

SENATE BILL 109

By Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39;  
Title 40 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 41, relative to  
school discipline.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-622, is amended by deleting the language "§§ 39-11-611 – 39-11-614 or § 29-34-201" wherever it appears and substituting the language "§§ 39-11-611 – 39-11-614, § 29-34-201, or § 49-6-4107".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4107, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(d) A teacher, principal, school employee, or school bus driver using reasonable force in exercising the person's lawful authority in accordance with this section is immune from civil liability arising from the person's action pursuant to § 39-11-622, unless the teacher's, principal's, school employee's, or school bus driver's conduct is grossly negligent, reckless, or intentional misconduct. A person who is immune under this section is not the proximate cause of any resulting injuries.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to conduct occurring on or after that date.