

57 (5) (a) On or before January 1, 2017, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
 58 Administrative Rulemaking Act, the State Board of Education shall, after ~~H~~→ [consultation with]
 58a considering suggestions from ~~H~~
 59 charter school authorizers, make rules establishing requirements, procedures, and deadlines for
 60 an expansion of a charter school.

61 (b) The rules described in Subsection (5)(a) shall include rules related to:

62 (i) an expansion of a charter school when another charter school issues a notice of
 63 closure; and

64 (ii) the establishment of a satellite campus.

65 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) (a) If the Legislature does not appropriate funds for an increase in charter
 66 school enrollment capacity that is tentatively approved by the State Board of Education, the
 67 State Board of Education shall prioritize the tentatively approved schools and expansions based
 68 on approved funds.

69 (b) A charter school or expansion that is tentatively approved, but not funded, shall be
 70 considered to be tentatively approved for the next application year and receive priority status
 71 for available funding.

72 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) (a) Except as provided in Subsection ~~[(5)]~~ (6)(b) or ~~[(6)]~~ (7)(b), in approving
 73 an increase in charter school enrollment capacity for new charter schools and expanding charter
 74 schools, the State Board of Education shall give:

75 (i) high priority to approving a new charter school or a charter school expansion in a
 76 high growth area; and

77 (ii) low priority to approving a new charter school or a charter school expansion in an
 78 area where student enrollment is stable or declining.

79 (b) An applicant seeking to establish a charter school in a high growth area may elect
 80 to not receive high priority status as provided in Subsection ~~[(6)]~~ (7)(a)(i).

81 Section 2. Section **53A-1a-504** is amended to read:

82 **53A-1a-504. Charter school application -- Applicants -- Contents.**

83 (1) (a) An application to establish a charter school may be submitted by:

84 (i) an individual;

85 (ii) a group of individuals; or

86 (iii) a nonprofit legal entity organized under Utah law.

87 (b) An authorized charter school may apply under this chapter for a charter from

212 (6) (a) A closing charter school shall return any assets remaining, after all liabilities
 213 and obligations of the closing charter school are paid or discharged, to the closing charter
 214 school's authorizer.

215 [~~(ii) The~~] (b) The closing charter school's authorizer [may] shall liquidate assets at fair
 216 market value or assign the assets to another public school.

217 [~~(5) To the extent possible, all leases, service agreements, and other contracts not~~
 218 ~~necessary for the transition of the closing charter school should be terminated.]~~

219 (7) The closing charter school's authorizer shall oversee liquidation of assets and
 220 payment of debt in accordance with board rule.

221 [~~(6)~~] (8) The closing charter school shall:

222 (a) comply with all state and federal reporting requirements; and

223 (b) submit all documentation and complete all state and federal reports required by [its]
 224 the closing charter school's authorizer or the State Board of Education, including documents to
 225 verify [its] the closing charter school's compliance with procedural requirements [~~as well as~~]
 226 and satisfaction of all financial issues.

227 [~~(7)~~] (9) When the closing charter school's financial affairs are closed out and
 228 dissolution is complete, the authorizer shall ensure that a final audit of the charter school is
 229 completed.

230 [~~(8) The~~] (10) On or before January 1, 2017, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,
 231 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the State Board of Education [may] shall, after

232 **H→** [~~consultation with~~] **considering suggestions from** ~~H←~~ charter school authorizers, make
 232a rules that:

233 (a) provide additional closure [requirements upon] procedures for charter schools [~~or~~
 234 ~~that specify elements of charter school closure plans.]; and~~

235 (b) establish a charter school closure process.