

HOUSE BILL 20

By Reedy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 5, relative to background investigations.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-413, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

The department of education shall pay all costs associated with each criminal history records check conducted by the Tennessee bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of investigation pursuant to subsection (a) or subsection (f) for each person employed by an LEA who holds a position as a teacher or any other position requiring proximity to school children or to children in a child care program that is conducted after the initial investigation required prior to the person's employment.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-413(c), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (c)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision:

(2) The department of education shall reimburse each person employed by an LEA who holds a position as a teacher or any other position requiring proximity to school children or to children in a child care program, and who has held such a position in this state for three (3) years, the costs associated with the initial investigation required prior to the person's employment if the costs were not reimbursed or paid by a local board of education pursuant to subdivision (c)(1). The three (3) years of service required under this subdivision (c)(2) do not have to be three (3) consecutive years of service or three (3) years of service provided at the same LEA.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.