

HOUSE BILL 1740

By Sparks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to the department of education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

(a) The commissioner of education shall employ three (3) assistant  
commissioners to provide specialized support to LEAs based on the rural, urban, or  
suburban areas served by the LEA.

(b)

(1) One (1) assistant commissioner must:

(A) Have experience teaching or serving as an administrator in at  
least one (1) LEA located in a rural area of this state;

(B) Possess knowledge of the unique challenges, strengths,  
opportunities, and needs of LEAs serving rural areas; and

(C) Serve as a liaison and resource for directors of schools and  
boards of education for LEAs serving rural areas;

(2) One (1) assistant commissioner must:

(A) Have experience teaching or serving as an administrator in at  
least one (1) LEA located in an urban area of this state;

(B) Possess knowledge of the unique challenges, strengths,  
opportunities, and needs of LEAs serving urban areas; and

(C) Serve as a liaison and resource for directors of schools and  
boards of education for LEAs serving urban areas; and

(3) One (1) assistant commissioner must:

(A) Have experience teaching or serving as an administrator in at least one (1) LEA located in a suburban area of this state;

(B) Possess knowledge of the unique challenges, strengths, opportunities, and needs of LEAs serving suburban areas; and

(C) Serve as a liaison and resource for directors of schools and boards of education for LEAs serving suburban areas.

SECTION 2. This act is not an appropriation of funds, and funds shall not be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless the funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.