SENATE BILL 605

By Robinson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, relative to charter schools.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-108, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(h) The local board of education may consider whether the establishment of the charter school will result in oversaturation of a school zone located within the LEA, such that authorization of the charter school would be contrary to the best interests of the students, LEA, or community. As used in this subsection (h), "oversaturation" means that the existing capacity of public schools, including public charter schools, located within a school zone exceeds the number of school-aged children that would be served by the charter school applying to the local board of education for authorization.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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