

HOUSE BILL 1586

By Camper

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

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

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as the "Adequate Funding Program for Education".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-307(a)(3), is amended by adding the following at the end of the subdivision:

For fiscal year 2021-2022 and all fiscal years thereafter, the dollar value of the BEP instructional salaries and wages position component set in the general appropriations act for a fiscal year is the greater of dollar value of the BEP instructional salaries and wages position component set in the general appropriations act for the previous fiscal year or the average of the salaries of all persons in every LEA employed in a position described in the instructional salaries and wages position components of the BEP in the previous fiscal year.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-307, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() For fiscal year 2021-2022 and fiscal years thereafter, the BEP includes an amount of money to fund the salaries of positions described in the instructional salaries and wages position components of the BEP filled by persons employed by LEAs in positions for which the LEAs did not receive BEP funding in the previous fiscal year.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-359, is amended by deleting subdivision (c)(1) and substituting:

(1) The BEP includes an amount of money sufficient to fund one (1) full-time public-school nurse position for each public school in every LEA. An LEA shall use the funds to directly employ a public-school nurse or to contract with the Tennessee public school nurse program, created by § 68-1-1201(a), for provision of school health services.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-359, is amended by adding the following as new subsections:

() The BEP includes an amount of money sufficient to fund one (1) full-time school counselor position for each public school in every LEA. An LEA shall use the funds to employ a school counselor.

() The BEP includes an amount of money sufficient to fund one (1) full-time interventionist to lead the Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI²) program in each public school in every LEA. An LEA shall use the funds to employ an RTI² interventionist.

() The BEP includes an amount of money sufficient to fund a technology coordinator position for each public school in every LEA. An LEA shall use the funds to employ a technology coordinator.

SECTION 6. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.