

SENATE BILL 99

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, to authorize the "College to Kids" program in schools.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§49-1-224.

(a) The department of education shall develop the "College to Kids" program ("the program") to raise awareness in elementary, middle and high schools of the necessity and benefits of attending college. The department shall recruit business leaders and higher education professionals, provide training on the program and facilitate such persons visiting schools across the state to discuss aspects of attending college with elementary, middle and high school students.

(b) The program shall provide students with necessary documents to facilitate application and financial assistance at higher education institutions in the state, including, but not limited to, post-secondary financial assistance opportunities from net lottery proceeds.

(c) The department shall promote the program to all schools in the state and provide the opportunity for any school to schedule, or otherwise obtain information about, the "College to Kids" program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.