

SENATE BILL 1144

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 1, Part 6, relative to priority schools.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-602, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(d)

(1) The department of education, when publishing the list of priority schools on the state report card, shall:

(A) List the schools by county; and

(B) Rank the schools in each county by composite proficiency rate from the highest to the lowest rate.

(2) For the purposes of this subsection (d), "composite proficiency rate" means the formula used by the department in identifying the schools as priority schools.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-614(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead:

The commissioner shall not assign a school identified as a priority school to the achievement school district unless all lower ranked schools in the county on the priority schools list compiled under § 49-1-602(d) have been assigned to the achievement school district.

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