

SENATE BILL 2547

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to dress codes for professional employees of LEAs.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-302, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

( ) The board shall develop guidelines for use in local adoption and enforcement of dress codes for LEA professional employees by January 1, 2013. These guidelines shall require that professional employees dress in a manner that maintains respect, establishes credibility as a professional and establishes the professional employee as an authority figure and a positive role model. The guidelines shall take into consideration the various roles of professional employees in a public school system that may affect dress and § 49-6-8004(b)(3). The board shall disseminate these guidelines to LEAs. The guidelines shall be used as a tool by LEAs in developing and adopting dress codes for professional employees.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-203(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) By the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year, adopt a dress code for LEA professional employees that conforms to the professional employee dress code guidelines of the state board of education. The local board of education shall review the guidelines of the state board and its dress code at least every two (2) years and make modifications in the dress code as it finds appropriate.

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