

HOUSE BILL 643

By Baum

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 13, relative to family life education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1302, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, family life instruction may only be taught to students in grades six through twelve (6-12).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1304(a) (12), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(12) Notwithstanding § 49-6-1302(a)(1), inform students, in all LEAs, concerning the process of adoption and its benefits. The state board of education, with the assistance of the department of education, shall develop guidelines for appropriate grade six through twelve (6-12) instruction on adoption, what adoption is, and the benefits of adoption;

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2023-2024 school year and each school year thereafter.