

HOUSE BILL 2409

By Ragan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 7, relative to the lottery for education after school programs (LEAP) grants.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-702(b), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

() The use of high-quality instructional materials, as determined by the department of education.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-702, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting instead:

(c)

(1) Programs must be designed to comprehensively address the educational, health, and social service needs of children who are five (5) years of age or older and enrolled in the elementary or secondary grades.

(2) Programs must maintain an enrollment of children of which at least fifty percent (50%) of the enrolled students meet one (1) of the following criteria:

(A) Qualify for free or reduced-price lunch pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1771;

(B) Are at risk of educational disadvantage and failure due to circumstances of abuse, neglect, or disability;

(C) Are at risk of state custody due to family dysfunction;

(D) Are enrolled in and attending a public school failing to make adequate yearly progress;

(E) Are attending a public school, including a public charter school, instead of a public school failing to make adequate yearly progress as a result of parental choice;

(F) Are at risk of failing one (1) or more subjects; or

(G) Are behind grade level by at least one (1) year.

(3) The department shall give preference in awarding LEAP grants to programs in the following order:

(A) Programs that offer summer programming focused on closing literacy gaps among students entering grades one through three (1-3) and that maintain an enrollment of students of which at least eighty percent (80%) of the enrolled students meet one (1) of the requirements of subdivision (c)(2);

(B) Programs that offer summer programming focused on closing literacy gaps among students entering grades one through three (1-3), but that do not maintain an enrollment of students of which at least eighty percent (80%) of the enrolled students meet one (1) of the requirements of subdivision (c)(2); and

(C) Programs that maintain an enrollment of students of which at least eighty percent (80%) of the enrolled students meet one (1) of the requirements of subdivision (c)(2).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to LEAP grants awarded to organizations applying for an initial three-year grant, or for the renewal of a three-year grant, after June 30, 2021.