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Tennessee History Elective Course

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**The Background:**

At the July State Board meeting, the board approved a permanent Tennessee History elective course to be implemented in the 2019-20 school year. This course allows districts across the state to provide an opportunity for students to learn and understand the unique heritage and history of our state. Given the high demand for Tennessee History special courses as well as passage of the *Senator Douglas Henry Tennessee History Act*, this item recommends implementation of the permanent elective course for January 2018. Moving the implementation date will allow as many students as possible to have access to this newly created elective course prior to the full implementation of the standards in 2019-20 and will allow districts to offer this elective course without requesting a special course.

The standards for this course can be found in the Tennessee Academic Standards for Social Studies approved by the board on final reading in July 2017.

**The Fiscal Analysis Impact:**

T.C.A. § 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 adoption of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.