

HOUSE BILL 687

By Winningham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 1, Part 2, relative to a school safety
summit.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-214, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() No later than July 1, 2009, the state board of education shall convene a summit of education stakeholders including, but not limited to, the Tennessee State Parent Teacher Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the Tennessee School Boards Association, the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, a representative of the department of safety, a representative of the department of mental health and developmental disabilities, a representative of the state board of education, the Tennessee Association of School Counselors and Psychologists, the commissioner of education or a designee, and members or officers of other organizations or agencies having responsibility for the health and welfare of students in Tennessee's public schools. The summit shall be designed to encourage frank and meaningful conversation about school safety problems, funding requirements, and alternative approaches and solutions for management of safety related problems. The state board of education shall compile a report of the proceedings with recommendations for changes in laws and funding to accomplish safer schools. The report shall be compiled and submitted to the chairs of the education committees of the senate and house of representatives on or before January 15, 2010.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.