
Charter Schools – Approval of a Charter School, Rule 0520-14-01-.01

The Background:

T.C.A. § 49-13-126 provides the State Board with the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of public charter schools. This first read item seeks to provide clarity and consistency to the charter school application process. Specifically the rules:

- Clarify the timeline for the annual charter application process.
- Outline the requirements for a complete application.
- Outline the conditions for which a chartering authority is not required to review an application.
- Update the application fee to \$2,500 to align with legislation passed during the 2017 legislative session.
- Outline application components that must be submitted to the Department’s charter schools office.
- Clarify that charter applications must be reviewed in accordance with quality charter authorizing standards approved by the State Board.

There have been no changes since first reading.

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 significant financial impact on an LEA.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends adoption of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.