

SENATE BILL 2540

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-114 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 24, relative to communities of schools.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2407, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() In addition to other authorized activities, a community of schools under this section and §§ 49-6-2408 and 49-6-2409 is authorized to support schools to enhance academic achievement in the achievement school district under § 49-1-614 or an Innovation Zone (iZone).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 24, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

In addition to participating in other programs authorized under this part, a community of schools is authorized to participate in community policing pilot programs, including appropriate programs authorized by § 38-8-114, that emphasize community outreach referral services by means of targeted grants in each grand division. The program shall emphasize community involvement in community policing that includes parents and community organizations. Community involvement may include participation in the following activities:

- (1) Reading instruction;
- (2) Enhancing access to and delivery of health care;
- (3) Programs to combat domestic violence;
- (4) Family counseling;

- (5) General education diplomas and education completion programs;
- (6) Services to senior citizens;
- (7) Data driven behavior modification programs to address discipline issues, such as the Ticket program;
- (8) Community skills development programs, such as Intu Education; and
- (9) Getting to Know You (GTKY) visiting programs.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.