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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3104, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and substituting instead;

(a) Local boards of education may admit pupils from outside their respective local school systems. Local boards of education may also arrange for the transfer of pupils residing within their systems to schools located outside their districts, and enter into agreements with other local boards of education for the admission or transfer of pupils from one school system to another.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3104, is further amended by adding the following as a new subsection (g):

(g)

(1) Notwithstanding subsection (c), in cases where an LEA has created a regional school with a specific focus on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), local basic education program (BEP) school funds shall also follow the student into the LEA to which the student is transferring and no tuition may be charged by the receiving LEA. If the total state and local BEP funds for the receiving LEA are greater than the total state and local BEP funds for the sending LEA, the department of education shall withhold from the sending LEA's state BEP payments in an amount equal to the difference and send such funds to the receiving district. If the total state and local BEP funds for the receiving LEA

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are less than or equal to the total state and local BEP funds for the sending LEA, any excess funds shall be retained by the sending LEA.

(2) As used in this subsection, "student" means a student who was attending a school in the sending LEA or had moved into the sending LEA immediately prior to the transfer to the receiving LEA's regional STEM school.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.