

HOUSE BILL 2415

By Gilmore

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to class size limits for career and technical education courses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-104(g), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

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(1) The Metropolitan Nashville public school system in Davidson County is authorized to continue the pilot initiative begun on July 1, 2008, that allows class sizes in career and technical education classes to be extended; provided, that the class sizes do not exceed the limit set for academic classes in grades seven through twelve (7-12) and that the pilot initiative is only implemented in schools or programs that use the career academy or small learning community model. The extension of class sizes shall be granted by the commissioner.

(2) The department of education shall convene a committee for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations based on the pilot initiative, assessing potential statewide implications for career and technical education funding within the BEP. The committee shall be comprised of, but not limited to, representation from the department of education, the state board of education, private industry, local career and technical education directors and higher education.

(3) The committee shall submit recommendations to the speakers of the senate and the house of representatives, the chairs of the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives and the BEP review committee no

later than December 1, 2015, and triennially thereafter as long as the pilot initiative continues in existence.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.