

SENATE BILL 1623

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AN ACT to amend Chapter 1 of the Public Acts of 2011
(Senate Bill 25/House Bill 51), relative to
administration of local education agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1 of the Public Acts of 2011 (Senate Bill 25 / House Bill 51) is amended by inserting the following language immediately preceding the final section and by renumbering the final section accordingly:

SECTION __. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 5, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-2-5__.

(a) If a county or city school district seeks to convert to a special school district, then no legislation necessary to convert the city school system to a special school district shall be introduced in either the house of representatives or the senate, unless the general assembly receives a comprehensive plan for operation of the new special school district. The comprehensive plan shall consider and provide for each of the matters set forth in §§ 49-2-1201(i) and 49-2-1204. Prior to requesting the general assembly to enact legislation to establish the special school district, the comprehensive plan shall be submitted to the department of education for review and comments.

(b) The comprehensive plan shall be developed by a planning commission composed of the following members:

(1) The county mayor, the city mayor, if a city's school system is to be converted, and the chair of the board of education shall be ex officio non-voting members of the planning commission; and

(2) The county mayor and the city mayor, if applicable, shall each appoint four (4) members of the planning commission. Each board member of the board of education shall appoint either a parent, teacher or school administrator from the district the board member serves to the planning commission in such a manner that parents, teachers and school administrators are represented as equally as possible. The appointed members of the planning commission shall be respected citizens of the county who are registered to vote in the county and shall, by virtue of professional experience or formal instruction, be knowledgeable in matters pertaining to K-12 education, local government, business or finance.

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