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**Standards for School Administered Child Care Programs, Rule 0520-12-01**

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**The Background:**

In accordance with T.C.A. §§ 49-1-1101-1109, the Department of Education is mandated to inspect and approve all programs subject to the State Board's jurisdiction under T.C.A. §49-1-302(l). All public and private school-administered infant/toddler, preschool, before and after school programs, as well as, approved Montessori programs, TEIS early intervention programs, school-based and community-based Lottery Education Afterschool Programs, and 21st Century Community Learning Centers must be in compliance with Standards for Infant/Toddler, Preschool, and School-Age Extended Care Programs, adopted by the State Board, certified by the Department of Education, and verified through inspection by the Department's child care program evaluators.

This item presents revisions to the Standards for Child Care Centers and School-Age Child Care Programs Rule to correct a few recent changes presented in the January 2017 board meeting.

Below is a brief summary of the changes (Page numbers refer to the version with tracked changes):

- **Page 4:** Definition of Toddler was changed to add 11 month olds.
- **Page 8:** (f) was added to state that enrollment shall be allowed throughout the year.
- **Page 12:** "annual" was added to drug screening.
- **Page 14:** (3) (b) changed to reflect maximum group size and adult: child ratio shall be based on the standards set forth in this chapter.
- **Page 15:** Single-age chart: "Toddler" was added and one (1) year old was removed, LEA pre-k was removed.
- **Page 15:** Four year old ratio changed to 1:10 to be consistent with state pre-k.
- **Page 15:** Three (3) – Four (4) year old only was added to the mixed age group chart.
- **Page 15:** Language was written to allow six (6) weeks through two (2) year old children to be placed in classrooms according to the development need of child.
- **Page 15:** August 15<sup>th</sup> rule only applies to three (3) year olds through pre-kindergarten.
- **Page 15:** Language added to allow children three (3) years through pre-kindergarten to be permitted to enroll in the advanced classroom.
- **Page 20:** Remove language for Tennessee Framework for Evaluation.
- **Page 42:** Adult monitor requirements removed and original language reinstated.

**The Fiscal Analysis Impact:**

Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department prepare a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule, or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. To the extent programs are not currently meeting the proposed requirements there could be a fiscal impact. For example, programs not currently providing professional development would be fiscally impacted.

**The Recommendation:**

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