
School Facilities Rule 0520-01-04

The Background:

Tennessee State Board of Education (SBE) School Facilities Rule 0520-01-04 outlines the requirements for school building construction and renovations. This first read item presents revisions to modernize and clarify rule language and correct outdated statutory citations. As federal law does not require a state education agency to review a school district's building plans, this item removes the requirement that the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) review school building plans that affect students with disabilities. All schools are directed to work with their building architect to ensure building plans meet federal requirements for students with disabilities.

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 TDOE recommends acceptance of this item on first reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.