



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 734**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2261**

**By Gresham, Haile, Lundberg, Hensley**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1974

By Dunn, DeBerry, Ragan, Rudder, Cepicky, Dixie, Hurt, Leatherwood, White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 4 and Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3, relative to the state board of education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) When a final order is issued following a contested case hearing in which a teacher or administrator is issued a formal reprimand or the teacher's or administrator's license is denied, non-renewed, suspended, or revoked based on the teacher's or administrator's misconduct, the state board of education may assess costs directly related to the hearing against the teacher or administrator.

(b) The state board must determine the appropriate amount of any costs to be assessed against a teacher or administrator pursuant to this section, and any costs assessed must be reasonable.

(c) The state board shall promulgate rules to govern the assessment of costs against a teacher or administrator under this section pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, part 2.

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

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PASSED: June 2, 2020

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2020

  
BILL LEE, GOVERNOR