



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1036

HOUSE BILL NO. 1694

By Representatives Smith, Mark White, DeBerry, Coley

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1629

By Senator Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 56, relative to teacher training.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 56, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) Each state-board-of-education approved teacher preparation program shall report for each school year:

(1) The number of its program completers who, in the completer's first year of service as a teacher of record, received a score of "below expectations" or "significantly below expectations" on the completer's overall evaluation. The report shall be filed with the Tennessee higher education commission, the state board of education, and the chairs of the education committees of the senate and house of representatives. The state board of education may include this information in its annual teacher preparation report card prepared pursuant to § 49-5-108; and

(2) The estimated cost to the institution of providing remediation to a teacher who completed its state-board-of-education approved teacher preparation program and who, in the teacher's first year of service as a teacher of record, received a score of "below expectations" or "significantly below expectations" on the teacher's overall evaluation and who has been recommended for remediation by the teacher's director of schools, or the director's designee. The report shall detail the estimated costs of providing remediation in person, remotely, or online.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if a state-board-of-education approved teacher preparation program reports, for any school year, no more than ten (10) program completers who, in the completer's first year of service as a teacher of record, receive a score of "below expectations" or "significantly below expectations" on the completer's overall evaluation, then that data shall not be made publicly available in order to safeguard the privacy of individual teacher data.

(c) The general assembly encourages each state-board-of-education approved teacher preparation program to collaborate with the program's primary partnership local education agencies to support its program completers who are in the completers' first year of service as a teacher of record in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) schools.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5604, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

In order to gain experience in a school and demonstrate readiness for teaching, educator preparation providers shall require clinical experiences, including field experiences and clinical practice, as defined by the state board of education. During the clinical practice, each candidate shall be assigned to an effective educator for guidance, evaluation, and instruction.

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SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5607, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) The state board of education shall review the scores on the state teachers examination from each public and private teacher training institution. Any institution that had thirty percent (30%) or more of its students fail the examination in the previous year shall be informed and placed on probationary status. Any institution that has thirty percent (30%) or more of its students fail in two (2) consecutive years shall have its state approval revoked by the state board of education.

(b) The department of education shall develop annual performance reports for all approved educator preparation providers.

(c) The state board of education shall promulgate rules necessary to effectuate this section. The rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.


SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5631(d), is amended by deleting the language "The state-recognized" and substituting instead the word "Primary".

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 25, 2018


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2018


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR