

Charter Schools Rules 0520-14-01-.01, -.03, -.04, and -.05

The Background:

Chapters 275 and 456 of the Public Acts of 2025 amended several charter school laws, including funding disbursement requirements and shifting the development of various charter documents from the Tennessee Department of Education (Department) to the State Board of Education (State Board). These legislative changes require updates to the State Board's Charter Schools Rules.

State Board staff held a rulemaking hearing on October 9, 2025. No public comments were received.

Only non-substantive edits have been made to the Charter Schools Rules since first reading, including clarifying what constitutes a complete initial application and updating legal citations from public chapters to statute.

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule, or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. This item has no financial impact on local education agencies.

Connection to the [Master Plan](#):

This item aligns with the Master Plan's focus on Engagement and Accountability, which requires the State Board to annually amend rules or policies as necessitated by changes in the law.

The Recommendation:

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