



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 482

HOUSE BILL NO. 1169

By Representatives Swann, Madam Speaker Harwell, Rudd, Fitzhugh, Beck, Marsh, Powell, Eldridge, Terry, Mark White, Curcio, Crawford, Sparks, Kevin Brooks, Akbari, Alexander, Harry Brooks, Byrd, Calfee, Camper, Carr, Carter, Casada, Clemmons, Coley, Cooper, Daniel, Doss, Dunn, Faison, Farmer, Favors, Forgety, Gant, Gilmore, Gravitt, Halford, Hardaway, Hawk, Hazlewood, Hicks, Matthew Hill, Timothy Hill, Hulsey, Jernigan, Johnson, Jones, Kane, Keisling, Kumar, Lamberth, Littleton, Lollar, Love, Lynn, Matlock, McCormick, McDaniel, Miller, Mitchell, Moody, Parkinson, Powers, Reedy, Rogers, Sanderson, Sargent, Cameron Sexton, Jerry Sexton, Shaw, Sherrell, Smith, Staples, Stewart, Thompson, Tillis, Towns, Travis, Turner, Van Huss, Weaver, Dawn White, Whitson, Williams, Zachary

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 864

By Senators Haile, Gresham, Bailey, Beavers, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Green, Harper, Harris, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Norris, Overbey, Roberts, Southerland, Stevens, Tate, Tracy, Watson, Yager, Yarbro, and Mr. Speaker McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and 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 10, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Senator Douglas Henry Tennessee History Act."

(b) The general assembly finds that:

(1) It is essential for all citizens to know and understand the unique heritage and history of the state of Tennessee;

(2) A clear and full understanding of Tennessee's history is fundamental to understanding Tennessee's place in the United States and the world; and

(3) Providing and promoting Tennessee history should be a core mission of our system of education.

(c) Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the state board of education shall require a course in Tennessee history for students.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to the 2018-2019 school year and each school year thereafter.

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PASSED: May 9, 2017

Beth Harwell
BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Randy McNally
RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 6th day of JUNE 2017

Bill Haslam
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR