

SENATE BILL 125

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to sex education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1302(a), is amended by deleting subdivisions (1) and (2) and substituting:

(1) Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, each LEA shall locally develop, adopt, and implement a program of family life education in conformance with the standards adopted by the state board of education and the curriculum guidelines established for family life education programs by this section.

(2) Each LEA shall:

(A) Locally develop, adopt, and implement a family life curriculum in compliance with this part and the standards adopted by the state board of education; or

(B) Adopt and implement a family life curriculum approved by the department of education that complies with this part and the standards adopted by the state board of education.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1302, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting:

(b) The department of education shall post on the department's website a list of family life curricula that meet the standards adopted by the state board of education in compliance with this part, and that are suitable for implementation by an LEA that does not locally develop, adopt, and implement a family life curriculum.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1302(c)(1), is amended by deleting the language "adopted by the LEA or the state board of education".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A person shall not make abortion referrals or otherwise advocate or encourage abortion while:

(1) The person is present on school property; or

(2) The person is present at, or engaged in, any LEA- or school-sponsored activity, program, or event required as part of the person's employment or contract with an LEA or public school, or required as part of the person's provision of services to an LEA or public school.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Person" means an individual, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons:

(A) Employed by, or under contract with, an LEA or public school, including public charter schools; or

(B) Providing services, including volunteer services, to an LEA or public school, including public charter schools; and

(2) "School property" means all property used for school purposes by a public school or public charter school.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.