

SENATE BILL 353

By Gardenhire

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8 and Title 49, Chapter 13, relative to public charter schools.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-119, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

(a) The governing body of a public charter school shall select group insurance plans for teachers, as defined in § 8-34-101, and other full-time permanent employees of the public charter school.

(b) The governing body of a public charter school may elect to participate in the state group insurance plans in accordance with § 8-27-303, provided that the public charter school meets the requirements described in § 8-27-702(a)(2) to be considered a quasi-governmental entity at the time of the school's application and throughout the school's enrollment on the plan.

(c) Teachers, as defined in § 8-34-101, and other full-time permanent employees of a public charter school may participate in the group insurance plans selected by the governing body of the public charter school.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.