

Amendment No. 1 to SB1598

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1598

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

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 (1) 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.

(2) Using a per pupil average, to the extent the total state and local BEP funds associated with an impacted student are less than the amount of the total state and local BEP funds provided for a student in the receiving LEA, the department of education shall withhold from the sending LEA's state BEP payments an amount equal to the difference and include such funds in the

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receiving LEA's state BEP payments. In no event shall the total state and local BEP funds associated with an impacted student exceed the amount of total state and local BEP funds provided for a student in the receiving LEA.

(3) Nothing in this subsection (g) shall preclude an LEA from entering into an agreement with another LEA whereby additional funds may be transferred from the sending LEA to the receiving LEA for the purpose of educating the child.

(4) As used in this subsection (g), "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.