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## Tennessee Accountability System Revisions

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### The Background:

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is a federal education grant program intended to distribute federal funds to states to support a wide variety of educational programs. ESSA places requirements on state educational agencies regarding these funds, and Tennessee receives more than \$500 million each year as a result of its approved plan. The Tennessee Department of Education is undertaking an amendment to update its ESSA state plan in response to monitoring findings received from the U.S. Department of Education.

In fall 2022, the Department conducted a series of engagement opportunities to review the proposed revisions. The Department convened eight (8) in-person regional meetings with each superintendent study council. In addition, the Department met with the State Plan Advisory Group required by T.C.A. § 49-1-619 on December 16, 2022 to discuss the proposed revisions. Public comment on the revisions were open between December 19<sup>th</sup> through January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-1-602, the State Board of Education is required to establish “appropriate performance goals and measures for schools and local education agencies (LEAs).” Moreover, T.C.A. § 49-1-619 requires the Commissioner of Education to obtain approval from the State Board for “changes to the formula used to calculate school or LEA performance goals and measures.” Pursuant to the above referenced statute, this item presents revisions to the achievement indicator and federally reported graduation rate which impact the performance goals and measures of LEAs and schools which are components of Tennessee’s amended ESSA plan. The Department is requesting approval of the following revisions outlined in the attached summary.

### 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.

### Connection to the [Master Plan](#):

This item supports the State Board’s strategic focus on Engagement and Accountability outlined in the Master Plan by ensuring Tennessee’s ESSA plan reflects federal requirements and guidelines.

### The Recommendation:

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