

**RULES
OF
THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

**CHAPTER 1120-07
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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1120-07-.01 STATEMENT OF POLICY. The State of Tennessee is firmly committed to the principle of fair and equal employment opportunities for its citizens and strives to protect the rights and opportunities of all people to seek, obtain, and hold employment without being subjected to illegal discrimination or illegal harassment in the workplace. It is the state's policy to provide an environment free of discrimination or harassment of an individual because of that person's race, color, national origin, age (40 and over), sex, pregnancy, religion, creed, disability, veteran's status, or any other category protected by state and/or federal civil rights laws.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 8-30-101, 8-30-104, 8-30-105, 8-30-303, 8-30-307, 8-50-103, and 8-50-104; 29 U.S.C. § 623; 29 U.S.C. § 794; 38 U.S.C. § 4311(a); 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, et seq.; 42 U.S.C. 2000ff, et seq.; 42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.; 20 C.F.R. Part 1002.210; and 29 C.F.R. Parts 1600 through 1699.

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1120-07-.02 AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES. In demonstrating the agency's commitment to the equal employment opportunities policy, each Appointing Authority in state service shall:

- (1) Be held responsible for compliance with the state law, policy, and executive orders pertaining to Equal Employment Opportunities (EEO), Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA), EEO Planning, and Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA);
- (2) Adopt the equal employment opportunity compliance policy prepared by the Department of Human Resources and inform employees of the agency's commitment to that policy;
- (3) Designate an employee to coordinate equal employment programs within that agency;
- (4) Ensure supervisory personnel have participated in any required training that will enhance their role in carrying out the agency's equal employment opportunities policies;
- (5) Maintain processes for internal investigations of workplace discrimination or harassment complaints conducted pursuant to the state's policy; and
- (6) Submit to the Commissioner a completed equal employment opportunity plan annually in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 8-30-101, 8-30-104, 8-30-105, 8-30-303, 8-30-307, 8-50-103, and 8-50-104; 29 U.S.C. § 623; 38 U.S.C. § 4311(a); 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, et seq.; 42 U.S.C. 2000ff, et seq.; 42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.; 20 C.F.R. Part 1002.210; and 29 C.F.R. Parts 1600 through 1695. **Administrative History:** (For history prior to January 2, 1988, see pages 1-2 of the Introduction at the beginning of the

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1120-07-.03 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES' RESPONSIBILITIES.

- (1) The Commissioner shall represent the Governor in matters relating to equal employment opportunities in the state service;
- (2) The Department shall periodically review employment practices to ensure that these practices are not discriminatory;
- (3) The Commissioner shall establish appropriate guidelines and procedures governing the preparation and submission of the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan by each agency;
- (4) The Department shall provide training and technical assistance in the development, implementation and monitoring of agencies' equal employment programs;
- (5) The Department shall provide training and technical assistance to employees and agencies regarding compliance with EEO, ADA, EEO Planning, and USERRA;
- (6) The Department shall inform any person claiming unlawful discrimination or harassment of the appropriate procedures for pursuing a complaint.
- (7) The Department shall report to the Governor the equal employment opportunity activities of each department, agency and commission in the state service; and
- (8) The Department shall inform the Governor when instances occur of non-compliance or failure to demonstrate good faith efforts under this rule.

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