
Educator Licensure Policy 5.502

The Background:

To become licensed to serve as an instructional leader in Tennessee, educators must have at least three years of experience as a licensed teacher, complete an approved leader preparation program, and submit qualifying scores on the required assessment. Individuals may serve as an Assistant Principal while enrolled in an approved instructional leader preparation program.

This item is part of a series of items that modify renewal and advancement requirements for the instructional leader licenses and add language for individuals not primarily serving in Tennessee Academy for School Leaders (TASL)-mandated positions.

Additionally, the item clarifies the licensure requirements for educational interpreters.

Below is a summary of the substantive changes between the old and new policy:

- Renames the initial license from the ILL-B to the ILL.
- Adds clarifying language outlining the initial requirements for issuance of the ILL-A and ILL for both in-state and out-of-state applicants.
- Adds clarifying language regarding issuance of the ILL-P. Distinguishes renewal requirements of the ILL and ILL-P for individuals who have primarily served in a TASL-mandated position while on the license versus those who have not. Increases the requirement for individuals not primarily serving in a TASL-mandated position to require a state-approved instructional leadership module. Currently there are no renewal requirements for those in non-TASL-mandated positions.
- Removes the performance requirement for renewal of the ILL and ILL-P.

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