



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

To: Indiana State Board of Education
From: Timothy Schultz, General Counsel
Date: July 10, 2019
RE: Approval to Initiation Rulemaking for Virtual Education Programs and Virtual Charter Schools

MEMORANDUM

Recommendation: grant approval to initiate the adoption administrative rules regarding virtual education programs and virtual charter schools.

The State Board of Education (“Board”) staff recommends the Board initiate rulemaking regarding V virtual education programs and virtual charter schools. The basis for the staff recommendation is 1) the authority granted to the Board by P.L. 211-2019, which added IC 20-19-9-2 allowing the Board to adopt administrative rules governing virtual education programs, and 2) the authority granted to the Board in IC 20-34-7-13, which allows the Board to adopt rules to govern the operation of virtual charter schools. The Board will not be approving any language at this meeting, merely granting permission to begin the rulemaking process. The process will proceed as follows:

- Staff will file initial paperwork with LSA to let them know we have approval from the Board to begin the rulemaking process.
- Staff will present a proposed rule to the Board for adoption at a later meeting.
- Once a proposed rule is adopted by the Board, it will be published for public comment, and a public hearing will be held.
- The Board will then adopt a Final Rule based on public comments and any recommended technical changes from staff.