

PUBLIC ACTS, 1999

CHAPTER NO. 372

HOUSE BILL NO. 624

By Representatives Lewis, Givens, Maddox, Fitzhugh

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1110

By Senator Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-303, relative to counseling.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-303, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and substituting the following:

(a)(1) Each local education agency shall employ or contract with school counselors for grades pre-kindergarten (pre-K) through twelve (12).

(2) The school counseling program shall be established and operated under guidelines adopted by the State Board of Education.

(3) The State Board of Education shall report on the implementation and effectiveness of the program in its annual report to the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-303, is further amended by deleting subsections (b) and (c) in their entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-303, is further amended in subsection (d) by deleting the first five (5) lines thereof and substituting the following:

(d) School counselors shall provide preventive and developmental counseling to school students in order to prepare them for their school responsibilities and their social and physical development. In providing these services, the counselors shall:

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-303, is further amended by deleting subsection (e) and substituting the following:

(e) The minimum requirement to be employed as a school counselor shall be an appropriate license granted by the State Board of Education.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-303, is further amended by deleting subsection (f) in its entirety.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

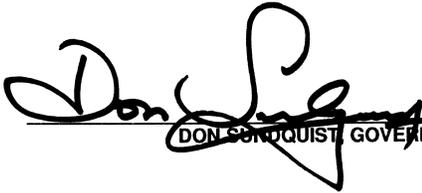
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PASSED: May 27, 1999


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 14th day of June 1999


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR