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**Uniform Grading System Permanent Rule 0520-02-03-.02**

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**The Background:**

Uniform Grading System Rule 0520-02-03-.02 establishes the statewide uniform grading scale to be used by LEAs for students enrolled in grades nine-twelve (9-12) for the purposes of application postsecondary financial assistance administered by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation.

This item proposes changes to align this rule with Public Chapter 1080 of the 112<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. Public Chapter 1080 requires the State Board develop a 10-point grading scale for students in grades nine-twelve (9-12). This item proposes the 10-point grading scale to replace the existing state uniform grading scale beginning with grades issued in the 2022-23 school year. This does not prohibit an LEA from developing, adopting, or implementing a local grading system for purposes other than reporting students' grades for postsecondary financial assistance.

A similar emergency rule is being proposed on first and final reading at this board meeting to ensure these requirements can be in place at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.

A rulemaking hearing will be held by State Board staff to collect public feedback prior to final reading.

**The Recommendation:**

The SBE staff recommend acceptance of this item on first reading.