

STATE OF TENNESSEE
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 315
HOUSE BILL NO. 374
By Representative Coley

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1742

By Senator Marrero

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to discipline in schools.

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, appropriately numbered section:

§ 49-6-41___. When a member of a school's faculty or staff disciplines a student by issuing a written referral for the student's behavior, such referral shall be returned to the member of the faculty or staff with a notation of the action taken. The referral shall be kept in a student discipline file and shall not become a part of the student's permanent record. If a school district or a school has adopted an electronic system of making disciplinary referrals instead of using written referrals, then the member of the faculty or staff making the referral shall be notified of the action taken, but the notification may be made either electronically or in writing.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 14, 2009



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 27th day of May 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR