

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 259

SENATE BILL NO. 2030

By Burchett, Barnes, Beavers, Berke, Black, Bunch, Burks, Crowe, Faulk, Finney, Ford, Gresham, Harper, Haynes, Herron, Jackson, Johnson, Ketron, Kyle, Marrero, McNally, Overbey, Southerland, Stanley, Stewart, Tate, Tracy, Watson, Woodson, Mr. Speaker Ramsey

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1917

By Harry Brooks, Hardaway, Eldridge, Carr, Moore, Evans, Favors, Hensley, Campfield

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

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Education shall explore with the Tennessee Congressional Delegation and the United States Department of Education the possibility of identifying students who receive GED credentials and pass the appropriate examinations established by the State Board of Education or score at an appropriate level on the ACT examination as having achieved a positive outcome under No Child Left Behind rather than as having dropped out of school. The department shall report on its efforts to the Education Committee of the Senate and the Education Committee of the House of Representatives by February 15, 2010.

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

**PASSED: May 7, 2009**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 20th day of May 2009**



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR