

SENATE BILL 2366

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to school improvement.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3703(d)(1), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subdivision:

The department shall not require a school in need of intervention that exits the pilot program pursuant to § 49-6-3705(b)(2) to continue implementing the school turnaround plan developed by the school.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3705, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2), a local board of education shall require a priority school to participate in the school turnaround pilot program if the department designates the school as a school in need of intervention.

(b)

(1) A school in need of intervention that is required by the school's local board of education to participate in the pilot program must remain in the pilot program until the conclusion of the pilot program.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(1), a local board of education shall not require a priority school designated by the department as a school in need of intervention for purposes of the pilot program to remain in the pilot program, if the school is designated as a Title I school, serves students in any of the grades six through eight (6-8), and has not met the priority school exit criteria established by

the state's federally approved Every Student Succeeds Act plan established pursuant to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.) by the end of the 2023-2024 school year. The local board of education shall notify the commissioner of education and the independent school turnaround expert under contract with the board pursuant to § 49-6-3707(b), in writing, that the school in need of intervention is exiting the pilot program.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3706(b)(1), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subdivision:

The school turnaround committee for a school that exits the pilot program pursuant to § 49-6-3705(b)(2) terminates on the date the local board of education notifies the commissioner of education and the independent school turnaround expert under contract with the board pursuant to § 49-6-3707(b), in writing, that the school is exiting the pilot program.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3707, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e) Notwithstanding subsection (c), the independent school turnaround expert under contract with a school in need of intervention that exits the pilot program pursuant to § 49-6-3705(b)(2) must be compensated for all services provided to the LEA under the contract through the date on which the local board of education notifies the commissioner of education and the independent school turnaround expert under contract with the board pursuant to subsection (b), in writing, that the school is exiting the pilot program. The independent school turnaround expert shall not demand payment for any services provided to the exiting school in need of intervention after such date.

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