SENATE BILL 49

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 5, relative to parents' day out programs.

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

SECTION 1. There is created a special joint committee to study whether the state should require churches that provide multiple parents' day out programs to be licensed as child care agencies.

SECTION 2. The committee shall consist of three (3) members of the house of representatives and three (3) members of the senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers. All appropriate state agencies including, but not limited to, the department of human services shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

SECTION 3. All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly.

SECTION 4. The special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

SECTION 5. The special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Eighth General Assembly no later than February 15, 2014, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.