

SENATE BILL 279

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Title 49, relative to education initiatives focusing
on readiness for employment in the environmental
and sustainability sectors.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-318(b), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (1)(B)(iv):

(iv) Starting new career and technical education programs that meet current industry standards in the environmental and sustainability sectors;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 11, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

49-11-109.

(a) On or before July 1, 2012, the state board of education shall establish a "green jobs" career and technical education program that prepares students for employment in the emerging environmental and sustainability sectors of the economy. The green jobs program shall be developed using existing courses from current programs that are appropriate for developing skills necessary for employment in such sectors.

(b) The division of career and technical education, with guidance from the Tennessee council for career and technical education, shall evaluate the efficacy of establishing new courses in industries that develop and manufacture environmental and sustainability products such as wind turbines, solar panels, and hybrid-electric motor vehicles.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.