

Notice of Rulemaking

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-15-201 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Arkansas State Board of Education and the Arkansas Department of Education are considering implementing proposed revisions to the Open Enrollment Public Charter School New Application and District Conversion or Limited Public Charter School New Application and to the Rules Governing Public Charter Schools. A public hearing will be held on June 20, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Arch Ford Education Building, Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock. The proposed revisions to the application include, but are not limited to, requiring greater transparency from applicants in regards to conflicts of interest, governance, and finance; making the applications consistent with recent legislative changes; and making technical corrections. The proposed revisions to the Rules Governing Public Charter Schools include, but are not limited to, combining the existing Rules Governing Public Charter Schools with the existing Rules Governing Limited Public Charter Schools.

Written comments should be mailed to the Office of Legal Services at Four Capitol Mall, Room 404-A, Little Rock, AR 72201. Copies of the proposed revisions may be obtained at the Arkansas Department of Education, Office of Legal Services, Four Capitol Mall, Room 404-A, Little Rock, AR 72201 or by accessing the Department's website at <http://arkansased.org>.