

SENATE BILL 1265

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to
student retention.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3115, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

An LEA or public charter school:

(1) May retain a student in the third grade if the student has not shown a basic understanding of the curriculum and an ability to perform the skills required in the subject of reading or English language arts (ELA), as demonstrated by the student's grades or standardized test results;

(2) Shall offer a third-grade student who has not shown a basic understanding of the curriculum and an ability to perform the skills required in the subject of reading or ELA the opportunity to attend a learning loss bridge camp before the start of the next school year; and

(3) Shall not require a third-grade student to attend a learning loss bridge camp or otherwise condition the student's promotion to the fourth grade on the student's attendance or successful completion of a learning loss bridge camp.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-905(d), is amended by deleting subdivision (4).

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2022-2023 school year and each school year thereafter.