

HOUSE BILL 520

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 40, relative to certain student discipline codes and policies.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 40, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a)

(1) Any student discipline code or school policy relative to the use and possession of smoking and tobacco products on property owned, operated, or regularly used by a public school shall include the use and possession of electronic cigarettes in the code or policy.

(2) Changes to the code or policy, including the inclusion of electronic cigarettes, shall be in place and operational by the 2015-2016 school year.

(b) "Electronic cigarette" means an electronic device that converts nicotine into a vapor that is inhaled by the user.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and the changes in student discipline codes and school policies shall apply to the 2015-2016 school year, and school years thereafter.