First Reading Item: V. O.

Repeal Preface Rule 0520-01-01

The Background:

This item proposes repealing State Board Rules Chapter 0520-01-01 Preface, as such rules are outdated and unnecessary. Rule 0520-01-01-.01 is unnecessary as it merely re-states requirements set forth in state law and the state constitution. Additionally, Rule 0520-01-01-.02 Mission is unnecessary as the State Board's mission and master plan for education in Tennessee are instead contained in the Board's Master Plan that is developed and revised every three (3) years by the Board pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-1-302(a)(3). Both rules have not been updated since 1984 and 1986, respectively.

These rules were identified for repeal as part of the required eight (8) year rule review report required by T.C.A. § 4-5-213. This law required all state departments to submit a report to the Chairs of the Government Operations Committees of the House and Senate identifying rules that could be amended or repealed, needed further review, or could continue in effect. This repeal supports the Governor's and General Assembly's goal of reducing unnecessary state regulation.

State Board staff will hold a rulemaking hearing before final reading to collect public feedback.

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 that the Board's rules are regularly reviewed for accuracy, to maintain consistency with recent legislation, and to ensure that all rules comply with existing law.

The Recommendation:

The State Board staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.