

Amendment No. 1 to SB2509

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AMEND Senate Bill 2509

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by deleting SECTION 1 and substituting instead:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3703, is amended by deleting "four-year" in subsection (a) and by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead:

(b) The department shall select a total of fifteen (15) priority schools that are diverse in grade levels to participate in the pilot program. The department shall select at least three (3) priority schools from each grand division of this state to ensure that the priority schools selected to participate in the pilot program are geographically diverse.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting subdivision (1) in SECTION 3 and substituting instead:

(1)

(A) Except as provided in subdivision (d)(1)(B), each school in need of intervention shall implement its school turnaround plan in each of the three (3) school years immediately following the school year in which the school in need of intervention developed its school turnaround plan.

(B) The department shall not require a school in need of intervention that exits the pilot program pursuant to § 49-6-3705(b)(2) to continue implementing the school turnaround plan developed by the school.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting SECTION 5 and substituting instead:

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3705, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead:

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2), a local board of education shall require a priority school to participate in the school turnaround pilot program if the department designates the school as a school in need of intervention.

(b)

(1) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2), a school in need of intervention that is required by the school's local board of education to participate in the pilot program must remain in the pilot program until the conclusion of the pilot program; provided, that a school in need of intervention selected to participate in the pilot program must not remain in the pilot program for more than four (4) school years.

(2) A local board of education shall not require a priority school designated by the department as a school in need of intervention for purposes of the pilot program to remain in the pilot program, if the school is designated as a Title I school, serves students in any of the grades six through eight (6-8), and has not met the priority school exit criteria established by the state's federally approved Every Student Succeeds Act plan established pursuant to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.) by the end of the 2023-2024 school year. The local board of education shall notify the commissioner of education and the independent school turnaround expert under contract with the board pursuant to § 49-6-3707(b), in writing, that the school in need of intervention is exiting the pilot program.

(c)

(1) Subject to subdivision (c)(2), the department may select additional schools in need of intervention to participate in the pilot program if one (1) or more schools in need of intervention exit the pilot program:

(A) Pursuant to subdivision (b)(2); or

(B) After participating in the pilot program for four (4) school years.

(2) The department shall not allow more than fifteen (15) schools to participate in the pilot program at any one time.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting SECTION 7 and substituting instead:

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3706, is amended by deleting "the end of the pilot program" wherever it appears in subsection (b) and substituting instead "the school in need of intervention exits the pilot program" and by deleting "By November 30, 2021" in subsection (c) and substituting instead "By November 30 of the first school year of a school in need of intervention's participation in the pilot program".