

HOUSE BILL 1638

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6; Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 3, relative to regional schools.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

An LEA that creates a regional school having a specific focus, such as STEM education, and permits students from other LEAs to attend the regional school shall receive funding for the students attending the school as follows:

(1) If a student attending the school resides in the creating LEA, then BEP funding for the student shall be the same as that for other students in the creating LEA;

(2) If a student attending the school resides in another LEA and the BEP state and local per pupil funding of the sending LEA is greater than the BEP state and local per pupil funding for the creating LEA, then, for each student from the sending LEA enrolling in the school, the department of education shall withhold from the sending LEA's BEP state funds the amount of the sending LEA's BEP state and local per pupil funding and transmit that amount to the creating LEA; or

(3) If a student attending the school resides in another LEA and the BEP state and local per pupil funding of the sending LEA is less than or equal to the BEP state and local per pupil funding for the creating LEA, then, for each student from the sending LEA enrolling in the school, the department of education shall withhold from the sending LEA's BEP state funds the amount of its BEP state

and local per pupil funding and transmit that amount to the creating LEA.

Additionally, the department of education shall include in the amount transmitted the difference between the creating LEA's state and local BEP funding and the sending LEA's state and local BEP funding.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.