



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 690

HOUSE BILL NO. 3266

By Representatives Phillip Johnson, Watson, Maggart, Dean, Don Miller, Evans, Ryan Williams, Hensley, Bass, Hardaway, Weaver, Elam, Butt, Hill, Marsh, Halford, Lollar, Hall, Wirgau, White, Womick, McDonald, Curtis Johnson, Sargent, Eldridge, Powers, Floyd, Haynes, Gotto, Sexton, McManus, Carr, Pody, Montgomery, Kent Williams, Campbell, Harrison, Forgety, Sanderson, Cobb, Parkinson, Harry Brooks, Larry Miller, Keisling, McDaniel

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3060

By Senators Summerville, Crowe, Bell, Campfield, Johnson, Massey, Yager, Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to protection of first amendment rights in schools.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 29, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

49-6-2907.

(a) LEAs and school administrators may not prohibit personnel from participating in religious activities on school grounds that are initiated by students at reasonable times before or after the instructional day so long as such activities are voluntary for all parties and do not conflict with the responsibilities or assignments of such personnel.

(b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit LEAs and school administrators from allowing personnel to participate in other constitutionally permissible religious activities on school grounds.

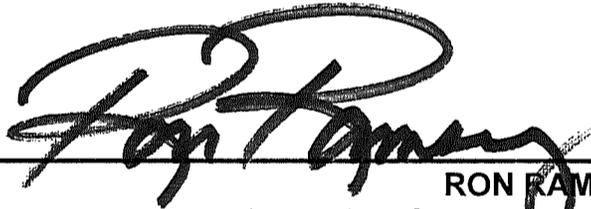
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: MARCH 28, 2012

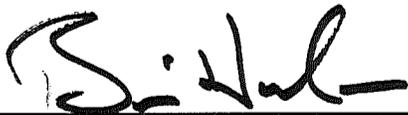


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10th day of April 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR