

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 238**HOUSE BILL NO. 337****By Representatives Hackworth, Hardaway****Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 562****By Senators McNally, Williams, Raymond Finney**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to school safety.

WHEREAS, although many public schools have a safety day, the hazards facing today's children are too immense to be addressed in that period of time; and

WHEREAS, it is better to combat at a young age the pervasive and pernicious availability of drugs and alcohol before it develops a toehold in students' lives; and

WHEREAS, the Internet poses special risks to young people since they are more trusting and more willing to share personal information on-line than adults; and

WHEREAS, accidents are a leading cause of death for young people; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 49-6-1023.

(a) In reviewing the lifetime wellness curriculum, the department of education shall consider including instruction in current and appropriate school safety issues, to include drugs, alcohol, weapons, bomb threats, emergency evacuations, and violent school incidents.

(b) The department is encouraged to collaborate with the university of Tennessee in developing school safety instructional materials and course objectives.

(c) The department shall review the United States department of homeland security's guidelines and other topically-relevant issues for inclusion in school safety programs.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

49-6-___. Each LEA is encouraged to cause proper signs to be posted on school grounds and school parking lots that prohibit any person from operating or

driving a motor vehicle or truck at a rate of speed in excess of ten miles per hour (10 mph).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 9, 2007



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 24th day of May 2007



PHIL BREDEESEN, GOVERNOR