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**Health and Wellness Standards**

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**The Background:**

T.C.A. § 49-1-302(a)(8) authorizes the State Board of Education to “set policies governing all academic standards and courses of study in the public schools.” Additionally, State Board Rule 0520-01-03-.05(1) calls for the State Board to adopt standards for each subject area, grades K-12. The approved standards are to be the basis for planning instructional programs in each local school system.

State Board Standards Review Policy 3.209 requires that the Board review all sets of academic standards at a minimum of every six years. The Health and Wellness standards are scheduled to be reviewed and updated in July 2022. Due to pandemic related challenges in the 2021-22 school year and the focus on learning loss recovery, the Department decided not to conduct an extensive review process of the standards. Therefore, the Department does not propose revisions to the current Health and Wellness standards.

The Department plans to conduct stakeholder outreach during the 2022-23 school year to identify revisions to the Health and Wellness Standards and propose recommendations to the Board in July 2023.

**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 approval of this item on first and final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.