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# Proposed Rule(s) Filing Form - REDLINE

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*Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-229, any new fee or fee increase promulgated by state agency rule shall take effect on July 1, following the expiration of the ninety (90) day period as provided in § 4-5-207. This section shall not apply to rules that implement new fees or fee increases that are promulgated as emergency rules pursuant to § 4-5-208(a) and to subsequent rules that make permanent such emergency rules, as amended during the rulemaking process. In addition, this section shall not apply to state agencies that did not, during the preceding two (2) fiscal years, collect fees in an amount sufficient to pay the cost of operating the board, commission or entity in accordance with § 4-29-121(b).*

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- New
- Repeal

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Chapter Number	Chapter Title
1185-01-01	Charter School Appeals
Rule Number	Rule Title
1185-01-01-.02	Charter School Renewal Application Appeals

Place substance of rules and other info here. Please be sure to include a detailed explanation of the changes being made to the listed rule(s). Statutory authority must be given for each rule change. For information on formatting rules go to <https://sos.tn.gov/products/division-publications/rulemaking-guidelines>.

**AMENDMENT**  
**RULES**  
**OF**  
**TENNESSEE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION**  
**CHAPTER 1185-01-01**  
**CHARTER SCHOOL APPEALS**

Rule 1185-01-01-.02 is amended by making the following deletion from subsection (8)(b) so that it reads as follows:

(b) If the Commission finds that the local board of education's decision was contrary to the best interests of the students, LEA, or community and approves the renewal application, the Commission shall be the authorizer, ~~unless the LEA agrees to oversee and manage the charter school pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-108.~~

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 49-13-105 and 49-13-121. Administrative History: Original rules filed October 29, 2020; effective January 27, 2021.

\* If a roll-call vote was necessary, the vote by the Agency on these rules was as follows:

Board Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Signature (if required)
Michael Carter					
Thomas Griscom					
Alan Levine					
Terence Patterson					
Eddie Smith					
Lauren Smith					
Chris Tutor					
Jamie Woodson					
Chris Richards					

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of proposed rules, lawfully promulgated and adopted by the \_\_\_\_\_ (board/commission/other authority) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date as mm/dd/yyyy), and is in compliance with the provisions of T.C.A. § 4-5-222. The Secretary of State is hereby instructed that, in the absence of a petition for proposed rules being filed under the conditions set out herein and in the locations described, he is to treat the proposed rules as being placed on file in his office as rules at the expiration of ninety (90) days of the filing of the proposed rule with the Secretary of State.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Board/Commission: \_\_\_\_\_

Rule Chapter Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

All proposed rules provided for herein have been examined by the Attorney General and Reporter of the State of Tennessee and are approved as to legality pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jonathan Skrmetti  
Attorney General and Reporter

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Tre Hargett  
Secretary of State

## **Regulatory Flexibility Addendum**

Pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 4-5-401 through 4-5-404, prior to initiating the rule making process, all agencies shall conduct a review of whether a proposed rule or rule affects small business.

These rules do not affect small businesses.

### **Impact on Local Governments**

Pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 4-5-220 and 4-5-228, "On any rule and regulation proposed to be promulgated, the proposing agency shall state in a simple declarative sentence, without additional comments on the merits or the policy of the rule or regulation, whether the rule or regulation may have a projected financial impact on local governments. The statement shall describe the financial impact in terms of increase in expenditures or decrease in revenues."

These rules do not have a financial impact on local government.

**Additional Information Required by Joint Government Operations Committee**

All agencies, upon filing a rule, must also submit the following pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-226(i)(1).

- (A)** A brief summary of the rule and a description of all relevant changes in previous regulations effectuated by such rule;

These rules, governing appeals for charter school renewal applications, remove an incorrect reference to a reconciliation period between the charter school operator and the local education agency.

- (B)** A citation to and brief description of any federal law or regulation or any state law or regulation mandating promulgation of such rule or establishing guidelines relevant thereto;

The Tennessee Public Charter School Commission is granted rulemaking authority under T.C.A. § 49-13-105(m).

- (C)** Identification of persons, organizations, corporations or governmental entities most directly affected by this rule, and whether those persons, organizations, corporations or governmental entities urge adoption or rejection of this rule;

Public charter schools and local districts will be affected by this rule should an appeal be filed. The Commission urges adoption of this rule to align the language to state law.

- (D)** Identification of any opinions of the attorney general and reporter or any judicial ruling that directly relates to the rule or the necessity to promulgate the rule;

Not applicable.

- (E)** An estimate of the probable increase or decrease in state and local government revenues and expenditures, if any, resulting from the promulgation of this rule, and assumptions and reasoning upon which the estimate is based. An agency shall not state that the fiscal impact is minimal if the fiscal impact is more than two percent (2%) of the agency's annual budget or five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), whichever is less;

Not applicable.

- (F)** Identification of the appropriate agency representative or representatives, possessing substantial knowledge and understanding of the rule;

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- (G)** Identification of the appropriate agency representative or representatives who will explain the rule at a scheduled meeting of the committees;

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- (H)** Office address, telephone number, and email address of the agency representative or representatives who will explain the rule at a scheduled meeting of the committees; and

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**(I)** Any additional information relevant to the rule proposed for continuation that the committee requests.

None.