Agenda

First Reading Item: III. J.

Uniform Grading Policy 3.301

The Background:

T.C.A. § 49-6-407 authorizes the State Board of Education to develop a uniform grading system for students in grades 9-12 to establish consistent grade reporting for the purposes of application for postsecondary financial assistance administered by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC). Uniform Grading Policy 3.301 represents the grading system currently in use by all LEAs serving students in grades 9-12.

This first read item proposes clarification on the procedures for awarding quality points for students who have completed Advanced Placement (AP), Cambridge International, or International Baccalaureate (IB) Courses, or a College Level Exam Program (CLEP).

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.

The Recommendation:

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