



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 417

HOUSE BILL NO. 1131

By Representatives Farmer, Camper, Whitson, Smith, Williams, Thompson, Miller

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1424

By Senator Akbari

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, relative to education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-413(d)(3)(B), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (d)(3)(B)(i), redesignating the subsequent subdivisions accordingly, and adding the following as a new subdivision (d)(3)(B)(ii):

(ii) Notwithstanding subdivision (d)(3)(B)(i), an employer or employee of the employer to whom this subsection (d) applies, may come in direct contact with school children or with children in a child care program or enter the grounds of a school or child care center when children are present if the criminal history records check indicates that:

(a) The person was convicted of a misdemeanor offense;

(b) The misdemeanor conviction occurred more than ten (10) years preceding the date of application for employment; and

(c) The misdemeanor offense for which the person was convicted did not involve a minor.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-413(d)(3)(C), is amended by deleting the language "(d)(3)(B)" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "(d)(3)(B)(i)".

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

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PASSED: April 29, 2021



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 12th day of May 2021



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR