



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 274**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 1303**

**By Yarbro, Akbari, Briggs, Campbell, Haile, Jackson, Kyle, Rose, Walley**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1332

By Harris, Love, Clemmons, Hardaway, Gloria Johnson, Camper, Powell, Lamar, Dixie, Freeman, Helton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

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

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

(a)(1) If a student is placed in foster care, as defined in § 37-1-102(b)(17), and the student seeks to participate in interscholastic athletics, then the public school or public charter school in which the student is enrolled shall notify an association that regulates interscholastic athletics of the student's placement in foster care, if failure to notify the association of the student's placement may result in the student being deemed ineligible to participate in athletics for any period of time.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1), a public school or public charter school shall not notify an association that regulates interscholastic athletics of a student's placement in foster care unless the school first obtains written consent from the student's parent or legal guardian, or from the student if the student is eighteen (18) years of age or older, prior to making the notification.

(3) A notification made pursuant to this subsection (a) must be made in accordance with state law, the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g), and other relevant privacy laws.

(b)(1) By January 1, 2022, and by January 1 of each year thereafter, each LEA and public charter school shall submit to the department of education documentation of its compliance with this section in the manner prescribed by the commissioner.

(2) By January 31, 2022, and by January 31 each year thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the education administration committee of the house of representatives and the education committee of the senate documenting each LEA's and public charter school's compliance with this section.

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

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PASSED: April 19, 2021

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR