

HOUSE BILL 2679

By White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, Part 37, relative to the school
turnaround pilot program.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3703, is amended by deleting "four-year" in subsection (a); by deleting "five (5)" in subsection (b) and substituting instead "fifteen (15)"; and by deleting "one (1)" in subsection (b) and substituting instead "three (3)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3703(c), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(c) The department shall operate and administer the pilot program beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Each school in need of intervention selected by the department to participate in the pilot program must develop a school turnaround plan in the first school year of its participation in the pilot program.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3703(d), is amended by deleting the second sentence of subdivision (2) and by deleting subdivision (1) and substituting instead the following:

(1) Each school in need of intervention shall implement its school turnaround plan in each of the three (3) school years immediately following the school year in which the school in need of intervention developed its school turnaround plan.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3703(e), is amended by deleting "and at the end of the pilot program," and by deleting "The final report must" and substituting instead "The report filed by the department following the end of the last school year of a four (4) school year cycle in the pilot program's operation must".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3705, is amended by deleting "By September 1, 2021," and substituting instead "Beginning on September 1, 2021," and by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:

(b) A school in need of intervention that is required to participate in the pilot program must remain in the pilot program until the conclusion of the pilot program; provided, that a school in need of intervention selected to participate in the pilot program must not remain in the pilot program for more than four (4) school years.

(c) The department may select additional schools in need of intervention to participate in the pilot program if one (1) or more schools in need of intervention exit the pilot program after participating in the pilot program for four (4) school years; provided, that no more than fifteen (15) schools may participate in the pilot program.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3706(a), is amended by deleting the first sentence of the subsection and substituting instead:

By September 30 of the first school year of a school in need of intervention's participation in the pilot program, the respective local board of education shall establish a school turnaround committee for each school in the LEA that is participating in the school turnaround pilot program.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3706(b), is amended by deleting "the end of the pilot program" wherever it appears in the subsection and substituting instead "the school in need of intervention exits the pilot program".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3706(d), is amended by deleting "By March 1, 2022" in subdivision (1) and substituting instead "By March 1 of the first school year of the school in need of intervention's participation in the pilot program"; by deleting "by April 1, 2022" in subdivision (1) and substituting instead "by April 1 of the first school year of the school in need of intervention's participation in the pilot program"; and by deleting "before

April 1, 2022" in subdivision (2) and substituting instead "before April 1 of the first school year of the school in need of intervention's participation in the pilot program".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3707, is amended by deleting "until the end of the school turnaround pilot program" in subdivision (c)(2) and substituting instead "until the school in need of intervention served by the independent school turnaround expert exits the pilot program"; by deleting "by the end of the 2024-2025 school year" in subdivision (c)(2) and substituting instead "by the date on which the school in need of intervention served by the independent school turnaround exits the pilot program"; and by deleting "prior to the 2024-2025 school year" in subsection (d) and substituting instead "before the schools in need of intervention are scheduled to exit the pilot program".

SECTION 10. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.