



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 929

HOUSE BILL NO. 1850

By Representatives Hurt, Cepicky, Mr. Speaker Sexton

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2887

By Senator Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 18, relative to the Course Access Program Act.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-18-102(6), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(6) "Course provider" or "provider" means a business, industry, educator, nonprofit entity, for-profit entity, trade association, branch of the United States armed forces, LEA, charter school, charter management organization, institution of higher education, or state agency that is approved by the state board to offer individual courses in person or online and that is included in the listing of providers in the course access catalog;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-18-102, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) "Extended learning" means an out-of-classroom learning experience that provides a student with:

(A) Enrichment opportunities outside of a classroom;

(B) Career readiness or employability skills, including internships and apprenticeships; or

(C) An out-of-classroom educational opportunity approved by the state board or host LEA;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-18-103(c)(1), is amended by deleting "the host LEA".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-18-103(e), is amended by deleting the last sentence of the subsection.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-18-105(a)(4), is amended by deleting:

Provide an assurance that all online information and resources for online or blended learning courses are fully accessible for students of all abilities,

and substituting:

Provide an assurance that all information and resources for extended learning, in person, online, or blended learning courses are fully accessible for students of all abilities,

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-18-106(f)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(4) The state board may establish additional reasons and requirements for the exclusion of courses from the course access catalog, including if the course is offered by

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a host school that was issued a "D" or "F" letter grade by the department on the most recent state report card issued pursuant to § 49-1-228.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 18, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The state board shall adopt a policy regarding extended learning opportunities.

SECTION 8. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 12, 2022



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR