

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 630

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Todd Wigginton to the education standards recommendation committee for social studies.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, requires the state board of education to adopt "[new] sets of standards in science and social studies that fit the needs of Tennessee students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12)"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-310(a), requires that such standards "be adopted through an open, transparent process that allows all Tennesseans an opportunity to participate... and fully implemented in Tennessee public schools in the 2017-2018 school year"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, provides for the creation of the standards recommendation committee for science and social studies to facilitate such process; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, further provides that the "standards recommendation committee [be] appointed in the same manner as the standards recommendation committee created in 49-1-312"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), provides that the governor shall appoint four (4) members to the standards recommendation committee; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Todd Wigginton of Nashville to serve on such committee; and

WHEREAS, the current Director of Instruction, K-12, for Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS), Mr. Wigginton spent the first four years of his career in education teaching history and other social studies classes in private school and another fourteen years teaching in MNPS; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, he accepted the position as coordinator of social studies for MNPS, in which position he facilitated the development of content standards, assessments, course outlines, and curriculum maps; he wrote and was awarded two Teaching American History grants for which he served as project director and which brought in nearly two million dollars in professional development and resources for teachers and students; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work at MNPS, Mr. Wigginton serves on the board of directors for the National Council for History Education; he established the Tennessee Council for History Education, a nonprofit organization that brings teachers together with public historians to network, share strategies, and connect with resources; and

WHEREAS, he has served as an adjunct professor at Lipscomb University, Trevecca Nazarene University, and Vanderbilt University, where he has taught graduate courses in curriculum, instruction, and assessment and undergraduate courses in social studies teaching methods; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Mr. Wigginton is a national faculty member of the Buck Institute for Education, and he travels across the country to support schools in the implementation of project-based learning and effective teaching practices; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(b), provides that all appointments to the committee "shall be subject to confirmation by the senate and the house of representatives"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we confirm the appointment of Todd Wigginton to the education standards recommendation committee for social studies for a term that commenced on February 17, 2016, and will expire on January 31, 2017.