



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 499

HOUSE BILL NO. 1631

By Representatives Dunn, Dean, Carr, Holt, White, Weaver, Pody, Womick, Faison, Pruitt, Hill, Keisling, Evans, Floyd, Don Miller, Windle, Hurley, Sparks

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1468

By Senator Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050, relative to home schools.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a)

(1) A "home school" is a school conducted or directed by a parent or parents or legal guardian or guardians for their own children. Public school facilities may be used by home school participants with the approval of the principal of the school, but this permissive authority shall not be construed to confer any right upon the participants to use public school facilities. If approved, use shall be in accordance with rules established by the local board of education.

(2)

(A) Home schools that teach kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12), where the parents are associated with and where students are enrolled with a church-related school, as defined by § 49-50-801, that are supervised by the church-related school's director and that administer or offer standardized achievement tests, are exempt from this section.

(B) Parent-teachers who register with an organization, as defined by § 49-50-801, for conducting a home school for students in grades nine through twelve (9-12) shall possess at least a high school diploma or general education development certificate (GED).

(3) A parent-teacher may enroll the parent's home school student or students in a church-related school, as defined in § 49-50-801, and participate as a teacher in that church-related school. Such parent-teacher shall be subject to the requirements established by the church-related school for home school teachers and exempt from the rest of the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050(b), is amended by deleting the language "A parent-teacher conducting a home school must comply with the following requirements:" and substituting instead the following:

Except for home schools operated under subdivision (a)(2) or (a)(3), a parent-teacher conducting a home school shall comply with the following requirements:

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050(b)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(1) Provide annual notice to the local director of schools prior to each school year of the parent-teacher's intent to conduct a home school and, for purpose of reporting only, submission to the director of schools of the names, number, ages and grade levels of the children to be home schooled, the location of the school, the

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proposed curriculum to be offered, the proposed hours of instruction and the qualifications of the parent-teacher relative to subdivision (b)(4). Information contained in the reports may be used only for record keeping and other purposes for which similar information on public school students may be used in accordance with guidelines, rules and regulations of the state board of education. The director of schools or the director's designee shall ensure that attendance teachers are informed of parents' rights to conduct a home school pursuant to § 49-6-3001(c)(4), subsection (a) of this section and § 49-50-801 upon employment of the attendance teachers and at the beginning of each school year;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050(b)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(4) Possession of a high school diploma or GED by the parent-teacher;

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050(b)(7), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050(b)(8), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050(b)(11), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety.

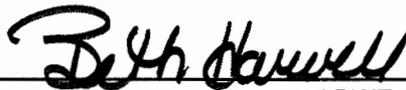
SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(c) In the event of the illness of a parent-teacher, or at the discretion of the parent-teacher, a tutor, having the same qualifications that would be required of a parent-teacher teaching the grade level or course, may be employed by the parent-teacher.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 19, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 16th day of June 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR