HOUSE BILL 941

By Dunn

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

49-2-128. Each LEA shall develop a policy whereby the LEA shall provide for an open enrollment period during which parents or guardians may choose from a list of the LEA schools with available space and request a transfer without being required to provide reasons for their requests. If the transfer is granted, the parents or guardians are responsible for transportation to the new school. The student shall maintain satisfactory attendance, behavior and effort to remain in the new school.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3104(a), is amended by deleting the following language from the subsection:

without the approval of the LEA that the pupil previously attended up to two (2) weeks before the beginning of the school year in the LEA the pupil wishes to attend. Within two (2) weeks of the beginning of the school year and during the school year, the approval of both the sending and the receiving LEAs is required SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.