

HOUSE BILL 1939

By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Title 71, relative to funding positions in K-12 schools.

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

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

(a) The department of human services, in consultation with the department of education, shall administer a grant program, using temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program funds, for LEAs to create the following positions:

- (1) Public school nurses;
- (2) Public school psychologists;
- (3) English language learner teachers for a public school;
- (4) English language learner translators for a public school; or
- (5) Public school social workers.

(b) The department of human services shall ensure that grant recipients are eligible for TANF.

(c) The grant program created by, and the grant funding provided pursuant to, this section are dependent upon the availability of appropriate waivers from the federal departments of health and human services and agriculture, for which the department of human services is authorized to make application.

(d) This section is repealed on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2022-2023 school year and each school year thereafter.