



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 380**

**SENATE BILL NO. 688**

**By Summerville, Kelsey, Gresham, Faulk, Johnson, Woodson**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1375

By Niceley, Maggart

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-101, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

( ) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Department of Education, is directed to review current policies, rules and regulations pertaining to transitional licensure options and make recommendations relative to the following:

(1) The clarification of provisions applicable to transitional license education providers affiliated with Tennessee institutions of higher education and providers that are not affiliated with a Tennessee institution of higher education, such as out-of-state or online education-related organizations;

(2) The process by which providers or transitional licensure programs receive approval by the state, and specifically such process for those providers that have been approved for an existing partnership with an LEA; and

(3) Informing LEAs of the availability of transitional licensure options, including the feasibility of higher education institutions providing information relative to the requirements, cost and performance of transitional licensure programs.

SECTION 2. The State Board of Education shall report its findings and recommendations to the Education Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives by February 1, 2012.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 21, 2011

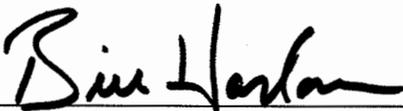


RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 1 day of June 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR