

SENATE BILL 1523

By Norris

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-13-104(2), is amended by adding the language “or the Achievement School District as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-1-614” after the word “education”.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-13-106, is amended by deleting subdivision (a) (1) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

“Public charter schools may be formed to provide quality educational options for all students residing within the jurisdiction of the chartering authority.”

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-13-106, is amended by deleting subdivision (b) (1) (A) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

“The sponsor of a public charter school must file a public charter school application with a local board of education on or before October 1 of the year preceding the year in which the proposed public charter school plans to begin operation or with the Achievement School District pursuant to the timeline and procedures developed by the department of education.”

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-13-106, is amended by deleting subdivision (b) (1) (C) in its entirety.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-13-107, is amended by deleting the words “local boards of education” and by substituting instead the words “chartering authority”.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-13-108, is amended by deleting the words “This section shall apply only to applications for new charter schools under §49-13-106(b) (1)” and by substituting instead the words “This section shall apply only to applications for new charter schools under §49-13-106(b) (1) where the LEA is the chartering authority.”

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-13-108(2), is amended by deleting the first sentence.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-13-109, is amended by deleting this section in its entirety.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-13-113, is amended by deleting subdivisions (d)(1) and (4) in their entirety.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-13-122, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

A decision not to renew or to revoke a charter agreement may be appealed to the state board of education within ten (10) days of the decision, except for revocations or failures to renew based on the violations specified in subdivision (a)(2). State board appeals shall be handled on the same basis as provided in § 49-13-108.

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-13-130, is amended by deleting this section in its entirety.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.