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Regulations Required By RIGL §16-7.1-5.1

**Council on Elementary and Secondary Education –
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Legislative Requirement to Promulgate Regulations

RIGL § 16-7.1-5.1(d)

Requires the Council to promulgate statewide regulations providing for when a district under RIDE's control exits turnaround status and returns to local control.

- Legislative requirement enacted in 2022
- Statutory language comparable to similar language from MA



Guiding Principles for Developing Regulations



State-level regulations, applicable to the Council's role for any district under the Crowley Act



Leveraged Massachusetts' existing regulations as a model given similarities in statutes



After statewide regulations are promulgated, these regulations will then be implemented for PPSD in Spring 2024



Engaged local and national experts in school governance to help inform regulation development



Promulgation & Implementation Timeline

State-Level (Regulation Development & Promulgation)

Providence-Specific (Regulation Implementation)



Oct. 2023

RI Office of Regulatory Reform reviews regulations and approves RIDE to initiate public comment



Early Winter 2024

RIDE reviews and updates regulations based on public comment
Council reviews and approves final regulations



Summer 2024

Commissioner issues report and recommendation regarding PPSD's continued turnaround status to the Council for review and approval

Sept.-Oct 2023

Council reviews and approves the draft regulations for public comment



Nov.-Dec. 2023

Statewide public comment process on the regulations



Spring 2024

Based on promulgated regulations, RIDE conducts a review focused on the continued intervention in PPSD



Expert Feedback to Inform Regulations

Engaged Experts:

- Current MA DESE Leadership
 - Three districts currently under intervention
- Dr. Martin West
 - Harvard University, GSE Academic Dean
 - Current MA Education Board Member
- Paul Reville
 - Former MA Secretary of Education and MA Education Board Chair
 - Harvard University, Professor
 - Education Redesign Lab, Director
- Dr. Kenneth Wong
 - Brown University, Chair of Education Policy
- AJ Crabill
 - Council of Great City Schools, Dir. Governance
 - Former Texas Deputy Commissioner of Ed. & KC School Board Chair

Key Takeaways:



1) MA's comparable regulations are a good starting point to build RI's regulations off of



2) District turnaround efforts take time to realize and sustain progress



3) Review both the LEA's progress AND local governance readiness to sustain that progress



4) Identify current challenges and the tools needed to address them as part of the review process



Key Regulation Components



Recommendation Considerations

Analysis of key considerations that inform the Commissioner's recommendation



Commissioner's Recommendation

Recommendation to either extend an intervention or return the LEA to local control



Potential Transitional Period

RIGL 16-7.1-5.1 (similar to MA) allows a return to local control to have a "transitional period"

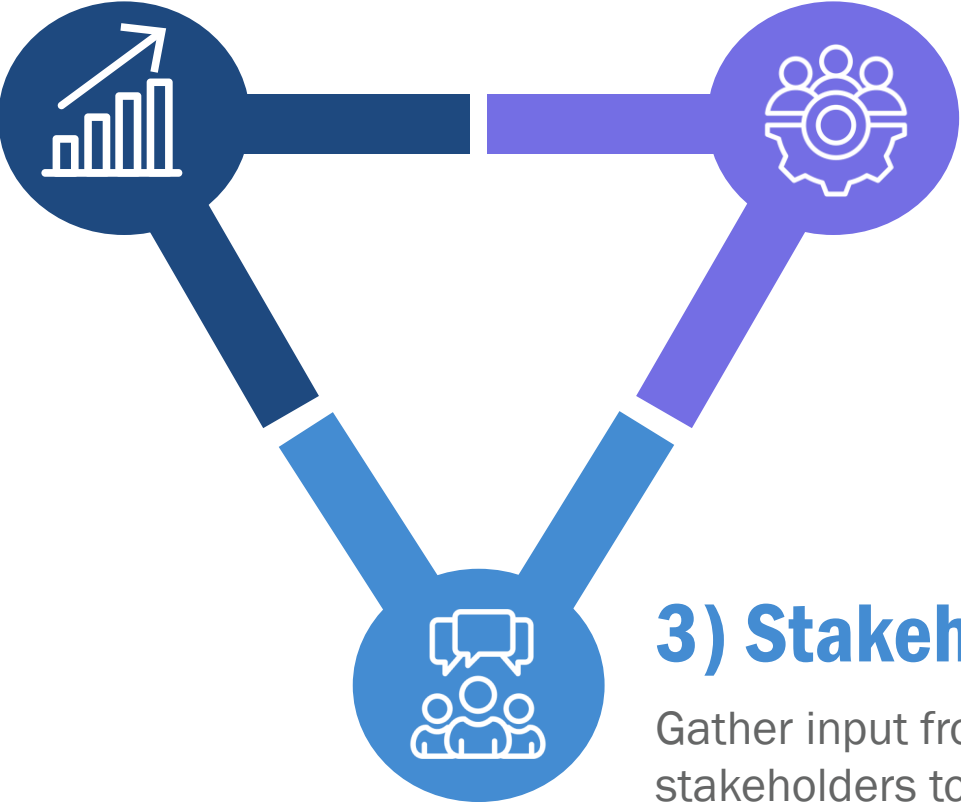


Recommendation Considerations

Prior to the end of any order under the Crowley Act, the Commissioner must prepare a report and recommendation to the Council regarding the future of an LEA's turnaround status. The report shall include an analysis of:

1) LEA Progress

If the LEA has made sufficient progress based on the pre-defined academic and other progress measures within the turnaround plan



2) Local Governance Readiness

Determine governance capacity and readiness at the LEA, school committee, and municipal levels to sustain the progress made under an intervention when an LEA returns to local control

3) Stakeholder Input

Gather input from a variety of community and other stakeholders to help inform the Commissioner's recommendation

Regulation Statewide Public Comment Process



RIDE will conduct a statewide, transparent public comment process for review on proposed regulatory language consistent with state regulatory requirements

- Anticipated November-December 2023, 30 days
- Public hearings in each Rhode Island county
 - Similar to the Secondary Regulations
- Already working with ORR to ensure process alignment
- RIDE will synthesize key takeaways from public comment and review with the Council in January 2024



Questions?