

HOUSE BILL 1700

By Dunn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, 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 1, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

49-1-309.

(a) The state board of education shall develop non-textbook rating guidelines for use by LEAs in the evaluation and selection of required reading materials.

(b) The board shall develop a rating system for non-textbook reading materials that shall be applied in each grade level within an LEA. Such system should address issues such as the appropriate use of language, violence, sex, drugs and other potentially objectionable materials.

(c) Prior to publishing such guidelines, the board shall conduct at least one (1) public meeting in each grand division of the state.

(d) The guidelines shall be available for use by LEAs prior to commencement of the 2015-2016 school year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.