



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 999**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2499**

**By Gresham, Stevens**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2009

By Butt, Dunn, Hardaway

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, Section 49-1-302(a)(8), is amended by deleting the word "curricula" and substituting instead the words "academic standards".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-603(c), is amended by deleting the word "curriculum" wherever it appears and substituting instead the words "academic standards".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-612(b), is amended by deleting the word "curriculum" and substituting instead the words "academic standards".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-412, is amended by deleting the last sentence and substituting instead the following:

The state board shall consider the data in making decisions concerning standards for public school students that are relevant to their career decisions and academic strengths and weaknesses.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1024(a), is amended by deleting the word "curriculum" and substituting instead the word "standards".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1025(b), is amended by deleting the word "curriculum" and substituting instead the word "standards".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1026(a), is amended by deleting the first sentence in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

The state board of education is authorized to approve academic standards for an elective state-funded course consisting of a nonsectarian, nonreligious, academic study of the Bible.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1028(b)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

The state board of education shall include in the social studies standards, at the appropriate grade level or levels in high school, as determined by the state board of education through standards and the local board of education through curriculum, courses and content designed to educate children about the United States and Tennessee governments. The standards shall include the three (3) branches of government, the fundamental documents identified in § 49-6-1011(a) that underpin our form of government, an understanding of how laws are enacted, and ways citizens shape and influence government and governmental actions.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1030, is amended by deleting the words "curriculum framework" wherever they appear and substituting instead the word "standards".

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2201(j)(3), is amended by deleting the words "curriculum standards" and substituting instead the words "academic standards".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2203(a), is amended by deleting the word "curricula" and substituting instead the word "standards".

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-16-205(1), is amended by deleting the words "curriculum standards" and substituting instead the words "academic standards".

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 11, 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