

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE:	PL-06
COMMITTEE:	Policy and Legislative
DATE:	August 9, 2016

SUBJECT/TITLE

Waiver Request Procedures for State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (R.43-261), District and School Planning

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

The purpose of this item is to present the SBE with new waiver request procedures pursuant to the recently amended R.43-261.

CRITICAL FACTS

Amendments to R.43-261 were approved and signed into law by the Governor on June 24, 2016.

Regulation 43-261 (C) District and School Planning states:

Upon request of a district board of trustees or its designee, the State Board of Education may waive any regulation that would impede the implementation of an approved district strategic plan or school renewal plan. The State Board of Education may delegate to the State Superintendent the ability to waive regulatory requirements for similarly situated school districts and schools.

All waiver requests must continue to be in writing, signed by the local superintendent, and approved by the local school board. The district's strategic plan and any applicable school's renewal plan must reference the waiver request before it is reviewed for approval.

Waivers for previously granted requests no longer have to go before the SBE. Novel or unusual requests require SBE approval. The written waiver requests are to be sent to Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability. State Accountability will notify districts, in writing, if the waiver request has to go before the SBE.

State Accountability's web site now includes a list of all previously granted waivers which are accessible to the public.

In most cases, approved waiver requests will be for the duration of the district's strategic plan.

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

- June 24, 2016

Amendments to R. 43-261 signed into law by the Governor.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

COST: N/A

FUND/SOURCE: N/A

ATTACHMENTS

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

Name of Attachments:

Attachment 1: Draft Memo to Districts

Attachment 2: R.43-261

Attachment 3: Waiver Log

RECOMMENDATION

The SBE accepts the South Carolina Department of Education’s new waiver request procedures.

ACTION REQUEST

FOR APPROVAL:

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: