## Southern Middle Tennessee Local Workforce Board

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## Policy to Adopt the Annual Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) Guidelines

Southern Middle Tennessee Local Workforce Development Board (SMTLWDB) enters into this agreement on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2021.

Whereas SMTLWDB agrees to adopt the guidelines for the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) established annually by the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL). This includes LLSIL guidelines that include income charts that are used by state and local workforce investment areas to determine income eligibility for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs for youth and certain adult services, in addition to the Work Opportunity Tax Credit.

Whereas Title I of WIOA requires the U.S. Secretary of Labor to update and publish the LLSIL tables annually, for uses described in the law (including determining eligibility for youth). WIOA defines the term "low-income individual" as one whose total family annual income does not exceed the higher level of the poverty line or published percent of the LLSIL.

Now, therefore, the Southern Middle Tennessee Local Workforce Development Board agrees to adopt the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) Guidelines that are updated annually as established by the U.S. Department of Labor. This agreement will be retroactive as of January 01, 2021 and shall be a living policy that evolves and changes as the USDOL policy is updated in Jobs4TN annually.

Mark Short, Chair

Date<sup>1</sup>