

SENATE BILL 1269

By Bunch

AN ACT to provide for the erection and maintenance of directional signs for Bachman Academy.

WHEREAS, Bachman Academy serves students that learn best in a non-traditional environment that is challenging, achievement-oriented and individualized, by reaching those students through such a non-traditional environment; and

WHEREAS, the Academy pursues the potential for learning, leadership and success of students with learning differences by placing them in an environment that focuses on a simultaneous, multi-sensory and experiential approach to learning; and

WHEREAS, this approach allows children who may otherwise not reach their full potential to flourish and go on to successful careers while building the confidence that only education can bring; and

WHEREAS, no school has done more to benefit the children of Bradley County and the great state of Tennessee over the years since its founding; and

WHEREAS, a directional sign on Interstate 75 near Exit 20 would inform citizens of the presence and location of this superb educational facility; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and in recognition of the significant contribution to education and the economic development of the state of Tennessee made by the Bachman Academy, the department of transportation is hereby directed to erect and maintain directional signs that inform citizens of the most direct route to Bachman Academy on Interstate 75 eastbound and westbound near exit 20 or at such Interstate location as deemed appropriate by the department of transportation.

SECTION 2. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 3. The act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.