

SENATE BILL 1365

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7;
Title 13 and Title 65, relative to wireless
telecommunications structures.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 24, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Cell tower" means a tower or other structure that holds electronic equipment and antennas that send and receive signals to provide wireless telecommunication services;

(2) "Political subdivision" means a municipality or municipal legislative body, county or county legislative body, regional planning commission, metropolitan government, or this state; and

(3) "School" means a public or private elementary school, middle school, or high school.

(b) Notwithstanding § 13-24-305, a political subdivision shall not construct, contract for, or otherwise allow the construction or operation of a cell tower on, or within one thousand six hundred forty feet (1,640') of school property.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the construction or operation of, or contracts entered into, renewed, or amended for, cell towers on or after that date.