



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 18**

**SENATE BILL NO. 341**

**By Niceley**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 720

By Parkinson, Hardaway, Turner

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 49 and Title 63, relative to referrals by school counselors.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-303, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

The school counselor may refer or help facilitate a referral of a parent or legal guardian's student to a counselor or therapist for mental health assessments or services. If a school counselor refers a student to a counselor or other mental health provider, neither the LEA nor the school counselor shall bear the cost of such services provided to the student.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 13, 2017

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017

  
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR