



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 777

HOUSE BILL NO. 2331

By Representatives Powell, Beck, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1947

By Senators Crowe, Gresham, Massey, Yarbro

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to corporal punishment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 41, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, each LEA shall submit, at least annually, a report to the department of education detailing the LEA's use of corporal punishment. The report shall include, at a minimum:

- (1) The school at which each instance of corporal punishment occurred;
- (2) Information regarding the reason for each instance of corporal punishment;
- (3) Whether an instance of corporal punishment involved a student with an active individualized education program, and if so, the primary disability category for which the student has an individualized education program; and
- (4) Whether an instance of corporal punishment involved a student with an active 504 plan under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), and if so, the reason for which the student has a 504 plan.

(b) The report submitted pursuant to this section shall exclude any personally identifiable information and shall be created in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), (20 U.S.C. § 1232g), § 10-7-504, and any other relevant state or federal privacy law.

(c) The department shall report on its website the number of instances of corporal punishment in each LEA and the number of instances involving a student with an active individualized education program or an active 504 plan under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794).

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

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PASSED: April 4, 2018



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 19th day of April 2018



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR