<u>Purpose</u>: This proposed language states that districts presenting proposals for "Alternative Governance Structures" under Act 46, Sec. 9 by November 30, 2017 will have the opportunity to add to or otherwise amend their proposals during the year-long process during which the Secretary of Ed / State Board of Ed prepare the "Statewide Plan."

The Agency has always interpreted this to be the case under both Sec. 10(a)(1) (the SOE shall "consider[]" the proposals and have "conversations" with the proposing districts) and Sec. 10(b) (the SBE "may take testimony or ask for additional information").

This proposed language is explicit confirmation of the Agency's assumption.

The Agency is suggesting that the State Board add a similar statement to its final proposed 3400 series rules.

Sec. ____. 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46 is amended to read:

Sec. 10. TRANSITION TO SUSTAINABLE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES; PROPOSAL; FINAL PLAN



(_) During the year-long process established in subsections (a) and (b) of this section through which the Secretary shall prepare a proposed statewide education governance plan and the State Board shall prepare and issue the final plan, a district or group of districts that presented a proposal pursuant to Sec. 9 of this act shall have the opportunity to add to or otherwise amend the proposal in connection with the Secretary's consideration of the proposal and conversations with the district or districts pursuant to subsection (a) and with testimony presented to the State Board pursuant to subsection (b).