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**Government & Public Administration Course Standards**

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**The Background:**

*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 curriculum 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. Adopted textbooks are also to be aligned with the state curriculum standards. Section 3.205 Approved High School Courses of the State Board of Education Policy identifies those courses which have been approved by the Board for instruction across the state.

The Department of Education's Division of Career and Technical Education (CTE) is proposing changes to approved course standards in the Government & Public Administration career cluster. This item includes new courses within this career cluster that are aligned with postsecondary pathways, incorporate instructional rigor by embedding Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in Technical Subjects, and reflect the competitive employment demands of our state.

Courses included in this item:

Principles of Public Service	New course
Public Law and Budgeting	New course
Public Management & Administration	New course

Since first reading of the standards included in this item, the CTE Division has critically reviewed and accepted feedback from Tennessee educators, CTE Directors, and industry experts received via the CTE.Questions@tn.gov email address. Stakeholders shared agreement with the direction of these courses and no changes have been made since first reading.

**The Recommendation:**

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