

HOUSE BILL 3539

By Matheny

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 13, relative to charter school
transparency.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, is amended by adding the following language as new, appropriately designated sections:

49-13-1___. Each charter school shall comply with the requirements of title 8, chapter 44, part 1, concerning open meetings.

49-13-1___.

(a) If an LEA maintains a web site on which the LEA posts the following information, then each public charter school that the LEA authorizes shall maintain a web site with the same information:

- (1) Public notice of meetings of the governing board;
- (2) Agendas for the meetings of the governing board;
- (3) Minutes from the governing board meetings;
- (4) Policies adopted by the governing board;
- (5) Names and contact information of governing board members;
- (6) Information about school curriculum;
- (7) Notice of school events; or
- (8) Information about a school or schools that is of interest to students, parents or the general public.

(b) All information providing notice as required under § 8-44-103 shall be kept current by a public charter school maintaining a web site. All other information

maintained on the web site shall be updated at least quarterly, if not more often, to ensure its accuracy.

(c) If public schools in the chartering LEA or other public charter schools authorized by the LEA maintain web sites that include school personnel contact information, biographical information of personnel or other school specific information, then all public charter schools shall do the same.

49-13-1____. All records of a public charter school shall be open for personal inspection and duplication by any citizen of this state to the same extent that records of public schools operated by an LEA are open.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.