

HOUSE BILL 1965

By Powell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36;
Title 37; Title 39; Title 41 and Title 49, relative to
corporal punishment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4103, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

Teachers, school principals, or school personnel shall not use corporal punishment against a student. As used in this section, "school personnel":

(1) Means an individual employed by a public school or LEA on a full-time or part-time basis; and

(2) Includes an individual who is not directly employed by a public school or LEA, but who performs a service for the public school or LEA as an independent contractor.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4104, is amended by deleting the section.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4107, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:

(b) Subsection (a) does not authorize the use of corporal punishment.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4108, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(d)

(1) Each LEA shall submit the report required in subsection (a) for the 2023-2024 school year to the department no later than December 31, 2024.

(2) This section is repealed on January 1, 2025.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4402, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

The chief administrative officer, or the chief administrative officer's designee, shall not use corporal punishment against a student.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4403, is amended by deleting the section.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4404, is amended by deleting the section.

SECTION 8. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.