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## **State Board to Streamline Licensure for Out of State Teachers**

On Thursday, members of the State Board of Education will convene to vote on time-sensitive emergency rules, including the [Educator Licensure Emergency Rule](#). This item streamlines pathways for educators licensed in other states to obtain a Tennessee license. The emergency rule also includes provisions to allow formerly licensed Tennessee teachers with an active out of state license to reactivate their Tennessee license.

The provisions included in the Educator Licensure Emergency Rule were established earlier this year in Public Chapters 125 and 493. These laws go into effect on July 1, 2021. By aligning the State Board's educator licensure rule with the recently passed laws, educators can have their licensure applications processed more quickly. These changes will help local education agencies (LEAs) with hiring decisions over the summer.

**WHO:** Tennessee State Board of Education

**WHAT:** Meeting to approve expanded licensure pathways for out of state teachers

**WHERE:** <https://bit.ly/3xht2Bm>

**WHEN:** July 1, 2021 at 2:00 PM CT

During the special called meeting, members of the Board will also consider two other emergency rules in the areas of virtual education and quarantine protocols. The [Public Virtual Schools Emergency Rule](#) clarifies the difference between full-time virtual schools and virtual course options a student may take to expand their educational opportunities while enrolled in their traditional school. Under the [School Health Policies Emergency Rule](#), LEAs and public charter schools may adopt policies for the 2021-22 school year permitting remote instruction for students who are quarantined due to a positive COVID-19 test on a temporary basis only.

All meeting materials, including the agenda and live stream link, are available on the [State Board of Education website](#).

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