

SENATE BILL 507

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 50, relative to the establishment of a
green public schools task force.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 50, is amended by adding
the following as a new part:

49-50-1601.

(a) There is created a green public schools task force to be composed of
eleven (11) members as follows:

(1) The governor shall appoint five (5) members as follows:

(A) One (1) member representing local governments;

(B) One (1) member representing school systems;

(C) One (1) member representing the interests of the
industries that provide natural gas and oil heating to school
buildings;

(D) One (1) member who may be appointed from lists of
qualified persons submitted by interested contractor groups,
including, but not limited to, the board for licensing contractors, as
provided for in title 62, chapter 6; and

(E) One (1) member representing local school systems in
this state;

(2) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint
three (3) members as follows:

(A) One (1) member who is a member of the majority party and one (1) member who is a member of the minority party; and

(B) One (1) public member possessing experience in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) technology; and

(3) The speaker of the senate shall appoint three (3) members as follows:

(A) One (1) member who is a member of the majority party and one (1) member who is a member of the minority party; and

(B) The head of a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to sustainable building design and construction or the chairperson's designee.

(b) The task force shall:

(1) Identify the procedures and methods to retrofit public schools in this state to conform to the leadership in energy and environmental design building standards;

(2) Recommend a model green cleaning policy for public schools in this state; and

(3) Make recommendations relating to the establishment and financing of a system to ensure that existing public schools are retrofitted and new public schools are constructed in a manner that promotes energy efficiency and sustainability.

(c) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The speakers of the respective houses each shall appoint a co-chair from the members named to the task force. The task force shall meet quarterly and may meet more often upon a call of the co-chair.

(d) All appropriate agencies of state government shall provide assistance to the task force upon request of the task force.

(e) If vacancies occur on the task force for any cause, the vacancies shall be filled by the respective appointing authority within ninety (90) days.

(f) All legislative members of the task force who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of the task force until the committee reports its final findings and recommendations.

(g) Task force members shall receive no compensation, nor be entitled to be reimbursed for actual travel and other expenses incurred in attending any meeting and in performing any duties prescribed in this section.

(h) The task force shall complete its appointed duties and make its final report, including its findings and recommendations, to the governor and the general assembly by June 30, 2015, at which time the task force shall cease to exist.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.