

SENATE BILL 63

By Robinson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to career and technical education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-104(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(1) It is the intent of the general assembly that comprehensive career and technical education be made available by the state and local education agencies in grades six through twelve (6-12).

(2) The program must be accessible to all middle school students in grades six through eight (6-8) and must serve at least fifty percent (50%) of those students. The program must be accessible to all high school students in grades nine through twelve (9-12) and must serve at least fifty percent (50%) of those students.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-104(b)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following language:

Appropriate counseling shall be made available in grades six (6), seven (7), and eight (8).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-104(b)(5), is amended by deleting the language "seven through twelve (7-12)" and substituting instead the language "six through twelve (6-12)".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-104, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d) and redesignating the existing subsection (d) and subsequent subsection accordingly:

After each county, including city and special school districts, is surveyed, the board of career and technical education shall plan facilities for comprehensive career and technical training for middle school students. The middle school programs may be conducted in any of the facilities available to high school and post high school students in accordance with subsection (c), or may be conducted in existing middle school facilities.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-307(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language "public high schools" and substituting instead the language "public middle schools and public high schools".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-402(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "high school youth" and substituting instead the language "middle school youth participating in career and technical education pursuant to part 1 of this chapter, high school youth".

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to the 2019-2020 school year and each school year thereafter.