

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY  
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**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items  
September 29, 2022**

**OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION**

07. Action: Approval to grant accreditation to charter schools approved by the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-17-1 [Goals 1, 2, 4, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

**Background Information:** State law authorizes the State Board of Education to accredit both noncharter public schools and charter schools. Mississippi Code Ann. § 37-17-1 provides that “A charter school authorized by the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board **must** be granted accreditation by the State Board of Education based solely on the approval of the school by the authorizer. If the authorizer, at any time, revokes a school's charter, the State Board of Education shall withdraw the accreditation of the charter school immediately.”

In accordance with state law, the Office of Accreditation seeks approval to grant accreditation to the following charter schools, as approved by the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board:

- 1.) Ambition Prep
- 2.) Clarksdale Collegiate
- 3.) Leflore Legacy Academy
- 4.) Midtown Public
- 5.) Reimagine Prep
- 6.) Revive Prep
- 7.) Joel E. Smilow Collegiate
- 8.) Joel E. Smilow Prep

This item references Goals 1, 2, 4, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

West's Annotated Mississippi Code  
Title 37. Education  
Chapter 17. Accreditation of Schools

Miss. Code Ann. § 37-17-1

§ 37-17-1. State board of education authority; concerning accreditation

**Currentness**

(1) The power and authority to prescribe standards for the accreditation of noncharter public schools, to insure compliance with such standards and to establish procedures for the accreditation of noncharter public schools is hereby vested in the State Board of Education. The board shall, by orders placed upon its minutes, adopt all necessary rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this chapter and shall provide, through the State Department of Education, for the necessary personnel for the enforcement of standards so established.

(2) A charter school authorized by the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board must be granted accreditation by the State Board of Education based solely on the approval of the school by the authorizer. If the authorizer, at any time, revokes a school's charter, the State Board of Education shall withdraw the accreditation of the charter school immediately.

**Credits**

Laws 1970, Ch. 366, § 1, eff. from and after passage (approved April 3, 1970). Amended by [Laws 2013, Ch. 497 \(H.B. No. 369\)](#), § 67, eff. July 1, 2013.

**Notes of Decisions (1)**

Miss. Code Ann. § 37-17-1, MS ST § 37-17-1

The Statutes and Constitution are current with laws from the 2022 Regular Session effective through June 30, 2022. Some statute sections may be more current, see credits for details. The statutes are subject to changes provided by the Joint Legislative Committee on Compilation, Revision and Publication of Legislation.

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