

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 472

SENATE BILL NO. 966

By Powers

Substituted for: House Bill No. 663

By Tim Hicks, Alexander, Richey

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 49-6-3803(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and substituting:

(2) A procedure for the LEA or public charter school to receive and evaluate feedback from a student, a student's parent or guardian, or a school employee regarding one (1) or more of the materials in the library collection of the student's or employee's school; and

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3803(c), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(c) If an LEA or public charter school receives feedback on material in accordance with the procedure established pursuant to subdivision (b)(2) and the LEA or public charter school does not reach a resolution on the material with the person who provided feedback on the material, then the local board of education or the public charter school governing body shall evaluate the material to determine whether the material is appropriate for the age and maturity levels of the students who may access the materials, and to determine whether the material is suitable for, and consistent with, the educational mission of the school.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3803(d), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(d) If the LEA or public charter school, including the local board of education or public charter school governing body, determines that material contained in the school's library collection is not appropriate for the age and maturity levels of the students who may access the materials, or is not suitable for, or consistent with, the educational mission of the school, then the school shall remove the material from the library collection.

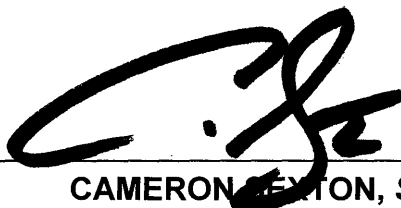
SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 20, 2023




RANDY McNALEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17th day of May 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR