

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 810 Department or Agency REVENUE

Rule Nos. 810-3-61-03

Rule Title: Application of Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) for Participation in the Scholarship Program

New; Amend; Repeal; Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? No

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? N/A


Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have any economic impact? Yes

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975 and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer 

Date 6/20/13

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**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR APA RULE
(Section 41-22-23(f))**

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 YES

This rule has no economic impact.

This rule has an economic impact, as explained below:

1. NEED/EXPECTED BENEFIT OF RULE:
This rule is needed to provide guidance related to the Accountability Act of 2013.
2. COSTS/BENEFITS OF RULE AND WHY RULE IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND FEASIBLE MEANS FOR ALLOCATING RESOURCES AND ACHIEVING THE STATED PURPOSE:
The rule is implementing provisions of the Accountability Act of 2013 and has no further impact beyond that provided for within the Act.
3. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON COMPETITION:
N/A
4. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON COST OF LIVING AND DOING BUSINESS IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHERE THE RULE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED:
N/A
5. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON EMPLOYMENT IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA HERE THE RULE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED:
N/A
6. SOURCE OF REVENUE TO BE USED FOR IMPLEMENTING AND ENFORCING THIS RULE:
Education Trust Fund, Department of Revenue budget
7. THE SHORT-TERM/LONG-TERM ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THIS RULE ON AFFECTED PERSONS, INCLUDING ANALYSIS OF PERSONS WHO WILL

BEAR THE COSTS AND THOSE WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE RULE:
The rule is implementing provisions of the Accountability Act of 2013 and has no further impact beyond that provided for within the Act.

8. UNCERTAINTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESTIMATED BENEFITS AND BURDENS OF THE RULE, INCLUDING QUALITATIVE/QUANTITATIVE BENEFITS AND BURDEN COMPARISON:
The rule is implementing provisions of the Accountability Act of 2013 and has no further impact beyond that provided for within the Act.
9. THE EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH:
N/A
10. DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH IF THE RULE IS NOT IMPLEMENTED:
N/A
11. OTHER COMMENTS:
N/A

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
Tax Policy & Research Division**

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

RULE NO. & TITLE

810-3-61-.01	Definition of Terms and Phrases used in Connection with the Scholarship Program
810-3-61-.02	Credits for Contributions to Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs)
810-3-61-.03	Application of Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) for Participation in the Scholarship Program
810-3-61-.04	Receipt, Maintenance and Disbursement of Scholarship Funds by Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs)
810-3-61-.05	Annual Report of Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs)
810-3-61-.06	Notice of Nonpublic School to DOR of its Intention to Participate in the Scholarship Program

INTENDED ACTION: Adopt new rules

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The department proposes to adopt the above new rules to provide guidance regarding the statutory requirements of the Alabama Accountability Act of 2013.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: A public hearing will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2013, Room 1203, First Floor**, Gordon Persons Building, located at 50 N Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama. Copies of the rule(s) can be obtained at www.revenue.alabama.gov/rulehear.html.

All interested parties may present their views in writing to the **Secretary of the Alabama Department of Revenue, Room 4131, Gordon Persons Building, 50 N Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36132** at any time during the thirty-five (35) day period following publication of the notice or by appearing at the hearing.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
Thursday, August 8, 2013

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810-3-61-.03 Application of Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) for Participation in the Scholarship Program. **(NEW RULE)**

(1) Scope: Act 2013-64, as amended by Act 2013-265, provides for the creation of an SGO to receive scholarship donations for the purpose of making scholarship grants. This rule prescribes procedures for the inclusion of SGOs on the Department's list of organizations eligible for receiving scholarship donations entitling donors to the tax credits.

(2) Organizations must apply to the Department using a form available on the Department's website after July 1, 2013.

(3) The IRS approval letter exempting the organization from federal income tax pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code must be submitted to the Department as part of the application process.

(4) The SGO must state that it will abide by all requirements in the statute and applicable regulations.

(5) By August 1, 2013 the Department will notify the qualified SGO that it is being included in the list being placed on the Department's website, of organizations approved to accept qualifying scholarship donations pursuant to Section 9 of the Act.

(6) For each application received after the initial cut-off date, the SGO will be notified by the Department if it qualifies, and if so, its name will be added to the list of qualified organizations on the Department's web site.

(7) After receipt of its qualification notice, an SGO may accept scholarship donations, pursuant to Rule 810-3-61-.04.

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Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 16-16D-1, Code of Alabama 1975

History: