

SENATE BILL 467

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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 49-16-213, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) The department of education shall evaluate annually the achievement data of virtual schools established under this part according to the rules, regulations and performance standards of the state board of education. The commissioner shall identify as a priority school a virtual school that in any year fails to meet the performance standards and other criteria set by the state board. A virtual school identified as a priority school shall include in its annual school improvement plan, required under § 49-1-613, specific methods by which it plans to raise achievement to meet or exceed the performance standards and other state board criteria. When a virtual school fails to meet the performance standards and other state board criteria for achievement, the commissioner may place the virtual school in the achievement school district.

(b) The establisher of a virtual school shall evaluate annually the fiscal and operational performance of the virtual school.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.