

HOUSE BILL 2415

By Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 1, relative to the achievement school
district.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-614, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year and annually thereafter, all teachers in the ASD shall successfully complete a training course, as prescribed by the department of education, which instructs teachers on how to identify various student behavioral issues. The course shall include training on how a teacher may assist a parent who makes a written request that the teacher refer, or help facilitate the referral of, the parent's student to a private counselor or therapist for assessments and services related to the student's behavioral issues. Upon the school's receipt of written consent by the parent, the teacher may facilitate the referral. If a teacher refers a student to a private counselor or other provider, neither the LEA nor the teacher shall bear the cost of such services provided to the student.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.