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**Charter School Performance Framework**

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**The Background:**

Pursuant to Public Chapter 850 of the 108<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, the Tennessee State of Board shall adopt national authorizing standards as an appellate authorizer of charter schools. An important part of national authorizing standards is the establishment of performance standards under which authorized schools will be measured.<sup>1</sup>

The proposed framework contains the academic, financial, and organizational benchmarks in which charter schools authorized by the State Board of Education will be evaluated on an annual basis to indicate the overall success and health of the charter school. A charter school's performance on these measures will be reported in the annual report produced by the State Board of Education. A technical report outlining the definitions and equations used as a part of the academic benchmarks is included behind the proposed performance framework.

**The Recommendation:**

SBE staff recommends adoption of this item on final reading.

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<sup>1</sup> National Association of Charter School Authorizers, "Principals and Standards of Quality Charter School Authorizing," 2012 Edition, pg. 15, available at [http://www.qualitycharters.org/assets/files/images/stories/publications/Principles.Standards.2012\\_pub.pdf](http://www.qualitycharters.org/assets/files/images/stories/publications/Principles.Standards.2012_pub.pdf).