

SENATE BILL 1624

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AN ACT to amend Chapter 1 of the Public Acts of 2011
(Senate Bill 25 / House Bill 51), relative to
administration of local education agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1 of the Public Acts of 2011 (Senate Bill 25 / House Bill 51), is amended by inserting the following language immediately preceding the final section and by renumbering the final section accordingly:

SECTION __. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-106, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (b) and by redesignating the subsequent subsection accordingly:

(b)

(1) If a city seeks to create a new city school system, then no new city school system shall be formed, unless the general assembly receives a comprehensive plan for operation of the new city school system. The comprehensive plan shall consider and provide for each of the following matters:

(A) Administrative organization of the proposed new system;

(B) A method to ensure no diminution in the level of the educational service in the schools of the new system as compared to the schools of the system or systems from which the proposed new system shall draw students;

(C) The acquisition of the facilities and personal property necessary for operation of a school system;

(D) Plans for transportation of students attending the proposed new school system's schools;

(E) Plans for providing food and janitorial services;

(F) Plans for election of a city school system board of education that comply with § 49-2-201;

(G) A timeline for the transfer of school functions from the system or systems from which the new school system shall draw students;

(H) School attendance zones;

(I) Parental involvement;

(J) Compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations; and

(K) Any other matters deemed by the planning commission to be pertinent.

(2) There shall be a planning commission to be composed as follows:

(A) The city mayor, county mayor and the chair or chairs of the board or boards of education from which the proposed new city school system shall draw students shall be ex officio non-voting members of the planning commission; and

(B) The city mayor and the county mayor shall each appoint four (4) members of the planning commission. Each board member of the boards of education from which the proposed new school system shall draw students shall appoint

either a parent, teacher or school administrator from the district the board member serves to the planning commission in such a manner that parents, teachers and school administrators are represented as equally as possible. The appointed members of the planning commission shall be respected citizens of the county who are registered to vote in the county and shall, by virtue of professional experience or formal instruction, be knowledgeable in matters pertaining to K-12 education, local government, business or finance.

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