostic Medicine	Revised Standard
<b>Human Services</b>	
Nutrition Across the Lifespan	Revised Standard
<b>Information Technology</b>	
Computer Science Foundations	Additional/Revised Standards
<b>Marketing</b>	
Entrepreneurship	Revised Standards

**General Education courses included in this item:**

<b>General Education Exploratory</b>	
Tennessee Student Success	New Course

**The Fiscal Analysis Impact:**

Tenn. Code Ann. § 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 concur with this recommendation.