
District and School Operations Rule 0520-01-02-.10 Homebound Instruction

The Background:

Homebound Instruction Rule 0520-01-02-.10 outlines requirements for students to be placed on homebound as a result of a medical condition and requirements for homebound instruction. This item proposes changes to the rule to clarify eligibility requirements for homebound instruction under T.C.A. § 49-10-1101 as medical homebound for any student with a qualifying medical condition, including students with disabilities, clarifies definitions, and outlines the role of a student's IEP team (if applicable) in medical homebound decision-making.

The process for providing educational homebound services to students with disabilities is addressed in the Special Education Programs and Services Rule, which is also on final reading today.

Between first and final reading, a rulemaking hearing was held to collect stakeholder feedback on the rule. Additionally, State Board and Department of Education staff gave a presentation to the Homebound Consortium to collect additional stakeholder feedback. Changes on final reading reflect feedback and recommendations from stakeholders. They include clarification that a district may contract with a hospital to provide homebound services and other clerical revisions.

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.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends approval of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.