



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1020

SENATE BILL NO. 2591

By Yarbro

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2303

By Beck, Love, Hardaway, Gilmore, Shaw, Camper, Fitzhugh, Clemmons, Miller, Powell, Cooper, Towns, Pitts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Title 71, relative to the Homeless Student Stability and Opportunity Gap Act.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Homeless Student Stability and Opportunity Gap Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 50, is amended by adding the following language as a new part:

49-50-1701.

As used in this part, "homeless child or youth" and "homeless student" have the same meaning as "homeless children and youths" in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 11434a(2)).

49-50-1702.

(a) In accordance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq.), LEAs must:

- (1) Provide educational services and support to homeless students; and
- (2) Designate a local liaison responsible for ensuring homeless students are identified and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in school.

(b) The department of education shall provide technical assistance to homeless-student liaisons as needed.

49-50-1703.

A minor may obtain a copy of the minor's birth certificate from the department of health and a state-issued identification card from the department of safety; provided, that the minor has been verified as a homeless child or youth by at least one (1) of the following:

- (1) A director or designee of a governmental or nonprofit agency that receives public or private funding to provide services to homeless people;
- (2) An LEA liaison for homeless children or youth designated pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii), or a school social worker or counselor;
- (3) The director of a federal TRIO program or Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs program, or the director's designee; or

(4) A financial aid administrator.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.


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PASSED: April 24, 2018


RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2018


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR