
Repeal School Safety Rule 0520-01-02-.30

The Background:

This item proposes repealing State Board School Safety Rule 0520-01-02-.30 as the requirements for school safety are in law, and there is no need to duplicate them in rule. Through the support of Governor Bill Lee and the Tennessee General Assembly, the State has made unprecedented investments in school safety, and the requirements for school safety are included in the SAVE Act. The SAVE Act established specific and consistent requirements for districts related to providing a safe school environment, including the formation of district and school safety teams and requirements for the development of comprehensive safety plans.

Furthermore, this rule contains requirements for districts to conduct at least two earthquake drills each year if the district is within 100 miles of the New Madrid Fault Line. Previously, state law required districts within the New Madrid Fault Line zone to conduct earthquake drills and required the State Board to promulgate rules to effectuate this requirement. The requirement was removed from the law in 2018 and therefore, State Board rules on earthquake drills for districts within the New Madrid Fault Line zone are no longer relevant or necessary.

State Board staff will hold a rulemaking hearing between first and final reading for public feedback.

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