

SENATE BILL 2636

By Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to charter schools.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-122(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and substituting instead:

(1) A public charter school agreement shall be revoked or denied renewal by the final chartering authority if the school receives identification as a priority school, as defined by the state's accountability system pursuant to § 49-1-602 for 2017 or any year thereafter. Such revocation shall take effect immediately following the close of the school year after the school was identified as a priority school; provided, however, that no school identified as a priority school shall be closed if, in the year immediately preceding identification on the priority list, the school demonstrates student achievement growth at a level of "above expectations" or greater, as represented by the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-122(a), is further amended by deleting subdivision (2) in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-122(a)(4), is amended by deleting the language "§ 49-13-106(b)(2)" and substituting instead "§ 49-13-106(b)(2)-(3)".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-104, is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

"Community-based charter school" means a public charter school that was not created by a conversion of a public school to a charter school;

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-106(b)(1), is amended by deleting "Newly created" and substituting instead "Community-based".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-106(b)(1)(C), is amended by deleting "newly created" and substituting instead "community-based".

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.