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**Charter School Authorizer Policies – 6.800 and 6.900**

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**The Background:**

Pursuant to Public Chapter 850 of the 108<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, the State Board of Education has become an appellate authorizer for charter schools who apply to a LEA that contains a priority school as well as an authorizer if a LEA sponsors a charter school.

New policies are needed in the areas of charter school renewal and LEA as a sponsor of a charter school, and these policies were not ready to be presented to the State Board of Education with the other authorizer policies presented at the meeting on July 25, 2014. These policies are in agreement with national standards for authorizing.

**The Recommendation:**

SBE staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.