

HOUSE BILL 1333

By Baum

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-113, relative to charter school enrollment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-113(d), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (5) and redesignating the existing subdivision (5) and subsequent subdivisions accordingly:

(5)

(A) If an enrollment lottery is conducted, then a public charter school may give enrollment preference to "at-risk" students, as described in § 49-3-307(a)(6);

(B) A public charter school may request information to verify that a student is "at-risk" on the application submitted pursuant to subdivision (d)(1) for purposes of the enrollment lottery, but shall not require it.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-113(d), is amended by deleting subdivision (4) and substituting instead the following:

(4) If an enrollment lottery is conducted, then a public charter school shall give enrollment preferences in the following order:

(A) Students enrolled in a pre-K program operated by the charter school sponsor;

(B) Students who meet the criteria outlined in subdivision (d)(5), if such enrollment preference is used by the public charter school;

(C) Students enrolled in a charter school that has an articulation agreement with the enrolling public charter school; provided, that the articulation agreement has been approved by the authorizer;

(D) Siblings of students already enrolled in the public charter school;

(E) Students residing within the geographic boundaries of the LEA in which the public charter school is located who were enrolled in another public school during the previous school year; and

(F) Students residing outside the geographic boundaries of the LEA in which the public charter school is located, if permitted pursuant to the authorizer's out-of-district enrollment policy.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.