
Continuous Learning Plans Emergency Rule 0520-01-17-.01

The Background:

Pursuant to Public Chapter 652 of 2020, the State Board of Education was authorized to approve emergency rules to address special circumstances created by school closures due to the infectious disease COVID-19.

At the June 22, 2020 State Board meeting, the Board approved the Continuous Learning Plans Emergency Rule 0520-01-17, which established the expectation for local education agencies (LEAs) and public charter schools to develop Continuous Learning Plans (CLPs) for the 2020-21 school year. CLPs address how the LEA or public charter school will continue to provide quality instruction to students in the event of COVID-19 related disruptions to traditional school operations during the 2020-21 school year. LEAs and public charter schools were required to develop and submit a CLP to the Department for approval utilizing a template created by the Department of Education.

The proposed revisions clarify that CLPs that received final approval from the Department of Education are effective through the end of the 2020-21 school for the purpose of addressing COVID-19 related disruptions during the 2020-21 school year. This will ensure that rule language is in place establishing the validity period of CLPs after expiration of the majority of the current CLP emergency rule in December 2020. Additionally, the language clarifies that CLPs may be used by LEAs or charter schools who have exhausted stockpile days due to COVID-19.

The Recommendation:

The SBE staff recommends approval of this item on first and final reading.