

SENATE BILL 1624

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 50 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to student transcripts.

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 language as a new part:

(a)

(1) A student transcript shall not be altered by any employee of an LEA, charter school, or virtual school unless the LEA, charter school, or virtual school has a written policy governing student transcript alterations. All transcript alterations shall be made in accordance with the LEA, charter school, or virtual school policy governing student transcript alterations.

(2) An LEA, charter school, or virtual school policy governing student transcript alterations must require any student transcript alteration to be supported by documentation providing an explanation of the reason for the transcript alteration and evidence that the student has earned the grade reflected in the altered transcript.

(b) An LEA, charter school, charter school authorizer, or virtual school shall not retaliate against an employee who brings unauthorized transcript alterations to the attention of school officials.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to transcript alterations occurring on or after that date.