

COVID-19 Waivers Emergency Rule 0520-01-03-.11

The Background:

Chapter 652 of the Public Acts of 2020 granted the Commissioner of Education the authority, upon the approval of the State Board, to waive state statutes and/or State Board rules that inhibit or hinder a local education agency (LEA's) ability to meet the LEA's goals or comply with the LEA's mission due solely to the outbreak of COVID-19 during the spring semester of the 2019-20 school year.

At the State Board's special called meeting in April 2020, the Board passed Emergency Rule 0520-01-03-.11 which in part requires that all waiver requests be submitted to the Commissioner by June 30, 2020. This item proposes to amend the existing emergency rule to clarify that LEAs may submit waiver requests to the Commissioner after June 30, 2020 if the waiver request applies to the 2020-21 school year.

The Recommendation:

The SBE staff recommends approval of this item on final reading.