



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 360

HOUSE BILL NO. 174

By Representatives Reedy, Rudd, Terry, Ramsey, Hardaway, Moody, Goins, Kumar,
Ragan

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 14

By Senators Tracy, Green, Hensley, Jackson, Roberts, Yager

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to the teacher's bill of rights.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) For purposes of this section, "educator" means any teacher, principal, supervisor, or other individual required by law to hold a valid license of qualification for employment in the public schools of this state.

(b) An educator has the right to:

- (1) Be treated with civility and respect;
- (2) Have his or her professional judgment and discretion respected;
- (3) Report any errant, offensive, or abusive content or behavior of students to school officials or appropriate agencies;
- (4) Provide students with a classroom and school in which the educators, students, the property of the educator and students, and peers will be safe;
- (5) Defend themselves and their students from physical violence or physical harm pursuant to § 49-6-4008;
- (6) Share information regarding a student's educational experience, health, or safety with the student's parent or legal guardian unless otherwise prohibited by state law or the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), codified in 20 U.S.C. § 1232g;
- (7) Review all instructional material or curriculum prior to those materials being utilized for instruction of students; and
- (8) Not be required to use their personal money to appropriately equip a classroom.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 4, 2017

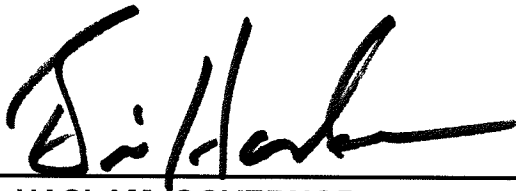


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11th day of May 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR