

HOUSE BILL 1438

By Stewart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to virtual schools.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-16-201, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

No LEA shall operate a virtual school after July 1, 2019. An LEA that does not operate a virtual school on the effective date of this act, shall not open a virtual school or contract with any entity for the operation of a virtual school. Any LEA that had a contract with an entity to operate a virtual school before the effective date of this act, shall not extend the contract, but shall terminate the operation of the school as soon as possible in accordance with the terms of the contract and shall not open another virtual school after the contract is terminated.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 16, Part 2, is amended by deleting §§ 49-16-202 - 49-16-216 in their entireties.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-104(h), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-107(a), is amended by deleting the language "virtual schools,".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3004(h), is amended by deleting the language "virtual school or" in the first sentence.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-50-1101, is amended by deleting the language ", charter school, or virtual school" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "or charter school"; and is further amended by deleting the language "charter

school authorizer, or virtual school" in subsection (b) and substituting instead the language "or charter school authorizer".

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.