

STATE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
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BUDGET BRIEF

SUMMARY

The State Charter School Board (SCSB) was created by legislation passed during the 2004 General Session to authorize and promote the establishment of charter schools. The board advises the State Board of Education on charter school issues. A total of 7 members appointed by the Governor sit on the charter school board. The Governor appoints members based on nominations from the State Board of Education. The Charter School Board has an Executive Director and professional staff to support its operations. The State Superintendent appoints the staff director with the consent of the SCSB.

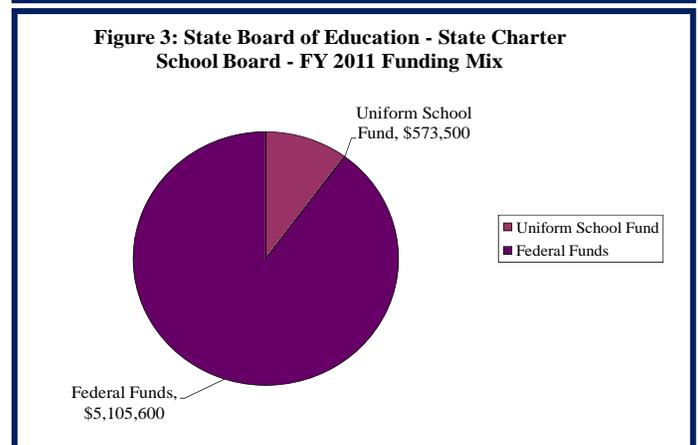
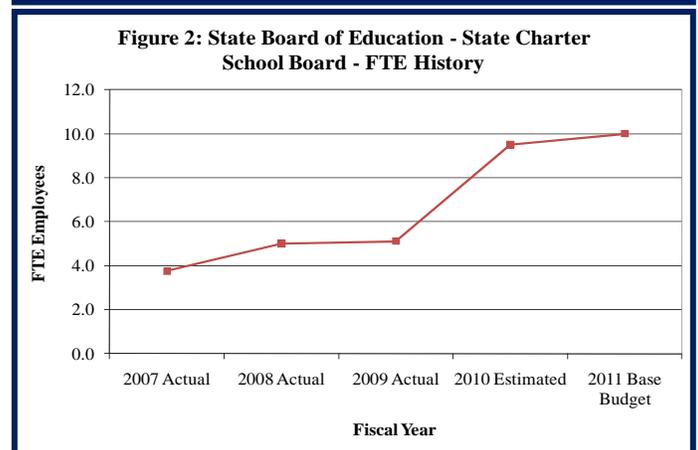
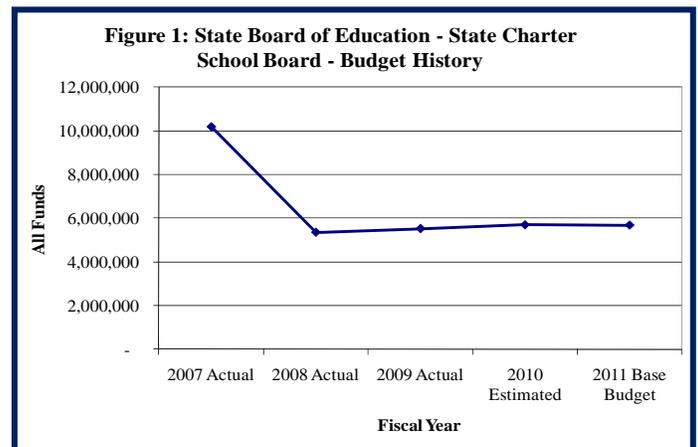
ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Base Budget: The State Charter School Board funding comes from the State's Uniform School Fund and Federal Funds. The FY 2010 Base Appropriation for Board operations was \$5,690,800 with \$585,200 or 10.3% in Uniform School Funds. This state appropriation is 18.7% lower than the FY 2009 Original Appropriation of \$719,600.

The Executive Appropriations Committee adopted FY 2011 General and Education Fund revenue estimates that are 98% of the original FY 2010 ongoing appropriations. The FY 2011 base budget bills (S.B. 1 and H.B. 1) reduce appropriations for all line items and programs proportionately to match revenues. This action from the EAC results in a FY 2011 base appropriation for the Charter School Board of \$5,679,100 with \$573,500 from the Uniform School Fund, or 20.3% lower than the FY 2009 Original Appropriation.

FY 2011 5% Options: The EAC allocated 95% of original FY 2010 ongoing appropriations to each subcommittee and directed the subcommittees to compile a list of options equal to a 5% ongoing cut. The EAC will use these options to make final adjustments to the FY 2011 budget.

Recommendation: The Analyst recommends the subcommittee adopt the FY 2011 base budget as shown in the budget detail table on page 2. The Analyst also recommends the subcommittee consider a 5% reduction (\$29,300) in current expense for the line item or reallocate from another area of the Education Agencies or Public Education budget.



BUDGET DETAIL

As mentioned previously, revenue supporting the SCSB comes from two sources, the State's Uniform School Fund and Federal Funds. The Uniform School Fund provides approximately 10 percent of the total revenue supporting the Charter School Board in FY 2011. Of the total \$5,521,900 FY 2009 budget, approximately 83.2 percent was passed on to the State's charter schools.

State Board of Education - State Charter School Board						
	FY 2009	FY 2010		FY 2010		FY 2011*
Sources of Finance	Actual	Appropriated	Changes	Revised	Changes	Base Budget
Uniform School Fund	636,600	585,200	0	585,200	(11,700)	573,500
Uniform School Fund, One-time	(488,200)	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	4,803,600	5,105,600	0	5,105,600	0	5,105,600
Beginning Nonlapsing	569,900	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$5,521,900	\$5,690,800	\$0	\$5,690,800	(\$11,700)	\$5,679,100
Programs						
State Charter School Board	5,521,900	5,690,800	0	5,690,800	(11,700)	5,679,100
Total	\$5,521,900	\$5,690,800	\$0	\$5,690,800	(\$11,700)	\$5,679,100
Categories of Expenditure						
Personnel Services	536,900	527,200	37,600	564,800	100	564,900
In-state Travel	8,500	16,900	(8,400)	8,500	0	8,500
Out-of-state Travel	22,900	5,000	17,900	22,900	0	22,900
Current Expense	239,300	13,200	226,100	239,300	(11,700)	227,600
DP Current Expense	7,200	9,400	(2,200)	7,200	0	7,200
DP Capital Outlay	101,600	0	101,600	101,600	0	101,600
Capital Outlay	11,500	0	0	0	0	0
Other Charges/Pass Thru	4,594,000	5,119,100	(372,600)	4,746,500	(100)	4,746,400
Total	\$5,521,900	\$5,690,800	\$0	\$5,690,800	(\$11,700)	\$5,679,100
Other Data						
Budgeted FTE	5.1	6.0	3.5	9.5	0.5	10.0

*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.