



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 831**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2165**

**By Tate**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2490

By Akbari, McManus, Hardaway, Camper, Fitzhugh

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) A student attending a public high school is encouraged to participate voluntarily in at least ten (10) hours of community service each semester that the student is in attendance. The community service shall comply with the rules promulgated by the state board of education under subsection (c).

(b) The public high school from which a student who participated each semester of attendance in community service that meets the specifications of subsection (a) graduates shall recognize the student's achievement at graduation by awarding a certificate of service, placing an appropriate designation on the student's diploma or other credential, providing a ribbon or cord to be worn with the graduation regalia, or recognizing the community service in another suitable manner.

(c) The state board of education shall promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this section. The rules shall be promulgated in accordance with title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.

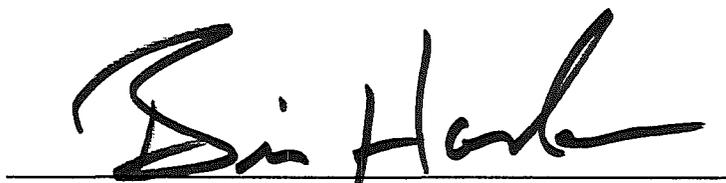
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PASSED: April 6, 2016

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2016

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR