



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 205

SENATE BILL NO. 769

By Johnson, Hensley, Bowling, Rose

Substituted for: House Bill No. 782

By Lamberth, Gant, Moody, Cepicky, Griffey, Crawford, Moon, Smith, Sherrell, Terry, Zachary, Cochran, Powers, Rudder, Todd, Helton, Littleton, Garrett, Hurt

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 22, relative to common core state standards.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2202(b)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(3) Except as provided in § 49-6-2206(b), this part does not prohibit the use of, or apply to, supplemental instructional materials.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2202(b), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(5) The commission shall not publish a list of, or recommend that the state board of education approve for use in the public schools of this state, textbooks or instructional materials created to align exclusively with the Common Core State Standards or that are marketed or otherwise identified as Common Core textbooks or materials. The state board shall not approve for use in the public schools of this state textbooks or instructional materials created to align exclusively with the Common Core State Standards or that are marketed or otherwise identified as Common Core textbooks or materials.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2206, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection:

(b)(1) A teacher or principal in any of the public schools of this state shall not use or permit to be used in the person's school, whether as a supplement to the LEA's or school's adopted textbooks and instructional materials or otherwise, textbooks or instructional materials created to align exclusively with the Common Core State Standards or that are marketed or otherwise identified as Common Core textbooks or materials.

(2) The commissioner of education shall withhold a portion of the state education finance funds that an LEA is otherwise eligible to receive if a teacher or principal employed by the LEA intentionally violates subdivision (b)(1) by purposefully using, or permitting to be used, in the person's school, textbooks or instructional materials created to align exclusively with the Common Core State Standards or that are marketed or otherwise identified as Common Core textbooks or materials.

SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 2 of this act take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. Section 3 of this act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 8, 2021


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 22nd day of April 2021


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR