

111th General Assembly / 2019 Session

Legislative Report

Public Chapter 30

SB 145: Roberts; HB 477: Daniel
TDOE Contact: Misty Moody

Extends the Child Care Advisory Committee until June 30, 2027. *Effective March 22, 2019*

Public Chapter 38

SB 245: Hensley; HB 200: Cepicky
TDOE Contact: Tammy Knipp

Lowers the age requirement for an initial school bus driver to 23 years of age if the applicant is an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. armed forces, a member of the national guard or a reserve component of the U.S. armed forces, or a licensed teacher employed by an LEA and meets all other school bus driver qualifications. *Effective January 1, 2020*

Public Chapter 42

SB 784: Lundberg; HB 928: Johnson, C.
TDOE Contact: Sylvia Flowers

Excludes 2017-18 assessment data from a teacher's evaluation score for 2018-19 and 2019-20 if such exclusion will result in a higher evaluation score for the teacher; and provides permanent benefits to the evaluation calculation to ensure the calculation that results in the highest evaluation score for the educator is used. *Effective March 22, 2019*

Public Chapter 107

SB 790: Bell; HB 934: Moody
TDOE Contact: Christy Ballard

Aligns Tennessee's laws related to special education with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Eliminates obsolete sections of code and outdated pilot projects, but does not make any changes to special education services or funding. *Effective April 11, 2019*

Public Chapter 108

SB 809: Johnson; HB 953: Ragan
TDOE Contact: Casey Haugner Wrenn

Requires LEAs to administer a career aptitude assessment to students in grades 7 or 8 to help inform a student's high school plan of study. The Department of Education will identify career aptitude assessments that LEAs may administer to meet this requirement. *Effective April 11, 2019*

Public Chapter 134

SB 375: Swann; HB 34: Carr

TDOE Contact: Maryanne Durski

Allows a local board of education to authorize teachers, school employees, or LEA employees to raise funds for non-educational purposes. Clarifies persons raising funds for non-educational purposes under this law are not considered a "school support organization." Requires the local board to create policies and procedures for the receipt, disbursement, and accounting of those funds raised. *Effective April 9, 2019*

Public Chapter 138

SB 1197: White; HB 1194: Wright

TDOE Contact: Christy Ballard

Requires a local board of education to allow a student who does not reside within the boundaries of the school district to enroll in a public school within the school district if the student is the dependent child of a service member who is being relocated to this state on military orders and will, upon relocation, be a resident of the school district. Each local board must adopt policies to establish a reasonable period of time within which the student must provide proof of residency within the school district. *Effective April 9, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year*

Public Chapter 139

SB 1337: Southerland; HB 1318: Eldridge

TDOE Contact: Mike Herrmann

Authorizes the chief law enforcement officer of a state or local law enforcement agency to establish policies regarding off-duty use of law enforcement vehicles to provide an enhanced security presence at vulnerable locations, which include places of worship, schools, and parks. *Effective April 9, 2019*

Public Chapter 144

SB 26: Gardenhire; HB 97: Howell

TDOE Contact: Christy Ballard

Prohibits smoking or the use of vapor products in all public and private kindergartens, elementary and secondary schools, and on school grounds including public seating areas, such as bleachers or public restrooms. Adult staff may not smoke or use vapor products within 100 feet of any entrance to any school building. Adults may smoke or use vapor products in any fully enclosed adult staff residential quarters but not in the presence of children attending the school. *Effective April 17, 2019*

Public Chapter 146

SB 166: Gresham; HB 241: Dunn

TDOE Contact: Tiffani Thompson

Clarifies that eligible students may enroll in two Course Access Program courses per school year. *Effective July 1, 2019*

Public Chapter 153

SB 802: Johnson; HB 946: Boyd
TDOE Contact: Maryanne Durski

Requires LEAs to report to the Department of Education how any increase received in the instructional component of the BEP is spent, and requires that information to be included in the BEP Review Committee's annual report. *Effective April 18, 2019*

Public Chapter 154

SB 803: Hensley; HB 947: Ogles
TDOE Contact: Mike Herrmann

Updates Tennessee's school safety grant to prioritize funds for LEAs with schools that did not have a full-time school resource officer (SRO) during the 2018-2019 school year. LEAs that have full-time SROs will be able to use grant funds for other safety measures. Requires the Department of Safety and Homeland Security and the Department of Education to develop a school security assessment and provide training to LEAs on the use of the assessment to identify school security vulnerabilities. *Effective April 18, 2019*

Public Chapter 172

SB 58: Gilmore; HB 84: Halford
TDOE Contact: Casey Haugner Wrenn

Establishes the Tennessee Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program task force to study the benefits of outdoor education and recreation, including increased academic success. *Effective April 23, 2019*

Public Chapter 191

SB 62: Robinson; HB 499: Eldridge
TDOE Contact: Alyson Lerma

Requires that instruction to students incarcerated in detection centers be a minimum of 4 hours per instructional day. *Effective July 1, 2019*

Public Chapter 192

SB 180: Massey; HB 196: Lafferty
TDOE Contact: Christy Ballard

Revises the requirement, for local boards of education who allow students to serve as advisory, nonvoting members, from no less than four students to no more than four. Removes the current requirement that half of the student members serving be enrolled in "college prep" courses and that half of the student members be in enrolled in the "technology track". *Effective July 1, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year*

Public Chapter 194

SB 350: Briggs; HB 102: Hulsey
TDOE Contact: Maryanne Durski

Extends by one year the manner in which liquor-by-the-drink tax proceeds are distributed to local political subdivisions, including LEAs. *Effective July 1, 2019*

Public Chapter 203

SB 805: Johnson; HB 949: White
TDOE Contact: Casey Haugner Wrenn

Establishes the Governor's Investment in Vocational Education (GIVE) Act. *Effective July 1, 2020*

Public Chapter 204

SB 808: Haile; HB 952: Hurt
TDOE Contact: Casey Haugner Wrenn

Updates Tennessee's laws that govern career and technical education to ensure state law aligns with the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act and reflects current practice. Additionally, establishes an occupational educator scholarship program for prospective educators seeking a Tennessee occupational license. *Effective April 25, 2019*

Public Chapter 205

SB 836: Akbari; HB 1083: White
TDOE Contact: Katie Poulos

Changes, from required to optional, a chartering authority's decision whether to revoke a public charter school agreement if a school receives identification as a priority school. If the chartering authority does not revoke the public charter school agreement, requires the development and implementation of a comprehensive support and improvement plan. *Effective April 25, 2019*

Public Chapter 219

SB 796: Kelsey; HB 940: White
SBE Contact: Tess Stovall

Establishes the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission to serve as an independent appellate authorizer for charter schools. Transfers appellate authorizing duties from the State Board of Education to the Commission. Makes additional clarifying changes to the charter school law. *Effective April 26, 2019*

Public Chapter 248

SB 1251: Gresham; HB 788: Dunn
TDOE Contact: Aleah Guthrie

Revises various provisions of the current education code, including: clarifies the requirements for the \$200 every K-12 teacher receives for instructional supplies, removes a reference to adult aide and teacher's aide salaries being paid from local and not state funds, and removes all state requirements for local grading policies. *Effective May 2, 2019*

Public Chapter 256

SB 182: Reeves; HB 248: Tillis
TDOE Contact: Christy Ballard

Requires local school boards to adopt a policy to establish a process by which a parent of a student may view photographs or video footage collected inside a school bus under the supervision of the director of schools or designee. The policy must comply with all student privacy laws. *Effective April 30, 2019*

Public Chapter 269

SB 1195: White; HB 970: Littleton
TDOE Contact: Lori Paisley

Requires LEAs to include as part of the family life curriculum, instruction on human trafficking detection, intervention, and prevention. The instruction must be provided through a video approved by the LEA. Additionally, requires each teacher to receive a one-time in-service training on human trafficking in which the victim is a child. Local boards must maintain a record of each teacher who completes the in-service training. *Effective July 1, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year*

Public Chapter 270

SB 1241: Gresham; HB 737: Moody
SBE Contact: Amy Owen

Allows the State Board to extend the required 6 year standards review for English language arts and math in order to align the standards adoption and textbook adoption. *Effective April 30, 2019*

Public Chapter 272

SB 1373: Yager; HB 307: Powers
TDOE Contact: Christy Ballard

Allows a local board of education to award one-half unit of elective credit to a student, if the local board of education adopts a policy to award credit for completing a released time course in moral instruction. *Effective July 1, 2019*

Public Chapter 274

SB 1398: Bell; HB 1374: Sexton, J.
TDOE Contact: Casey Haugner Wrenn

Require each LEA to notify students and parents of students enrolled in grades 9-12 of all early college and career experiences offered by the LEA by January 1 for the upcoming school year. *Effective July 1, 2019*

Public Chapter 283

SB 20: Gresham; HB 70: Powers
TDOE Contact: Katie Poulos

Extends the date of the repeal of the Virtual Public Schools Act to June 30, 2023. *Effective May 8, 2019*

Public Chapter 293

SB 144: Roberts; HB 476: Daniel
TDOE Contact: Scott Slusher

Extends the energy efficient schools council to June 30, 2023. *Effective May 8, 2019*

Public Chapter 303

SB 360: Southerland; HB 1284: Reedy
TDOE Contact: Christy Ballard

Establishes the Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco, Smoking Hemp, and Vapor Products Act. Prohibits smoking hemp, in addition to tobacco and vapor products, from being sold or distributed to persons under age 18. *Effective July 1, 2019*

Public Chapter 304

SB 504: Akbari; HB 559: Camper
TDOE Contact: Casey Haugner Wrenn

Authorizes LEAs to offer internship programs for elective credits in high school through cooperative agreements with local and state governments. *Effective July 1, 2019*

Public Chapter 313

SB 1326: Bowling; HB 1320: Eldridge
TDOE Contact: Christy Ballard

Clarifies that a school shall receive notification when a child has been "adjudicated delinquent" of specified offenses and that parents, guardians, and legal custodians must notify a school principal. *Effective May 8, 2019*

Public Chapter 330

SB 800: Johnson; HB 944: Gant
TDOE Contact: Kadie Patterson

Establishes the governor's civics seal to recognize public schools and LEAs implementing high-quality civic education programs. *Effective May 10, 2019*

Public Chapter 336

SB 142: Roberts; HB 474: Daniel
TDOE Contact: Drew Harpool

Extends the department of education to June 30, 2022. *Effective May 10, 2019*

Public Chapter 350

SB 185: Jackson; HB 983: Todd
TDOE Contact: Christy Ballard

Allows residents of Madison County to seek removal of a local school board member through a recall election. *Effective May 10, 2019*

Public Chapter 361

SB 801: Haile; HB 945: White

TDOE Contact: Casey Haugner Wrenn

Creates the "Agriculture Education and Youth Participation Task Force" which is tasked with analyzing and making recommendations related to agricultural education in Tennessee, emerging technologies, and integrating agricultural career readiness goals into the Tennessee Pathways Initiative. *Effective May 10, 2019*

Public Chapter 366

SB 63: Robinson; HB 866: DeBerry

TDOE Contact: Casey Haugner Wrenn

Authorizes career and technical education programs to be offered in middle school grades. *Effective July 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 school year*

Public Chapter 376

SB 442: Bell; HB 91: Hicks

TDOE Contact: Sylvia Flowers

Prohibits employment termination and adverse compensation decisions in the 2018-19 school year based solely on data generated by the portfolio model. Provides the State Board the authority to adopt a comparable alternative student growth measure for the evaluation of pre-k and kindergarten teachers, and establishes a Portfolio Review Committee. *Effective May 10, 2019*

Public Chapter 379

SB 625: Watson; HB 681: Helton

TDOE Contact: Drew Harpool

Updates the Volunteer Public Education Trust Fund by expanding the pool of donors authorized to contribute to the Fund to include public entities, in addition to private individuals and entities. *Effective May 10, 2019*

Public Chapter 381

SB 633: Watson; HB 1022: Lynn

TDOE Contact: Maryanne Durski

Enacts changes to the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS), including establishing that guidance counselors are included in the definition of "teacher" for the purposes of the TCRS. *Effective May 10, 2019*

Public Chapter 391

SB 1135: Swann; HB 776: Ramsey

TDOE Contact: Lori Paisley

Requires all public schools to have a least 1 automated external defibrillator (AED) device placed within the school. *Effective July 1, 2019*

Public Chapter 394

SB 1238: Gresham; HB 1158: Ogles
TDOE Contact: Mike Herrmann

Authorizes LEAs to establish threat assessment teams for the purpose of developing intervention-based approaches to prevent violence, manage reports of potential threats, and create a safe school environment. *Effective May 10, 2019*

Public Chapter 398

SB 1359: Yager; HB 917: Keisling
TDOE Contact: Christy Ballard

Prohibits a parent or guardian from withdrawing, transferring, or altering a child's school enrollment with intent to hinder an active child abuse or child neglect investigation. *Effective July 1, 2019*

Public Chapter 402

SB 1530: Rose; HB 1524: Moody
TDOE Contact: Aleah Guthrie

Extends the 25 percent discount on tuition to any state institution of higher education to children of parents employed as a full-time technology coordinator in an LEA in Tennessee. *Effective May 10, 2019*

Public Chapter 405

SB 1518: Johnson; HB 1508: Lamberth
TDOE Contact: Drew Harpool

Makes appropriations for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2018, and July 1, 2019. *Effective July 1, 2019*

Public Chapter 413

SB 269: Kelsey; HB 207: Leatherwood
TDOE Contact: Maryanne Durski

Makes various changes to the process required for an LEA to sell surplus property. *Effective May 21, 2019*

Public Chapter 414

SB 268: Kelsey; HB 209: Leatherwood
SBE Contact: Amy Owen

Prohibits the State Board from modifying the uniform grading system more than once every two school years. *Effective May 21, 2019*

Public Chapter 418

SB 205: Briggs; HB 268: Hill, M.
TDOE Contact: Tammy Knipp

Authorizes an LEA to install cameras on the exterior of school buses for the purpose of recording images of vehicles that are in violation of the law requiring vehicles to stop upon approaching a school bus. All proceeds from the fine will be allocated to the LEA to be used for any purpose identified by the LEA. *Effective May 21, 2019*

Public Chapter 421

SB 170: Robinson; HB 405: Love
TDOE Contact: Pat Conner

Requires each LEA and charter school to adopt a trauma-informed discipline policy and requires the Department to develop guidance on trauma-informed discipline practices that LEAs must use to develop their own policies. *Effective May 21, 2019*

Public Chapter 439

SB 976: Yarbrow; HB 886: Dixie
TDOE Contact: Maryanne Durski

Excludes nonrecurring funds appropriated by a local government for Priority schools from the maintenance of local funding requirement for each year that the school is identified as a priority school plus one additional year. *Effective May 22, 2019*

Public Chapter 442

SB 1243: Gresham; HB 1016: Weaver
TDOE Contact: Kadie Patterson

Requires students take and pass a U.S. civics test in order to meet the social studies course credit requirements to earn a traditional high school diploma. *Effective July 1, 2019*

Public Chapter 450

SB 1248: Gresham; HB 1192: Smith
TDOE Contact: Kadie Patterson

Requires each public school to commemorate the centennial of women's suffrage and recognize Tennessee's role in securing the right to vote for all women by providing instruction each month during the 2019-20 school year. Requires the department to identify resources that may be used by schools to provide the required instruction. *Effective May 22, 2019*

Public Chapter 453

SB 1058: Dickerson; HB 1330: Haston
TDOE Contact: Aleah Guthrie

Makes various changes to the community schools statute and requires the department to work with a statewide coalition to identify opportunities to support the formation and effective administration of community schools. *Effective May 22, 2019*

Public Chapter 454

SB 1151: Akbari; HB 1339: White
TDOE Contact: Casey Haugner Wrenn

Requires the department, with input and feedback from stakeholders, to develop a state plan for computer science in grades K-12. *Effective May 22, 2019*

Public Chapter 456

SB 1244: Gresham; HB 1392: Cepicky
TDOE Contact: Katie Poulos

Includes the Association of Classical and Christian Schools to the list of organizations that may recognize private schools as "church-related" schools. *Effective May 22, 2019*

Public Chapter 460

SB 33: Dickerson; HB 25: Jernigan
TDOE Contact: Elizabeth Fiveash

Clarifies that the state specials schools shall not share the same director of schools, president, or other officer at the same time. *Effective May 21, 2019*

Public Chapter 464

SB 565: Bowling; HB 632: Terry
TDOE Contact: Sylvia Flowers

Requires teachers in a Priority or Focus school who earn an overall evaluation score of 4 or 5 be awarded five additional professional development points. *Effective May 24, 2019*

Public Chapter 465

SB 604: Robinson; HB 664: Parkinson
TDOE Contact: Pat Conner

Requires students in grades 7-12 who have been suspended or expelled from the regular school program be assigned to an alternative school or alternative program if there is space and staff available. *Effective May 24, 2019*

Public Chapter 468

SB 1259: Gresham; HB 740: White
TDOE Contact: Matthew Spinella

Removes from current law, the requirement that an LEA that coordinates work-based learning for students must maintain liability insurance coverage for all participating students, and instead, requires LEAs to maintain student accident insurance coverage. Requires THEC to establish and administer a qualified work-based learning grant program to incentivize employer participation in work-based learning and to assist employers with costs associated with work-based learning. *Effective July 1, 2019*

Public Chapter 469

SB 1379: Yager; HB 745: Powers
TDOE Contact: Casey Haugner Wrenn

Increases, from \$600 to \$1,000, the amount of a Tennessee middle college scholarship awarded each semester to an eligible student for full-time attendance. *Effective May 24, 2019 for the 2019-20 school year*

Public Chapter 475

SB 187: Gresham; HB 982: White
TDOE Contact: Mary Batiwalla and Lori Paisley

Requires that the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests administered in the 2019-2020 school year be administered in paper format. Additionally, delays implementation of the Tom Cronan Physical Education Act until the 2020-2021 school year. *Effective July 1, 2019*

Public Chapter 482

SB 764: Yarbro; HB 1425: Rudder
TDOE Contact: Casey Haugner Wrenn

Changes, from one to two, the number of additional dual enrollment courses a student may take under certain circumstances for a total of three DEG courses per semester. Caps the total number of courses for which a student may receive a dual enrollment grant at 10. *Effective July 1, 2020*

Public Chapter 484

SB 1046: Kyle; HB 1483: Hardaway
TDOE Contact: Christy Ballard

Authorizes LEAs to provide feminine hygiene products, at no charge, in all women's and girl's bathrooms and locker rooms in public high schools. *Effective July 1, 2019*

Public Chapter 492

SB 571: Bowling; HB 353: Daniel
TDOE Contact: Casey Haugner Wrenn

Authorizes a person who received certified career and technical training in high school, post high school, or as a prisoner to be eligible to receive equivalent credit toward an occupational license relating to the training received. *Effective January 1, 2020*

Public Chapter 500

SB 310: Massey; HB 567: White
Tennessee School for the Deaf Contact: Vicki Kirk

Establishes a one-year deaf mentor pilot project for the Tennessee School of the Deaf to assist families and agencies in implementing home-based programming for children who are deaf, hearing-impaired, or deaf-blind. *Effective May 24, 2019*

Public Chapter 506

SB 795: Gresham; HB 939: Dunn
TDOE Contact: Katie Poulos

Establishes the Education Savings Account Program such that eligible students may receive BEP funds to use for the education services of their choice. Applicable only to Shelby County Schools and Metro Nashville Public Schools. Enrollment set to begin in the 2021-2022 school year. *Effective May 24, 2019 for the 2021-22 school year*

SJR 145

by: Crowe

TDOE Contact: Lori Paisley

Urges all middle and high schools to have athletic trainers on staff.

SJR 166

by: Akbari

TDOE Contact: Pat Conner

Urges local education agencies to provide ACEs training for all teachers.
