



## State of Tennessee

### PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 557

HOUSE BILL NO. 1527

By Representatives Parkinson, Ragan, Staples, Mark White, Harry Brooks, DeBerry,  
Turner, Love, Towns

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1624

By Senators Gresham, Bowling

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) Any person who intentionally violates this section may be subject to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, revocation of a professional educator license or certification issued by the department of education, and may be subject to prosecution for falsification of educational or academic records under § 39-14-136.

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.

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PASSED: February 26, 2018

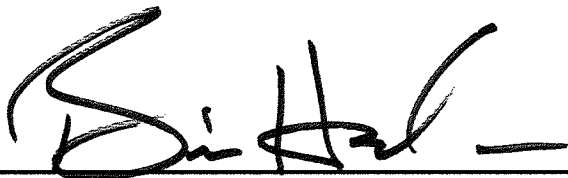


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR