# Policy & Legislative Affairs 2024 Annual Fiscal Workshop



### **Policy and Legislative Affairs Team**

- Our team advocates for and advances the department's strategic priorities with internal and external stakeholders.
- We coordinate with the State Board of Education in the development of policies and rules.
- We represent the policy positions of the department and the Governor before the members of the Tennessee General Assembly.



#### **State Level Policymaking** Guidance helps districts TDOE SBE implement the laws enacted by the General develops creates Assembly and rules and guidance rules policies of SBE. SBE Relevant Legislature parties creates passes **laws** implement policies

"The state board of education is authorized to promulgate rules necessary to effectuate this act"

## 2024 Legislative Session

- PC 712: Increase Middle School CTE Class Size
- PC 843: Teacher Permits for Physical Education
- PC 876: Teacher Permits for EOC-assessed Courses
- PC 875: Parental Leave for Charter School Teachers
- SB2703/HB2158: School Nurse Ratio Reporting
- SB2557/HB2678: Innovative School Districts (University of Memphis as LEA)\*
- SB2820/HB2922: Opportunity Charter Schools\*
- SB 2183/HB 2326: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion\*



<sup>\*</sup>Indicates that Governor Lee has not signed this bill as of May 6th

# 2024 Legislative Session Summary

- The department produces a summary report of legislative session annually and posts it on our website under Legal Services > <u>Legal Resources Toolkit</u>.
- We are currently developing the 2024 report and will post it online in the coming weeks.



#### Resources

- <u>Tennessee General Assembly</u>
  - For recently passed laws, check the Secretary of State's website for <u>Public Chapters</u> from the 2023-24 legislative session
- Tennessee State Board of Education
- Tennessee Code Annotated
  - Title 49 includes all education-related laws
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