

SENATE BILL 831

By Swann

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9 and Title 49, relative to kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) education funding. This act makes appropriations for kindergarten through grade twelve education funding for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited as, the "K-12 Block Grant Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) The department of education shall administer a kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) block grant program.

(b) K-12 block grants are supplemental to BEP funding.

(c) From funds available for K-12 block grants on August 1, 2017, the department shall distribute grants to each LEA based on the prior year ADM of the LEA.

(d) Each LEA may use block grant funds to improve the quality of education within the LEA in a manner deemed appropriate by the local board of education. No block grant funds shall be used for salaries or other recurring expenditures.

(e) By February 1, 2018, each LEA shall submit a written report on the use of block grant funds to the department, the state board of education, the finance, ways and means committees of the senate and the house of representatives, the education committee of the senate, the education administration and planning committee of the house of representatives, and the director of the office of legislative budget analysis.

(f) From excess state tax revenue over-collected in fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 and deposited in the general fund, there is appropriated the sum of two

hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) for K-12 block grants as provided in this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.