

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM: September 2014

REPORT ON WORK GROUP TO EXAMINE EXISTING CHARTER SCHOOL LAW

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Sections 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:

Existing state laws regulating charter schools were created in 1998 and last amended in 2012. The signing of SB 576 in 2012 lifted the previous geographical limits, allowing charter schools to operate beyond the confines of a metropolitan school district or an urban school district with minimum prerequisites.

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PRESENTERS:

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

Work Group to Review Existing Charter School Law

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Task

Organize a committee to comprehensively review laws regulating charter schools in Missouri. The committee should draft suggested revisions to the existing law for future legislative consideration.

Duration and Meeting Dates

The committee will convene for the first time during the week of September 22, 2014, or as soon as possible shortly after committee is established.

Sept. 24, 2014	Harry S. Truman Building, Room 493	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Oct. 14, Nov. 4, and Nov. 18, 2014	Governor’s Office Building, Room 316	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The committee will conclude during the week of November 17, 2014. Recommendations will be presented to the State Board of Education in December 2014.

Deliverable

Upon concluding, the committee’s revisions and recommendations should be drafted and produced as legislative proposals.

Participants

Charter Sponsors (3)

Legislators (2)

Charter Schools (4)

Business Community (2)

Education Organizations (6)

Department Staff (2)

Issues for Consideration

- Application Process
- Academic Performance Expectations
- Intervention Process
- Renewal/Revocation
- Closure