

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE:	PH-06
COMMITTEE:	Public Hearing
DATE:	February 10, 2016

SUBJECT/TITLE

Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-300 (R.43-300), Accreditation Criteria (Second Reading)

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

The purpose of this item is to amend R.43-300 for districts which choose Option 2, Accreditation through an Accrediting Entity Accepted by Higher Education.

CRITICAL FACTS

The amendment would enable districts/schools to continue through the accreditation process of the alternative accrediting agency, without reverting back to Option 1 procedures, as long as the district/school is not dropped from the agency.

The district/school which chooses Option 2 must submit documentation annually by October 15 to the SBE stating that the district and schools meet the standards in the defined program and all current statutes and regulations provided in the South Carolina Department of Education's Preliminary Analysis.

Also included in the amendment is language that Option 1 districts and schools are the only entities incorporated in the five-year-cycle state accountability verification monitoring visits.

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

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| • October 23, 2015 | Drafting notice was published in <i>State Register</i> . |
| • November 23, 2015 | Written comments were due. |
| • December 9, 2015 | R.43-300, Accreditation Criteria submitted to PL Committee for first reading approval and to the SBE (First Reading). |
| • January 7, 2016 | SCDE staff met with Legislative Council staff |
| • January 25, 2016 | Written comments were due. |
| • February 10, 2016 | SBE public hearing and promulgation of the amendments to R.43-300 (Second Reading). |
| • February 10, 2016 | Submit amendments to R.43-300 to the General Assembly. |

ECONOMIC IMPACT

COST: None
FUND/SOURCE: N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments: yes no
(attachments must be submitted with synopsis)

Name of Attachments: R.43-300, Accreditation Criteria

RECOMMENDATION

The SCDE recommends that the SBE approve amendments to R.43-300, Accreditation Criteria (Second Reading).

ACTION REQUEST

FOR APPROVAL: FOR INFORMATION ONLY: