

Charter Schools Rule 0520-14-01

The Background:

This item proposes several small language revisions to increase clarity and consistency throughout the rule. Additionally, this item presents two substantive changes:

- 1) Clarification of the timeline by when a chartering authority must submit to a charter school sponsor its grounds for denial of an application or an amended application:
 - There is currently no timeframe by which a chartering authority must submit to a charter school sponsor its grounds for denial of an application or an amended application. As a result, a charter school sponsor may be delayed in completing its amended application or appeal, respectively. The ten (10)-day period was selected in Paragraph 2(e) because the chartering authority must report the same information to the department within 10 days, as per Paragraph 1(j). Because an application for appeal is due within ten (10) days of a denial of an amended application, the proposed time period for notifying a sponsor of the grounds for denial of an amended application was shortened to five (5) days.
- 2) The second change aligns the language of the rule with state law regarding the amount of state BEP funding for capital outlay. The proposed revision does not change the amount of funding available.

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 financial impact on an LEA.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends acceptance of this item on first reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.