
Educator Licensure Policy 5.502

The Background:

T.C.A. § 49-5-108 provides “the state board of education is authorized, empowered and directed to set up rules and regulations governing the issuance of licenses for supervisors, principals and public school teachers.” This item presents a new “provisional endorsement” for several special education endorsements for licensed educators enrolled in an additional endorsement program. This item also proposes an expedited pathway to licensure for military spouses.

Below is a brief summary of the revisions (page numbers refer to the version with tracked changes):

Page 2: Includes a pathway for National Board Certified teachers to obtain the professional license in Tennessee without having to submit passing scores on required assessments.

Page 3: Creates an additional pathway to licensure for military spouses.

Page 4: Creates an additional pathway to add special education endorsements to an existing license prior to submitting passing scores on required assessments.

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