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**School Board Training Rule 0520-01-02-.11**

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**The Background:**

T.C.A. § 49-2-202(a)(6) requires that local school board members be properly trained during their service on the board of education and that the State Board shall establish minimum annual training requirements for local board members. State Board Rule 0520-01-02-.11 outlines training requirements for local school board members and includes the establishment of a School Board Academy Advisory Committee responsible for evaluating training programs. Revisions to this rule were brought at the request of a member of the Government Operations Committee of the Tennessee General Assembly to create a process whereby a local board member may request a waiver/reduction of the required number of annual training hours due to an unanticipated hardship.

The State Board held a rulemaking hearing for this rule on September 16, 2021. No comments were offered at the hearing or in writing.

Since first reading, the following updates were made:

- Updated language to ensure consistency throughout the document; and
- Clarified the timeline for the transition from the School Board Academy program to the approved training courses outlined in this rule.

**The Recommendation:**

The SBE staff recommends approval of this item on final reading.