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Background

- Section 1002.335, F.S. created the Florida Schools of Excellence Commission as a statewide authorizer of charter schools. The law includes a provision for school districts to apply for exclusive authority to authorize charter schools within their geographic boundaries.
- The statutory deadline for school districts to submit an application for exclusive authority was March 1, 2007.
- The Department of Education engaged in rulemaking procedures in order to outline the process and requirements for applying for exclusive authority and included input from charter schools, school districts, school board attorneys, and other stakeholders.
- The State Board of Education adopted Rule 6A-6.0783, FAC. on June 19, 2007.
- Districts were able to revise their original submissions to meet the new rule requirements and had to submit them to the Department of Education no later than 7 days after the effective date of the rule (July 25, 2007), setting the deadline for August 1, 2007.
 - **41 school districts submitted applications for exclusive authority on or before August 1, 2007 (6A-60783, FAC.)**
 - **8 of the 41 districts do not have charter schools**
 - **1 district subsequently withdrew their application (Santa Rosa)**

Total Districts to Determine: 40

Districts Submitting by August 1, 2007

District	Pages	District	Pages
Baker*	6	Lee	550
Bay	395	Levy	545
Brevard	1,000	Manatee	932
Broward	495	Martin	303
Charlotte*	20	Monroe	437
Citrus	259	Nassau	38
Clay*	38	Orange	245
Collier	303	Osceola	853
Dade	710	Palm Beach	861
DeSoto*	4	Pasco	816
Duval	641	Pinellas	583
Escambia	377	Polk	985
Flagler	325	St. Johns	512
Gadsden	179	St. Lucie	599
Gilchrist*	3	Santa Rosa	534
Hardee*	4	Sarasota	803
Hernando	395	Sumter	948
Hillsborough	770	Suwannee*	28
Indian River	577	Volusia	800
Jefferson*	6	Wakulla	149
Lake	194		

*Indicates districts with no charter schools