

SENATE BILL 1449

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to class size.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-104, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() Notwithstanding subsection (a), a school that is designated by the department as a priority school or focus school under title 49, chapter 1, part 6, shall not exceed a maximum class size of one (1) teacher per fifteen (15) students in kindergarten through grade two (K-2) beginning in the school year immediately following the designation until the school exits priority status or is no longer designated as a focus school on a subsequent list released by the department. If the department does not release school accountability designations for a previous school year until after a new school year has begun, the class size ratios required under this subsection () apply to the school year in which the designation was released.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.