

**MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:**

**October 2014**

**GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATE**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Section 161.092, 160.400-160.425, RSMo

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**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 1:**

All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.

**SUMMARY:**

The following material contains a summary of the action taken during the meeting (s) of the work group convened to examine existing charter school law.

**PRESENTER(S):**

Mark Allan Van Zandt, General Counsel, and Constance Rush, Director of Legislative Outreach, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.



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### 3. Renewal/Nonrenewal

- A common matrix for evaluation/determination among sponsors for renewal (APR?);
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### November 4, 2014

#### 4. Statewide Issues

- Sunshine Law
- Accountability
- Maintain community control
- Geographical limitations
- Student attendance/mobility issues
- Etc.

#### 5. Closure

- Responsibility
- Outstanding obligations
- Unobligated assets
- Accountability
- Etc.

#### 6. Financial

- Enrollment
- Early childhood funding
- Sponsor funding
- Start-up fund
- Cooperative agreements
- Etc.

### November 18, 2014

#### 7. Student Rights

- Safe schools
- IDEA/Special Education
- Discipline

#### 8. Start Up – New Charters

- Model application
- Facility acquisition
- Term of charter
- Etc.

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- Approval of sponsors
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