HOUSE BILL 727

By Potts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to water bottle filling stations.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Each public school must have at least one (1) student-accessible water bottle filling station within the school. An LEA or public charter school may determine the location of a water bottle filling station. As used in this section "water bottle filling station" means a water fountain that dispenses clean filtered drinking water that has been cooled into a bottle.

SECTION 2. The state board of education is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it. Section 2 of this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.