

HOUSE BILL 1085

By Weaver

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, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-2-127.

(a)

(1) Upon enrollment of a student for the first time to any public school in this state, the person enrolling the student shall provide the school with the student's social security number or a visa issued by the United States on the student's foreign-issued passport.

(2) If neither of the items described in subdivision (a)(1) are available, then the person enrolling the student may provide the school with the student's birth certificate; provided that, for purposes of this section, "birth certificate" means certificates of birth issued by the United States, or any state or territory of the United States.

(3) If none of the items described in subdivisions (a)(1) and (2) are available, then the person enrolling the student shall indicate such unavailability of documentation in writing.

(4) Schools shall keep a copy of the items described in subdivisions (a)(1)-(3), as applicable, on record. Failure to present the items described in subdivisions (a)(1)-(3) shall not affect a student's enrollment in the school.

(b) Within fourteen (14) days after enrolling a transferred student, the principal of the school in which the student has been enrolled, or the principal's designee, shall request that the principal, or the principal's designee, of the school in which the student was previously enrolled submit the items kept on record as described in subsection (a).

(c) On or before September 15 of each year, each school shall submit an annual report to the department of education. Such report shall include the aggregate number of students for whom:

(1) A social security number or birth certificate is provided;

(2) A visa, issued by the United States on the student's foreign-issued passport, is provided; and

(3) Neither item described in subdivision (c)(1) or (c)(2) is provided.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-211(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(12) The three (3) categories of information submitted pursuant to § 49-2-127(c) and the aggregate state and local expenditure on the students in each category; provided that, in addition to those persons or entities that receive the report pursuant to subsection (b), the information in this subdivision (a)(12) shall also be sent to the education committees of the house of representatives and the senate, and to the finance, ways and means committees of the house of representatives and the senate;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.