

HOUSE BILL 2474

By White

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 56, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) State-approved teacher preparation programs that produce candidates for licensure with a content area endorsement in a science shall strive to produce candidates who are capable of teaching students to become scientifically literate.

(b) As used in this section, "scientifically literate" means the knowledge of key science concepts, the understanding of science processes, and the application of that knowledge and understanding to personal decision making, participation in civic and cultural affairs, and economic productivity.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.