

HOUSE BILL 1083

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-122, 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)(1), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (a)(1)(A) and adding the following as a new subdivision:

(B) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1)(A), a chartering authority shall not revoke or deny renewal of a public charter school agreement pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(A) if the public charter school has not been in operation for more than four (4) years. A public charter school that has not been in operation for more than four (4) years and that is identified as a priority school, as defined by the state's accountability system pursuant to § 49-1-602, for 2017 or any year thereafter is subject to all other applicable provisions of this section and of § 49-1-602.

SECTION 2. The chartering authority for a public charter school that has not been in operation for more than four (4) years and that was publicly identified as a priority school in 2018, shall not, on or after the effective date of this act, revoke or deny renewal of the school's charter agreement pursuant to the requirements of § 49-13-122(a)(1)(A) and shall not require the school to cease operations following the close of the 2018-2019 school year. This Section does not prohibit a chartering authority from revoking or denying renewal of a charter agreement, or from requiring a public charter school to close, for any other lawful purpose.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.