



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 687

SENATE BILL NO. 1425

By Campfield, Kelsey, Yager

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1906

By Holt, Rogers, Evans, Eldridge, Wirgau, Halford, Dunn, Faison, McCormick, Rich, Sparks,  
Sanderson, Powers, Kevin Brooks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to an LEA's recognition of and education regarding traditional winter celebrations.

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 the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-6-10\_\_.

(a) An LEA may educate students about the history of traditional winter celebrations and allow students and LEA staff to offer traditional greetings regarding the celebrations, including, but not limited to:

- (1) "Merry Christmas";
- (2) "Happy Hanukkah"; and
- (3) "Happy holidays".

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), an LEA may display on school property scenes or symbols associated with traditional winter celebrations, including a menorah or a Christmas image such as a nativity scene or Christmas tree, if the display includes a scene or symbol of:

- (1) More than one (1) religion; or
- (2) One (1) religion and at least one (1) secular scene or symbol.

(c) A display relating to a traditional winter celebration may not include a message that encourages adherence to a particular religious belief.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 27, 2014

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR