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**Charter School Authorizer Evaluation Rule 0520-14-01-.08**

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**The Background:**

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-145, the State Board is charged with ensuring the effective operation of authorizers in the state and shall evaluate authorizer quality. The State Board shall conduct periodic evaluations of authorizers to determine compliance with state law, state board rules, and State Board policy 6.111 – Quality Charter Authorizing Standards. An authorizer’s failure to remedy non-compliance may result in the reduction of the authorizer fee.

The purpose of this rule is to define the overall evaluation process and the follow up actions of the State Board based on the evaluation. State Board staff has worked in collaboration with SchoolWorks, an education consulting group, to develop the authorizer evaluation system, formed focus groups with charter school leaders and authorizers across the state, and looked to Minnesota and Ohio for insight into their authorizer evaluation systems.

Prior to presenting this item on first reading, State Board staff solicited feedback from authorizers and other stakeholders. After the first reading of this item, State Board staff will continue to gather feedback from stakeholders and will hold a Rulemaking Hearing to gather further feedback from the public. Additionally, State Board staff will administer a pilot evaluation this fall and will make further adjustments to the rule based on feedback received through these processes prior to final reading.

**The Recommendation:**

The State Board staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.