

SENATE BILL 2327

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-122, relative to charter schools that receive identification on the priority list.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-122(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following language:

(1) A public charter school that receives identification as a priority school, as defined by the state's accountability system pursuant to § 49-1-602, shall develop a school improvement plan in accordance with guidelines set by the department within ninety (90) days of receiving such identification. The school improvement plan shall be submitted to the department and the school's final chartering authority.

(2) A public charter school agreement shall be revoked or denied renewal by the final chartering authority if the school receives identification as a priority school, as defined by the state's accountability system pursuant to § 49-1-602 for two (2) consecutive cycles beginning in 2018. Such revocation shall take effect immediately following the close of the school year in which the school is identified as a priority school for the second consecutive cycle.

(3) A public charter school's identification as a priority school that is scheduled to close under this subsection (a) shall be entitled to a review by the department of education to verify the accuracy of the data used to identify the school as a priority school.

(4) Nothing in this subsection (a) shall prohibit a chartering authority from revoking or denying renewal of a charter agreement of a charter school that fails to meet the minimum performance requirements set forth in the charter agreement.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to public charter schools receiving identification on the priority list on or after that date.