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**Charter School Governing Body Training Policy 6.112**

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**The Background:**

T.C.A § 49-13-111(o) requires the State Board of Education (State Board) to approve training courses for charter school governing body members to meet the annual training requirement outlined in law. State Board Rules 0520-01-01-.11 and 0520-14-01-.07 define the approval process and require the appointment of an advisory committee responsible for evaluating and recommending training courses for State Board approval.

State Board staff received sixteen (16) applications by the February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline from five (5) prospective course providers: Early Bird Learning, Facility Resource Center, The Henson Consortium, Littleford & Associates, and the Tennessee Charter School Center. The State Board's advisory committee met on March 21<sup>st</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup> to evaluate the applications, provide feedback to applicants as needed, and prepare its recommendation for the State Board.

The advisory committee voted to recommend thirteen (13) of the sixteen (16) applications for State Board approval. The recommended courses are included in this policy. The advisory committee's evaluation rubrics for all the proposed courses are provided for reference and include evidence in support of the advisory committee's decisions. Training course approvals are valid for three (3) years, unless otherwise noted in this policy.

**The Fiscal Analysis Impact:**

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires that the Board staff prepare a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule, or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. While there is no definitive financial impact on a charter school, should a governing body choose to select a training that has a cost associated with it, a cost would be incurred.

**Policy Justification:**

T.C.A. § 4-5-230 requires that justification for adopting an item as a policy instead of a rule be submitted to the chair of the Government Operations Committee. This item is proposed to be adopted as a policy because it defines or explains the meaning of a statute or rule and/or concerns only the internal management of state government that does not affect private rights or privileges.

**Connection to the [Master Plan](#):**

This item supports the State Board's strategic focus on Engagement and Accountability outlined in the Master Plan by providing the list of approved training courses for governing body members to choose from in accordance with annual training requirements in T.C.A. § 49-13-111(o).

**The Recommendation:**

State Board staff recommends approval of this item on first and final reading.