

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1237

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Dr. Edmund Ford, Jr., to the standards recommendation committee for English language arts and mathematics.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), creates a standards recommendation committee for English language arts and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), requires that such committee "review and evaluate the recommendations of the two (2) standards review and development committees and post the recommendations to the web site created pursuant to § 49-1-311(a)(3) for the purpose of gathering additional feedback from the public"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), further requires that the committee "make the final recommendations as to the new set of standards to the state board, which shall adopt sets of standards in English language arts and mathematics that fit the needs of Tennessee students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12)"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), provides that the Speaker of the Senate shall appoint three (3) members to the standards recommendation committee; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Governor Randy McNally, Speaker of the Senate, has appointed Dr. Edmund Ford, Jr., to serve on such committee; and

WHEREAS, a former mathematics instructor who taught in Tennessee public schools for more than fourteen years, Dr. Ford is currently the senior financial literacy coordinator for the City of Memphis; elected to the Memphis City Council in 2008, he served as the council's vice chairman in 2012 and chairman in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ford graduated from Memphis Central High School at the age of sixteen and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics from Tennessee State University (TSU); he completed two years of Ph.D. study in leadership and policy studies at Vanderbilt University and ultimately earned a doctoral degree in higher education administration and supervision from TSU; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(b), provides that all appointments to the committee "shall be subject to confirmation by the senate and the house of representatives"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we confirm the appointment of Dr. Edmund Ford, Jr., to the standards recommendation committee for English language arts and mathematics.