

HB 509 -- SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

SPONSOR: Ellington

This bill provides that any school district may convert any school within its district into a magnet school. Any student who lives within the district may then attend such a magnet school, provided that the magnet school's capacity is sufficient to enroll all students seeking admission. If capacity is insufficient, the magnet school shall adopt an admission process that guarantees all students seeking admission an equal chance of admittance. However, all preexisting magnet schools are not subject to the bill.

The bill also shifts much of the oversight authority from school district superintendents to school district boards of education. Accordingly, the board of the district shall direct the supervisor of physical education and supervisor of health. In metropolitan districts, the school board, and not the superintendent, may appoint a commission of school buildings, as many associate and assistant superintendents as the board deems necessary, and have general supervision of all school buildings and infrastructure.

This bill is the same as HB 2595 (2016).