



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 983

SENATE BILL NO. 1302

By Harris, Yarbro

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1337

By Hardaway, Ramsey, Akbari, Camper, Cooper, Favors, Jones, Hazlewood, Stewart, Casada, Mark White, Turner, Thompson, Love, Clemmons, Gilmore, Dunn, Coley, Powell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 4; Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 1; Title 63, Chapter 23; Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2; Title 63, Chapter 7, Part 1 and Title 63, Chapter 9, relative to child safety training.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) By January 1, 2019, the department of children's services shall develop guidelines on the best practices for identifying and reporting signs of child abuse, child sexual abuse, and human trafficking in which the victim is a child. The department of education shall use the guidelines to identify child abuse training programs appropriate for teachers. The programs identified by the department of education must train teachers on the common signs of child abuse, child sexual abuse, and human trafficking in which the victim is a child; how to identify children at risk of abuse, sexual abuse, or human trafficking; maintenance of professional and appropriate relationships with students; and the requirements for reporting suspected child abuse and sexual misconduct.

(b) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, each LEA and each public charter school shall ensure its teachers complete a child abuse training program identified by the department of education pursuant to subsection (a), or a training program that meets the guidelines established by the department of children's services pursuant to subsection (a), as part of the teacher's annual in-service training. Each LEA and each public charter school shall annually report its compliance with this section to the department of education.

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

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PASSED: April 24, 2018



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2018



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR