

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

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**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. At the July 2018 quarterly meeting, the State Board approved changes to this rule on first reading to align the rule to Chapter 698 of the Public Acts of 2018, which provides local school boards 60 days to review and act on an amended charter application.

Between first and final reading, the Office of the Attorney General provided feedback on the language of the rule, and based on this feedback, the following change was made:

- Insertion of the phrase “complete and timely” in three sections within the rule to clarify that chartering authorities are required to review and take action on any charter school application that is complete and timely as defined by Sections 8 and 9 of the rule.

There have been 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 approval of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.