



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 794**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3539**

**By Representatives Matheny, Weaver, Hill, Pody, Shipley, Kevin Brooks, Forgety, Powers, Ragan, Dunn, Ryan Williams, Lollar, Hardaway, Carr, Sargent**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3178**

**By Senators Bell, Summerville, Tate, Tracy, Crowe, Ford**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, relative to charter school transparency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, is amended by adding the following language as new, appropriately designated sections:

49-13-1\_\_\_. Each charter school shall comply with the requirements of title 8, chapter 44, part 1, concerning open meetings.

49-13-1\_\_.

(a) If an LEA maintains a web site on which the LEA posts the following information, then each public charter school within the LEA shall maintain a web site with the same information:

- (1) Public notice of meetings of the governing board;
- (2) Agendas for the meetings of the governing board;
- (3) Policies adopted by the governing board;
- (4) Names and contact information of governing board members;

(b) All information providing notice as required under § 8-44-103 shall be kept current by a public charter school maintaining a web site.

(c) Until such time that a charter school is able to maintain a web site, the school may arrange to post the required information on the LEA web site or a related web site; provided, that the location of the information is readily made known to the public.

49-13-1\_\_\_. All records of a public charter school shall be open for personal inspection and duplication by any citizen of this state to the same extent that records of public schools operated by an LEA are open.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.

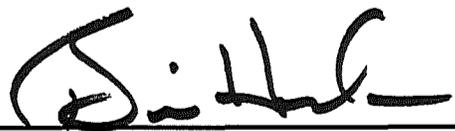
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PASSED: APRIL 5, 2012

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2012

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR