
Repeal of Tennessee Early Intervention System Rule 0520-01-10

The Background:

Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act governs services to children with disabilities birth through age three, inclusive. Services to these children are provided through the Tennessee Early Intervention System (TEIS). The Tennessee Department of Education has historically been designated by the Governor as lead agency for TEIS and has been responsible for the administration of the State's early intervention system pursuant to State Board of Education rules.

On December 2, 2019, Governor Bill Lee signed Executive Order No. 10 transferring the responsibility for administration of TEIS from the Department of Education to the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The Governor's Executive Order No. 10 stated that the transfer of TEIS to the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities is aligned with the services currently provided by the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and "will result in a more economical, efficient, and streamlined state service." The transfer will take effect July 1, 2020.

This first read item proposes to repeal the State Board's TEIS rules, as the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities will begin promulgation of new rules governing TEIS.

The Recommendation:

The State Board staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.