
Employment Standards Rule 0520-01-02-.03

The Background:

In 2014 and 2015, the state board approved new policies regarding educator licensure. The revised policy included updates to endorsement requirements and specification of the requirements for practitioner occupational licenses. These changes took effect in September of 2015. This item proposes revisions to employment standards for teachers of computer technology, career and technical education teachers, and career and technical education supervisors. This item also presents several clarifying and grammatical changes.

Below is a brief summary of the changes (page numbers reflect the tracked changes document):

- **Page 3-4:** Requires that teachers of computer technology, grades 9-12 have a valid Tennessee teacher license with an endorsement in either grade spans 7-12 or 6-12.
- **Page 4:** Removes the requirement that a teacher of agriculture education or marketing education shall have appropriate work experience. This is not currently a requirement in licensure policy since these educators are traditionally prepared through teacher preparation programs.
- **Page 5:** Adds to the set of qualifications that persons holding career and technical education supervisory positions must complete the required matrix of career and technical core competencies for professional development. This change will allow for consistency among all new career and technical education supervisors with meeting the employability standards.

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department of Education 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.