

Course Access Program Rule 0520-01-14-.02 through -.06

The Background:

The Course Access Program Rule 0520-01-14 effectuates the Course Access Program Act, set forth in T.C.A. §§ 49-18-101-110. Chapter 929 of the Public Acts of 2022 (PC 929) amended sections of the Course Access Program Act, including expanding the definition of “course provider” and adding a definition of “extended learning opportunity.” This item makes subsequent revisions to the rule to align with PC 929. This item also removes the reference to the Basic Education Program (BEP) following passage of the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) Act, which takes effect starting in the 2023-24 school year.

State Board staff will hold a rulemaking hearing between first and final reading to collect public feedback.

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