SENATE BILL 1524

By Campbell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3115, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

- (a) LEAs and charter schools may retain or promote a student who has not shown a basic understanding of the curriculum and an ability to perform the skills required in the subject of reading, as determined by the student's LEA or charter school.
- (b) LEAs and charter schools shall develop a retention policy for students who have not shown a basic understanding of the curriculum and an ability to perform the skills required in the subject of reading, as demonstrated by the student's grades, standardized test results, or other indicators of student growth or achievement identified by the LEA or charter school in its retention policy. Each LEA and public charter school shall implement the retention policy required in this subsection (b) in the 2023-2024 school year and in subsequent school years.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.