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**Minimum Requirements for the Approval of Public Schools Rule 0520-01-03**

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**The Background:**

The Minimum Requirements for the Approval of Public Schools Rule outlines the basic requirements for the operation of public schools. This first read item presents updates to the rule to align with legislation passed during the 2018 legislative session and to make additional minor clarifications.

Below is a brief summary of proposed changes to the rule (page numbers reflect the tracked changes document):

- Page 2: Updates language on the use of stockpile days to include school-wide or system-wide instructional planning meetings.
- Page 4: Includes the ability of LEAs to seek a class-size waiver from the Commissioner for CTE classes in grades 9-12.
- Page 10: Includes requirement that all public high schools must have an automated external defibrillator (AED) placed within the school.
- Page 15: Clarifies circumstances by which directors of schools may waive the 3<sup>rd</sup> elective focus credit if it would prevent or delay graduation for a student.
- Page 15: Updates the percentage that EOC scores must count as part of a student's final grade.

**The Fiscal Analysis Impact:**

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department of Education 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.