

SENATE BILL 1655

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54 and Title 55, relative to naming a walking path in the City of Memphis.

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

SECTION 1.

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the walking path along and crossing Interstate 40 between Peach Avenue and Overton Park Avenue and connecting Decatur Street within the City of Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, is hereby designated the "Gladys Bennett Memorial Walking Path" to honor the memory of this well-respected resident of the City of Memphis, who solidified her legacy within the history of Memphis when she established, owned, and operated a vocational school for the domestic arts from within her residence during a time when African Americans were not permitted to attend institutions of higher education.

(b) The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the walking path described in subsection (a) as the "Gladys Bennett Memorial Walking Path".

(c) The erection of the signs must be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and within state supplemental guidelines, as applicable.

(d) The appellation "Gladys Bennett Memorial Walking Path" provided for in this section is for honorary purposes only and this section does not require the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality, or other governmental entity affected by this section.

(e) This section becomes operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of the signs is paid to the department of transportation from nonstate funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. The payment must be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of the signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for the signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of the signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in the costs must be remitted to the department in nonstate funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

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