



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 841

SENATE BILL NO. 1998

By Jackson, Bowling, Hensley

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2008

By Haston, Hulsey, Towns, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18 and Title 49, relative to forms of payment accepted at school sporting events.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

49-6-314.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Organizer" means an individual or entity that organizes, hosts, sponsors, or promotes a public school athletic event and that is responsible for choosing the forms of payment that are accepted for admission to, and for the purchase of concessions or other items sold at, the public school athletic event;

(2) "Public school" means any school in this state that serves students in any of the grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12) and that is operated by an LEA, by this state with public funds, or pursuant to a charter agreement, as defined in § 49-13-104; and

(3) "Public school athletic event" means an athletic or sporting event that involves one (1) or more individuals who are, or one (1) or more teams that consist of, students enrolled at a public school.

(b) An LEA or public charter school governing body shall not participate in a public school athletic activity that is hosted by an organizer who does not allow students of a public school that is participating in the public school athletic activity to purchase tickets for admission to the public school athletic activity with cash, either in advance of the public school athletic event or at the site of the public school athletic event, or both.

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

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PASSED: April 16, 2024



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 13th day of May 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR