



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 171

HOUSE BILL NO. 125

By Representatives Hardaway, Mark White, Kane, Camper, Miller, Akbari, Love, DeBerry, Armstrong, Shaw, Sanderson, Ramsey, Eldridge, Fitzhugh, Towns, Turner, Shepard, Dawn White, Powell, Forgety

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 512

By Senators Dickerson, Kelsey, Briggs

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to charter schools identified as priority schools.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-122(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead:

(1) A charter agreement shall be revoked or denied renewal by the final chartering authority if the department of education identifies the charter school as a priority school, as defined by the state's accountability system pursuant to § 49-1-602. The revocation shall take effect immediately following the close of the school year after the school is identified as a priority school.

(2) A charter agreement, including the charter agreement of any charter school identified as a priority school on the department's 2015 priority schools list approved by the state board of education on August 26, 2014, shall not be revoked or denied renewal under subdivision (a)(1) unless the department identifies the charter school as a priority school on a list approved by the state board in 2017 or in a year thereafter.

(3) Nothing in this subsection (a) shall prohibit a chartering authority from revoking or denying renewal of a charter agreement of a charter school that fails to meet the minimum performance requirements set forth in the charter agreement.

(4) This subsection (a) shall not apply to schools authorized by the achievement school district pursuant to § 49-1-614 or to schools converted to charter schools under § 49-13-106(b)(2) unless the school receives identification as a priority school as defined by the state's accountability system pursuant to § 49-1-602 for two (2) consecutive cycles beginning in 2015.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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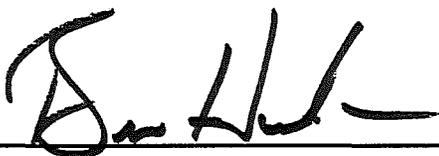


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11th day of April 2015



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR