

SENATE BILL 455

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to pre-kindergarten.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-104(a), is amended by deleting the first sentence of the subsection and substituting instead:

Each LEA is authorized to and may provide for enrollment in a pre-kindergarten program for any at-risk child residing in the geographic area served by the LEA who is eligible to enter kindergarten in the school year immediately following the pre-kindergarten program. An LEA that offers a pre-kindergarten program may elect to offer the program either during the school year or in the summer.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-104(b)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead:

A daily minimum of five and one-half (5 1/2) hours of quality instructional time. LEAs conducting summer pre-kindergarten programs shall provide at least six (6) weeks, but no more than eight (8) weeks, of instruction;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-103, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-103(b), is amended by deleting the language "these programs" and substituting instead "voluntary pre-kindergarten programs".

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.