

The revisions to S. 122 that would solve our challenges would be language such as:

Sec. 6. 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, Section 5(c) is amended so as to strike (3) and (4) and to replace (3) with: (3) the member districts have proposed a form of governance different from the preferred structure but which can be demonstrated to meet the goals in Act No. 46, Sec. 2.

Replace (4) with: The Agency of Education will develop rules or modify existing rules to ensure that:

- (a) all proposals for structuring education governance will be reviewed in a timely fashion by the same measures and criteria for all;
- (b) the Agency's review will be conducted together with the school district(s) making the proposal, and the Agency's draft recommendation to the State Board will be shared with the school district(s);
- (c) the school district(s) have the option of withdrawing and resubmitting its(their) proposal in order to correct any deficiencies the Agency finds;
- (d) the State Board reviews the proposal in open session and votes to accept it or reject it;
- (e) if the State Board rejects the proposal, it will give reasons in writing;
- (f) the school district(s) will have an opportunity to submit new or revised proposals for reconsideration.

We would also like to add:

“2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, Section 10 is amended to add (d) Notwithstanding (a) or (b) above, no school district existing at the time of the passage of this Act shall be placed under the authority or control of another district without an affirmative vote of the registered voters therein.”