



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 507

HOUSE BILL NO. 473

By Representatives Harry Brooks, McCormick

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 293

By Senator Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to K-12 education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-106(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (3):

(3)

(A) Charter schools authorized by the achievement school district shall conduct an initial student application period of at least thirty (30) days. During this period, all students zoned to attend or currently enrolled in a school that is eligible to be placed in the achievement school district may enroll. If, at the end of the initial student enrollment period, the number of eligible students seeking to be enrolled does not exceed the school's capacity or the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or building, then the charter school may enroll the child or children of a teacher, staff member, sponsor, or member of the governing body as well as students identified in subdivisions (b)(1)(C)(ii), (iii), and (iv) and in accordance with enrollment provisions contained in the charter agreement; provided, however, that no school's total enrollment of such students shall exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total school enrollment.

(B) Upon acquiring sufficient data to achieve a student achievement growth score as represented by the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS), a charter school authorized by the ASD may not enroll additional students identified in subdivisions (b)(1)(C)(ii), (iii), and (iv) as permitted in subdivision (a)(3)(A) unless the school demonstrates student achievement growth at a level of "at expectations" or above. This restriction shall not affect students previously enrolled pursuant to subdivision (a)(3)(A).

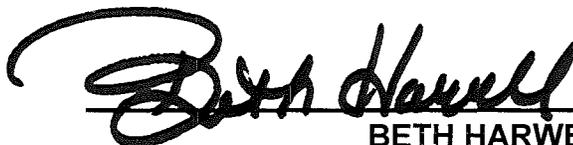
SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-106(a)(2), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (A) and adding the following language as subdivision (B):

(B) If the achievement school district (ASD) authorizes a charter school under § 49-1-614, the ASD shall receive an annual authorizer fee of up to three percent (3%) of the charter school's per student state and local funding as allocated under § 49-13-112(a). By May 1 of each year, the commissioner shall set the percentage of a charter school's per student state and local funding that the ASD shall receive as the annual authorizer fee for the next school year.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 21, 2015

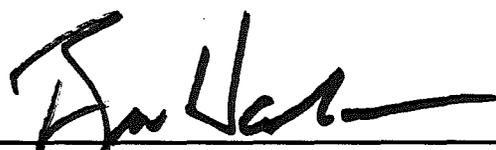


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20th day of May 2015



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR