

SENATE BILL 89

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, relative to enrollment in charter schools authorized by the achievement school district.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-106(a), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

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(i) Charter schools authorized by the achievement school district shall conduct an initial student application period of at least thirty (30) days. During this period, all students zoned to attend or currently enrolled in a school that is eligible to be placed in the achievement school district may enroll. If, at the end of the initial student enrollment period, the number of eligible students seeking to be enrolled does not exceed the school's capacity or the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or building, then the charter school may enroll the child or children of a teacher, staff member, sponsor, or member of the governing body as well as students identified in subdivisions (b)(1)(C)(ii), (iii), and (iv) and in accordance with enrollment provisions contained in the charter agreement; provided, however, that no school's total enrollment of such students shall exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total school enrollment.

(ii) Upon acquiring sufficient data to achieve a student achievement growth score as represented by the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS), a charter school authorized by the ASD may not enroll additional students identified in subdivisions (b)(1)(C)(ii), (iii), and (iv) as

permitted in subdivision (a)(3)(i) unless the school demonstrates student achievement growth at a level of “at expectations.” This restriction shall not affect students previously enrolled pursuant to subdivision (a)(3)(i).

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