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**Charter School Oversight and Evaluation Policy 6.500**

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**The Background:**

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-108, the State Board may serve as an appellate authorizer of charter schools. State Board Policy 6.500 establishes the guidelines for the State Board's oversight and evaluation activities of the charter schools authorized by the State Board.

Based on feedback from the State Board's authorized charter schools and State Board staff, this policy has been updated to clarify aspects of the oversight and evaluation process, specifically within the requirements for data collection and analysis.

**Policy Justification:**

T.C.A. § 4-5-230 requires that justification for adopting an item as a policy instead of a rule be submitted to the chair of the Government Operations Committee. This item is proposed to be adopted as a policy because it defines or explains the meaning of a statute or rule and/or concerns only the internal management of state government that does not affect private rights or privileges.

**The Recommendation:**

State Board staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.