

State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

Combined Synopses of Proposed Rule Amendments

Synopsis of Proposed Amended Rule 691-2-.02 State Charter School Petitions

The State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia (SCSC) proposes to initiate rulemaking procedures to amend rule 691-2-.02 State Charter School Petitions. This rule outlines the form, substance, and manner to submit charter school petitions to the SCSC. The changes to this rule clarify that a petitioner designating a defined attendance zone must submit its petition to the local board of education in which the school will be located in accordance with the deadlines and requirements of the local board of education. Additionally, the rule clarifies that the SCSC may begin reviewing a petition for a state charter school while the petition is pending before a local board of education but that the SCSC cannot take action on such a petition until the local board of education denies the petition or fails to act within the statutory timeframe. The amended rule also clarifies that the SCSC may implement an expedited review cycle that is limited to the expansion or replication of existing charter schools. Further, the amended rule identifies the information upon which the SCSC may make its decision to approve, deny, renew, or nonrenew a petition as well as clarifying the post-interview of actions of SCSC staff as it formulates a recommendation to approve, deny, renew, or nonrenew a petition. The amended rule also changes wording and phrasing to improve readability.

Synopsis of Proposed Amended Rule 691-2-.03 State Charter School Monitoring

The State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia (SCSC) proposes to initiate rulemaking procedures to amend rule 691-2-.03 State Charter School Monitoring. This rule describes the criteria the SCSC will utilize in monitoring state charter schools authorized by the SCSC. The changes to this rule clarifies that state law requires governing boards of state charter schools to attend governance training provided by the SCSC and provides that state charter school governing boards or staff may be required to attend additional training if the SCSC identifies deficiencies in the contractual performance, operations, or compliance of the school. Further, the amended rule provides that schools not meeting the financial goals or terms of its charter may be required to complete additional financial reporting to the SCSC.

Synopsis of Proposed Amended Rule 691-2-.04 State Charter School Charter Amendments and Termination

The State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia (SCSC) proposes to initiate rulemaking procedures to amend rule 691-2-.04 State Charter School Charter Amendments and Termination. The changes to this rule remove the requirement for a state charter school requesting termination of its charter to provide minutes of the meeting in which the governing board makes the decision to request termination. This change is aimed to decrease the burden on state charter schools as meeting minutes are available through other means.

Synopsis of Proposed Amended Rule 691-2-.05 State Charter School Student Admission and Lotteries

The State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia (SCSC) proposes to initiate rulemaking procedures to amend rule 691-2-.05 Student Admission and Lotteries. This rule outlines the standards and expectations of state charter schools for ensuring open enrollment. The changes to this rule are designed to ensure that enrollment preferences for state charter schools more closely align to state law.
