



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 762

SENATE BILL NO. 3588

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Substituted for: House Bill No. 3636

By Parkinson, Hardaway, Armstrong, Lundberg, Kevin Brooks, Watson, Marsh, McManus, Maggart,
Shaw, Holt, Shipley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to K-12 education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 70, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-6-70__.

(a) As used in this section, "parent" means the parent, guardian or person who has custody of the child or individual who has caregiving authority under § 49-6-3001.

(b) LEAs are encouraged to develop and implement parental involvement contracts with parents of students. These parental involvement contracts will be voluntary and should be designed to encourage and facilitate a parent's involvement with the parent's child's education.

(c) The Department of Education shall develop a model parental involvement contract that may be used by LEAs. The model parental involvement contract shall provide that a parent will commit to do at least the following:

- (1) Review homework assignments and offer assistance when needed;
- (2) Sign report cards;
- (3) Ensure that the student gets to school each day, on time and ready to learn;
- (4) Demonstrate interest in the student's well-being by attending school functions and supporting the student's school activities; and
- (5) Make every effort to attend parent-teacher conferences;

(d) In signing a contract, the parent shall agree to maintain within the parent's best efforts involvement with the parent's child's education to the extent required by the contract. The contract should include a means for a parent to explain any obstacles that may prevent the parent from complying with the contract. If a contract includes an explanation of obstacles that may prevent the parent from complying with the contract, then school employees shall consider accessing possible resources to help overcome the obstacles identified.

(e) Each LEA developing and implementing a parental involvement contract shall submit a copy of the contract to the department. LEAs shall report to the department the number of parents and percentage of parents signing parental involvement contracts in each class by May 1 of each school year. The Department of Education shall include the data on parental involvement contracts on the annual report card required under § 49-1-211.

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

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PASSED: March 29, 2012



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17th day of April 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR