
Tennessee Department of Human Services (DHS) Automatic Suspension

The Background:

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 36-5-706 and State Board of Education Rule 0520-02-03-.09(4)(c)(2), the State Board of Education is required to automatically suspend the license of an educator for failure to comply with an order of support for alimony or child support. The Tennessee Department of Human Services (“DHS”) is charged by law with determining if individuals have defaulted on their court ordered child support obligations. After receiving proper notices as provided for in T.C.A. § 36-5-705, DHS has determined that the following individuals have failed to comply with their court ordered child support obligation. Thus, T.C.A. § 36-5-706 directs the Board to suspend any active licenses until the Board receives notice from DHS that these individuals have come into compliance.

Connection to the [Master Plan](#):

This item supports the State Board’s strategic focus on Teacher and Leaders outlined in the Master Plan by upholding the ethical standards of the teaching profession and ensuring students are provided the opportunity to learn in a safe environment.

The Recommendation:

State Board counsel recommends suspension of the following individual’s teaching licenses until such time as they come into compliance with their court-ordered child support obligation:

- A. Cecil Frison
- B. Gerald Morrow