



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 970

HOUSE BILL NO. 996

By Representatives Baum, Stevens, Bricken, Richey, Holsclaw, Alexander, Littleton, Capley, Bulso, Thompson, Lafferty, Vital, Hazlewood, White, Wright, Howell, Ragan, Marsh

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1210

By Senators White, Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1304, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) Instruction in topics related to sexual activity are not age-appropriate for students in any of the grades kindergarten through five (K-5) and shall not be taught to students in any of the grades kindergarten through five (K-5) as part of a family life curriculum. This subsection (c) does not prohibit an LEA or public charter school from providing instruction to students in any of the grades kindergarten through five (K-5) on the detection, intervention, prevention, and treatment of child sexual abuse and human trafficking in which the victim is a child pursuant to subdivision (a)(13).

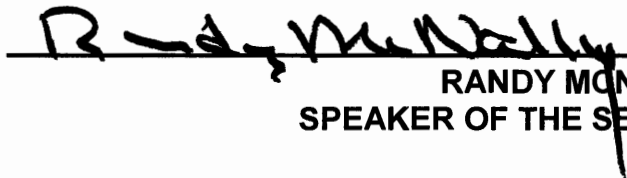
SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 22, 2024



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR