



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 990**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2548**

**By Representatives Hill, Hardaway**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2488**

**By Senator Gresham**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to student participation in extracurricular activities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-6-\_\_.

(a) Each school shall notify the parents or legal guardians of all clubs and organizations available to students attending such school by prominently displaying the information in the school's student handbook, or other standard or policy guidebook that contains the policies and procedures of the school and is distributed annually. The list shall include:

(1) The names of the clubs and organizations, including any abbreviations or acronyms;

(2) The mission and purpose of the clubs and organizations; and

(3) All financial requirements associated with membership in the club or organization.

(4) Notification of the option set forth in subsection (b) to prohibit a student from participating in any club or organization.

(b) No school shall permit a student to become a member or participate in any activities of a club or organization if the parent or legal guardian of such student has tendered a written communication prohibiting such student from such membership or participation. In order to be valid, the written communication shall be signed and dated by the parent or legal guardian.

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

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PASSED: APRIL 23, 2012



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR