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**Career Ladder, Rule 0520-02-02**

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**The Background:**

The career ladder program was discontinued in 1997; however, supplements continue to be paid to any teacher with an active license who earned a career ladder endorsement prior to discontinuation of the program.

This item proposes to repeal several sections of the rule that no longer apply due to the discontinuation of the career ladder program. With the proposed changes, the rule will still address:

- Career ladder program eligibility;
- Educator breaks in service; and
- Career ladder payment endorsement levels.

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